

# **Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

## **Area Committee Meeting Minutes**

**June 3, 2017**

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**June 3, 2017 Area Committee Meeting**

**1. OPENING**

Good morning!! I'm an alcoholic a member of the Ajax Area Group in District 26 and my name is Kimberley. It's an honour to serve Area 83 as your Chairperson.

Can we open this meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer. Can we have that moment now please?

Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions: Rick W

District: D30 – Alt DCM

12 Concepts (Short Form): Pat M

District: D42 - DCM

Welcome to Quinte West. It's great to see everyone here today. This is our second Area Committee meeting of the 2017-2018 term. This is your meeting and it is an opportunity for you to share what's happening in your Districts. The Area committee is where recommendations to the Assembly are discussed and formulated and where tasks assigned by the Assembly are carried out. It is where your questions are answered and concerns addressed. Please feel free to voice any concerns or questions you may have. There may be someone in the room who has the same question and it helps to share. It is important for all of us to remember our First Tradition - "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity". We are here to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous remains unified and strong in Area 83 Eastern Ontario International. Our personal recovery, as well as the recovery of the still suffering Alcoholic, depends upon it.

When someone is speaking, please do not speak to those around you. Let's be courteous to all who give reports and during motion discussion.

**Some reminders**

This is a non-smoking facility. This includes e-cigarettes and vaping. A break will be called sometime around 11:00 AM and again in the afternoon. Lunch is not shown as an agenda item, but we will break around noon. Please turn off your cell phones or anything else that might interrupt the meeting. Also, please be considerate of those with perfume allergies when applying scents.

At this time I would like to introduce our Area Committee.

**Area Officers**

(If you could hold any applause you might want to give until the end it will speed things up)

On my immediate right, our Panel 67 Delegate

Kim S

On Kim's right, our Alternate Delegate

Rob McA

On my immediate left is our Secretary

James O'D

Beside James is our Treasurer

Sue B

Normally, beside Sue would be our Registrar

Amy L - (ABSENT)

Our Panel 65 Immediate Past Delegate

Joyce S

And I'm your Chairperson

Kimberley M

**Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons**

Again, please hold any applause you might want to give until the end.

Public Information Chairperson

Les MacD

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

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

Also with us Today we have:

Panel 49 Past Delegate Barry W

And in **Appointed positions** we have

Area Archivist - David T

**Housekeeping:**

The Area committee meeting will be held in this room three times this year and four times next year. We already met in January. The next ACM will be here, on September 9th.

The Area Assembly and Service Information Day take place at the Ambassador Conference Centre in Kingston and are held twice each year, once in the spring and again in the fall. The Fall Assembly this year will be held on October 27, 28, 29.

Our meeting schedule up to and including tentative dates in 2018 will be included in the minutes. These dates are booked and secured with the hotel and church. Some are listed as tentative as the date of the following Assembly/Meeting is approved at the end of each meeting.

Year	Date	What	Where
2017	June 3 <i>approved</i>	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2017	September 9 <i>approved</i>	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2017	October 27,28,29 <i>approved</i>	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel
2018	January 6 <i>tentative</i>	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2018	March 23,24,25 <i>tentative</i>	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel

*Assembly rooms cannot be booked online. Call the Ambassador hotel and quote the group name AA October 2017 or AA March 2018 or. Our discounted block of rooms is held until 30 days before the Assembly.*

*While on the topic of the Assembly, at our Spring Assembly, we had the Friday open speaker meeting in the Ontario room due to a scheduling conflict. Could I ask for a show of hands, how many of you found that you liked the open speaker meeting in the Ontario room rather than the ballroom on the Friday night? How many preferred the ballroom? (The Chair took a sense of the room and an overwhelming majority preferred the Ontario Room. As always, room selection is at the sole discretion of the Chair.)*

**Food:**

Lunch has been arranged by our District 34 DCM Gord, at a cost of \$5.00, per serving. Tickets will be sold at the break prior to lunch. You must have a ticket to be served.

Thank-you Gord for organizing the lunch, refreshments, and snacks.

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### **Seating:**

As much as possible – District Committee Member's and Sub-Committee chairs sit on the outside of the tables. Alternate District Committee Member's on the inside. Visitors and Past Delegates area asked to sit at the tables set up at the sides of the room. This seating arrangement helps to facilitate the voting.

### **Who votes?**

All Area Officers, including the immediate past Delegate, but not the Chair. All Area sub-committee Chairs. All District Committee Member's of Districts in Area 83; in their absence, the Alternate District Committee Member may vote on behalf of their District. There is one vote per person.

### **How do we vote?**

### **Procedure:**

Alcoholics Anonymous has traditionally made decisions by 'substantial unanimity'. In practice, this has translated to 2/3 majority. At times, I may ask for a show of hands to get a 'sense of the meeting'. This is not a vote, and anyone may raise his or her hand. I believe that the first part of the agenda today can be handled under simple majority. *The items under new business are of such a nature to be under 2/3 majority and I will ask for a motion when we get to that point in the agenda.* If, at any time, you think that we should move to a 2/3 majority, please make the motion.

### **Minority Opinion:**

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 wishes to speak to the minority. To be able to do this, you must have voted with the minority on the motion. **If, after the minority has spoken, someone from the majority side of the vote wishes to change their vote, that person may make a motion to reconsider.** If this is seconded and passes by a simple majority, we start discussion again on the *original* motion.

### **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 goods 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 committee meeting?**

It has been the *practice* at the Area committee level to use the same *principle* as we do at the Assemblies: only voting members of the Committee have a voice. This is important for two reasons

- It keeps the focus on the fact that this Committee is in effect the steering committee of the Assembly – members are representing their District's positions or Area's in the case of our Officers, rather than their own.
- It also maximizes the time available for members to voice the opinions and needs of their District. All who are attending may say their piece during sharing time.

I respectfully ask for your cooperation in this. If you don't have a vote, as I mentioned, please keep your input for sharing time which is scheduled for later this afternoon. At that time all in attendance are welcomed to participate and their opinions will be heard.

### **Floor Motions**

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

I would entertain a motion now to carry out the first part of today's meeting by simple majority:

**May I have a motion for simple majority?**

MOVED: DAVE L – D26 - DCM

SECONDED: MAC B – AREA CORRECTIONS CHAIR

DISCUSSION? NO

All those in Favour? All

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 0

Voice of Minority? N/A

Motion was passed.

**2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Are there any other items that should be added to today's agenda?

**NO**

May I have a motion to accept the agenda?

MOVED: MARK B – D12 – DCM

SECONDED: RAY R – AREA SELF SUPPORT CHAIR

DISCUSSION? NO

All those in Favour? All

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 0

Voice of Minority? N/A

Motion was passed.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Our Area Registrar Amy was unable to attend today so in her stead Sue B (Area Treasurer) has circulated the attendance sheets – please sign in the appropriate spot – there is also a separate section for visitors.

**4. Review and acceptance of minutes of the Area Committee Meeting of January 7th, 2017.**

Minutes of the January 7th, 2017 ACM were distributed by email and a hard copy was placed in your folders today. As some of you might be seeing these minutes for the first time this morning, with your permission I will defer this agenda item until after lunch to allow time for review before voting on their acceptance.

**5. District committee members' reports (Sequence of reports drawn from the hat)**

We have requested written reports from all Committee members, including District Committee Members. Members are asked to keep in mind the 2 minute time limit for verbal reports. Written reports may be as long as you like and will be included in the minutes in their entirety, if given to James, our Secretary.

I would ask members to come up to the mic to give their report. Order is determined by drawing District numbers from the bag. I will announce who is up and who is on deck. If you are "on deck", please come up to the front and be ready to give your report when the DCM before you steps down. Please clearly state your name, your position and your District when you are up here, thank you.

Let's get started

**District 02 Malton**

**Shane H**

Hello friends I am an Alcoholic my name is Shane. District 2 spans three cities Brampton, Mississauga and Etobicoke. Currently fifty percent of the groups are represented at the table and although we are short staffed we are active ,so far two committees have been

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formed one for reviewing of our operating procedures and the other for our upcoming service day on November 4th. Yours in service  
Shane H - DCM - Malton District 2 - Panel 67.

**District 06 Mississauga**

**David B**

Good morning everyone and welcome. My name is David B and it is my humble privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for district 06. I am a member of the Lakeshore group and I am an alcoholic. District 06 is doing well with our committee chairs active and only a couple of alternate chair positions vacant. Our table attendance has dropped off somewhat hovering around the 50% mark. Information AA Day I thought was a great success with a great talk given by Clement C from the General Service Office and from our Area Delegate Kim S and with the program changes implemented by the committee and thank you to those from our district who helped out with the day. Financially our district is well with just having done a split to the general service office and the area. Just when one event folder closes another one opens (Fall Assembly) and such is the gift of service. As always if myself, Susan K our Alternate District Committee Member who is here today or anyone at our district can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

YLS David B DCM District 06  
Dbray12traditions@gmail.com

**District 10 Toronto South Central**

**Rob A**

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

I am happy to report District 10 is doing great. Our district meetings are well attended. We are in a good financial position. We carry the AA message by putting on service meetings at the Salvation Army Harbour Light Centre, CAMH, Seaton House & Women's Own Detox. The groups in our district look forward to putting on these service meetings. All positions at the District table are being fulfilled with Doug P from The Morning Discussion Group recently becoming our new ADCM.

I attended Info AA Day on May 27 @ the 519. It was my first one and it made me feel truly grateful to be part of an organization so dedicated to helping people recover from alcoholism.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve.  
Yours In Love & Service, Rob A

**District 12 Toronto South West**

**Mark B**

Hi friends I am an alcoholic member of the Birds Of A Feather Group currently serving District 12 Toronto South West as our District Committee Member my name is Mark. Since the last time we all met in Kingston AA life in District 12 remains enthusiastic and steady as we go. We get 10 to 12 groups each month at our district meetings continuing to get out visit and encourage that don't get out to come on and join the AA link. Was a fairly ok turn out of our groups to the last Spring Assembly though believe we do can better should we hope improve this fall. Groups continue to contribute with their splits financially to our District Area 83 and GSO. Today we bring a 1000 dollar split to our area treasurer with 500 staying with the area while the other 500 goes to GSO via the flow through. We have had the postponement of one of our service commitments trying to newly get off the ground. We are hoping Engels house will find a suitable meeting night that fits both our district and their in house structure. The other 8 commitments get filled with ease though lately we have had a few no shows but asking groups please honor their commitments no shows don't look good for our district. GSR's liking new system we are using at our District meetings 2 minute verbal reports written as long as need be is making for a faster meeting flow with time to get a lot more done if need be. One of our groups is about to embark on a group inventory have helped them by sharing some helpful hints. While another group is in the early stages of planning their 2<sup>nd</sup> round up date some to be announced. Our Alternate couldn't be here as she about to become a grandmother for her second time. While yours truly yesterday celebrated his 24<sup>th</sup> year of sobriety. Wish you all a great summer and safe drive home later as we may try taking July and August off of district meetings will see how our June meetings turns out with our service commitments filled for the summer.

Yours In Service, Mark B



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**District 14 Toronto North Central**

**Dave B**

My name is Dave B. I'm an alcoholic and the District Committee Member for district 14. We currently have approximately, 2/3 attendance at the district table. Since our last meeting most of the chair positions have just been filled, mostly in the last couple of months. People are still getting their feet wet in these new positions so I really don't have much to report at this time.

Accessibility and CPC are the only positions not filled at district 14. CPC is always a tough one for our district to cover as CPC meets at the same time each month as our district meeting. Not too many people are interested in going to downtown Toronto, then racing up to Richmond Hill to catch the last 15 minutes of our meeting. We will continue to try to fill the position though. In the mean time Diane, our intergroup rep always gives us a report on CPC from the monthly intergroup meeting. So we are kept up to date.

All of our service commitments (hospitals, police stations/pamphlets etc) are being met.

Last week I had the honour of chairing the Toronto Info AA Day. The turnout was great! The presentations were all very well done. Our GSO speaker was Clement C. from St Louis. Clement said that he was very happy that he came up and that he everything at our info day. In the days approaching the event we had a few large setbacks, however in typical AA fashion a call for help went out, and the call was answered. All jobs that needed to be done were done. It was a great day, with plenty of food, fellowship and service.

Yours in service, Dave B - DCM District 14 - 2017-2019

**District 16 Distrito Hispano De Toronto**

**Angie R**

Good morning, everyone. My name is Angie R. and I am a grateful alcoholic, member of Grupo Distinto Amanecer in Kitchener and DCM for District 16. District 16 is the Spanish-language district of area 83 and comprises 8 groups in Toronto, one in Hamilton, and another in Kitchener. Our district overlaps with other districts geographically, as well as area 86. Our District has filled the positions of DCM and alternate, treasurer, archives chair and grapevine chair. We are still looking to fill the other service positions. The members with service positions in the District visit the groups in the District regularly to motivate our members to get involved in service.

Our District participated in AA Info Day 2017, held in Toronto a week ago, where we offered a session in Spanish. Our District receives and distributes copies of La Vina, which is published bi-monthly in Spanish. Our archives committee has undertaken to interview and record the stories of the pioneers of AA in Spanish here in area 83 and surrounding areas. Our District launched a website approximately 2 years ago with information about AA in Spanish, as well as the locations and meeting schedule for the groups in our District. I invite you to visit the website at [www.districto16hispanoaa.org](http://www.districto16hispanoaa.org). You can also find information there about upcoming events in AA in Spanish, such as the anniversary of Grupo Sendero de Vida, tomorrow June 3, which will begin with an open speaker meeting, followed by lunch and a dance. All are welcome! We also welcome visitors to our meetings. The members of the Spanish groups enjoy hearing the experiences of members from outside our District and will make every effort to accommodate the language barrier. AA is, after all, the language of the heart.

Yours in love and service,

Angie R.

**District 18 Toronto City East**

**Michael A**

My name is Michael A, I'm an alcoholic and I have the honour and privilege of serving as the District Committee Member for District 18 Toronto City East.

Attendance at our District meetings has grown nicely over the last several months. This growth can be attributed to outreach to groups who have been absent from the table, extolling the virtues of service. One of the groups I visited was We are not Saints which is an agnostic and freethinkers meeting. The format of the meeting is a topic discussion and I suggested the topic of acceptance. When it was my turn to share, I introduced myself as the DCM for District 18 and let the group know that they are accepted as alcoholics (Tradition 3) at the District table and we have missed having their presence at the table. The group thanked me for reaching out to

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them, with the recent controversy surrounding agnostic and free thinker groups they were warmed by our invitation.

It appears between my Alternate Glenn G and I, we have covered off virtually our entire district. In my case I haven't made it to some of the northern groups. But with nice summer nights upon us I will easily get around to all 26 groups before the next assembly. Especially the northern groups.

This increase in attendance at the monthly meetings has resulted in several long vacant chairs being filled. We are still struggling to fill the Accessibility and Self Support chairs. If anyone has any ideas on how to attract individuals to those chairs, I'd greatly appreciate hearing your experience strength and hope.

I had the honour and privilege of chairing the quarterly Joint Sharing Session wherein all of the Districts which serve the GTA and the Toronto Intergroup Executive meet to share experience strength and hope with each other in service. In addition to the various reports there was a lively discussion as to the difference between a bridging the gap request from Treatment vs. a bridging the gap request from Corrections.

The past several months have also kept me as the District Committee Member busy with planning for two events District 18 has traditionally supported.

Last weekend was Information AA Day at 519 Church Street Community Center. It was a well received day and the message of recovery through service shone through. Tomorrow is the event I'm most looking forward to, the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual East Toronto Archives Breakfast at Qssis banquet hall Markham and Kingston roads. This is a joint event put on by Districts 18 and 22. There promises to be centuries of sobriety in the room.

I will wrap up by wishing everyone a safe trip home and a safe and sober summer. See you all in Kingston in the fall. Yours in love and service, Michael A

**District 22 Scarborough**

**Tom S**

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

My sponsor used to tell me that this is a "We" program. Well, "We" as in Toronto Intergroup and the Districts of the GTA (Greater Toronto Area) put on Information AA Day on May 27<sup>th</sup>. As well as having Service Panels, we had our Delegate Kim S. present her Delegate's Report informing us of what happened at the General Service Conference held at the end of April. Clement, a staff member at the GSO (General Service Office) shared his views in a talk. He said that after working the program and doing the Steps, things had come to pass in his life that he could not have even imagined when he first came through the doors. With a \$5.00 pot-luck lunch, sign me up!

Speaking of "We", Toronto City East District 18 and Scarborough District 22 will be co-hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual East Toronto Archives Breakfast at the QSSIS Banquet Hall tomorrow. Unfortunately, tickets will not be available at the door, as we need to give the Hall advance notice of how many to expect so that they will have time to prepare the meal.

On September 16<sup>th</sup> we will be putting on our Scarborough District Service Day. Theme; My Service, My Sobriety. Details will be posted on the Area 83 Website.

Otherwise, we're doing well. We are looking for a Grapevine Chair, as well as a Corrections Chair. Corrections continue to put on 2 meetings per week in the Metro East Detention Centre, and Treatment puts on the weekly Scarborough Hospital meetings.

We are financially sound and meeting our obligations as well as having extra money to send to Area and New York.

Enjoy your sobriety!

Tom S     DCM, Scarborough District 22

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**District 26 Lakeshore West**

**Dave L**

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

We are meeting all of our financial commitments and able to fund the various efforts from the district table. Attendance at the table continues to average about 75%. It has been a very exciting Spring. As of May, we have filled all of our service positions, except Grapevine & Corrections. Members of the District table have jumped right in and are making great contributions.

Our CPC chair is already planning the "Bring a Professional" meeting scheduled for November 9. That committee has had requests from University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) and Durham College to present to young professional classes. Members of our committee assisted the Area 83 CPC Chair by manning a booth last weekend at the "People In Motion Show" at Exhibition Place.

Our PI committee has been actively putting AA in places where the still suffering Alcoholic may be touched; this included schools, church youth groups and a homeless youth facility. This committee is formulating a proposal to create a website and possible chat line to inform and help younger people in Durham Region about AA. There are a number of issues surrounding anonymity, privacy, security and compliance with AA Traditions that need to be examined in more detail.

We participated in a multi-district Service Day with District 28, 82, and 86 on May 28 in Lindsay. We were able to hear the Delegate's report on the General Service Conference. There were also three panels on sub-themes of the topic "Supporting Our Future". It was an amazing day, with good participation, attendance and a great atmosphere, as you always have around fellow AA service people.

We are looking forward to our 45th annual Lakeshore Districts' Conference on August 11-13, which is joint with District 28. The theme this year is "The Turning Point". It is a great committee working tirelessly on getting a great lineup of speakers and fellowship of AA and Al-Anon.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve.

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

**District 28 Lakeshore East**

**JoAnn P**

I am an alcoholic, thankful to be serving District 28 Lakeshore East as District Committee Member, member of Courtice 12 & 12 and my name is JoAnn.

Since the Assembly in March, District 28 has enjoyed hosting the 30<sup>th</sup> Spring Roundup in April at the Shrine Club in Oshawa. It was a great day for fellowship and the speakers were amazing. Congratulations to the organizing committee led by Chairperson Doug S from the Faith Group.

We had sad news in early May. Don T from the Southend Group in Oshawa and serving District 28 as Chairperson of the Cooperation with the Professional Community committee, passed on suddenly. Don was a trusted servant and he will be missed. We will be having an election in June to fill the vacant chair position.

Our Public Information Committee has been in contact with the Canadian Mental Health Association in Oshawa and had an opportunity to carry our message in early May. In addition to Public Information, representatives from our Cooperation with the Professional Community and Al-anon Public Outreach, were on hand. Chairperson Rose reports that the feedback was very positive and all parties look forward to working together. I will keep you updated on the initiative.

District 28 has updated the district rosters as per the Registrar Amy's request – thanks to Secretary Paul B.

Our group attendance at District meetings is hovering around 62% which is 14 groups out of 21. Our finances are stable – we anticipate meeting all our obligations in the future.

I attended Districts 26, 28, 82 & 86 Service Information Day in Lindsay on Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>. District 82 hosted the afternoon and we heard from our Panel 67 Delegate, Kim S., on the highlights of the 67<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. Thanks to Tamara B, District 28 Self Support Chair, for helping with our presentation, Supporting our Future through Contributions. It was a great afternoon!

The next event is the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakeshore Districts Conference, The Turning Point, held August 11 – 13 at a new location in Oshawa. The hall is the LVIV Hall – just off of Simcoe Street and the 401. We look forward to a new location and increased attendance. Conference only tickets are \$25.00. if you would like to attend the banquet on Saturday night the cost is \$35.00 per ticket. We have some amazing speakers lined up and we

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would love to see you in Oshawa. To purchase tickets online visit LDC2017.weebly.com. The event flyer is online at aa.durham.org. We would love to see you there!

Yours in Love and Service, JoAnn P

**District 30 Quinte West**

**Ian W**

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

District 30 had our annual Roundup last weekend, unfortunately, I was unable to attend, because I'm also a Cub Scout leader and had a Cuboree scheduled the same weekend.

We had some familiar names from the Area on the speaker list , past District 62 DCM Patrick G., past Delegate Sandy S. , and our current treasurer Sue B. as our main speaker. We had upwards of 80 in attendance ,which is up from last year. Thanks to the roundup committee members, panel chairs, and all who helped out. By all accounts it was a successful day.

Our web servant has been working on a new look and features for our website, we are looking forward to his professional experience in the field.

Treatment and Access-ability chair Herb W. along with past DCM Pierre B., have been bringing forward the newest regulations on building access-ability to ensure our meeting lists are up to date and accurate.

We still have open positions at our table, most notably secretary. Different GSRs have been filling in to take the District minutes, but a full time secretary would improve the table's function

Our Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair Laurie J., who also covers Public Information has been very active, and has been asking for the help of the groups to carry the message in their towns. We still hope to get more people involved in service at the group level, and are having positive reaction from some of our newer members, having visitors sitting in on our last District meeting was a plus!

Examples of contented sobriety through service, like our Roundup speakers, should help us fill our open positions. It will be interesting to see what next month brings.

Have a great summer, happy 150, yours in service Ian.  
wian@rogers.com

**District 34 Quinte East**

**Gord T**

Hello friends, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Foxboro Friendship Group and my name is Gord. It is my privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for District 34. Our district has 35 groups, 3 corrections meetings and attendance at our district table runs anywhere from 16 to 21 groups being represented.

I am happy to report that as of our last district meeting all of our positions are filled and that we are in good shape financially.

Our district took part in the Children and Youth Services Network Workshop at Centennial Secondary School on May 3rd and we will be well represented at the Prerelease Fair on June 13th at the Bath Medium Security Institution and the Millhaven Maximum security prison by Rose our Corrections Chair and Neil our past Corrections Chair.

Our next District Meeting will be held on June 29th at 8:00 PM in Belleville.

Yours in Love and Service - Gord T.

District 36 Kingston & the Islands

Martin St-L

If I'm in front of you today it because sadly our DCM as resigned. I served many position in AA and it always where we have difficulties. Is this a pattern behavior that attract me who knows? It is sad to see Barry left because he did a great job. I am certainly not the most

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qualify to do the task but the district 36 members reassure me their support.

At the last spring assembly we had a discussion with our delegate and Alternate and I personally thank them for their precious time. We discussed the traditions and Secular Groups in AA. The message was clear to us from New York and Area that AA do not monitor group on traditions that we are inclusive rather exclusive and every group is autonomous. We apply these principles and let the groups be.

We certainly had few hot topic lately but on a positive note District 36 is healthy we have most group represent by a GSR and do assist regularly to our meeting. We have great chair for committee that do an outstanding job. Correction for example is going very well we have new escorts now for Joiceville and 2 new meetings on Saturdays with last month of 17 in attendance. The only position missing for Chair is archive and we work hard to find one ASAP.

I will do my best to do this task but it won't be without mistake because is the only way I seem to learn.

Yours in love with service

Martin S, District 36 DCM

**District 42 St. Lawrence International**

**Pat M**

My name is Pat M and I am an alcoholic and the District Committee Member for District 42. My home group is the Potsdam Nooner Group, Potsdam, NY.

At our recent district meeting, the treasurer reported that our finances are healthy with about \$1,000 annual contributions which enables us to meet our responsibilities. At that meeting we further discussed the possibility of adding a Workshop Chair position to our district. We now have a working description of responsibilities. We were unable, however, to reach a consensus on whether the position is needed. There was a slight majority in favor, but not the 2/3 majority (substantial unanimity) usually desirable to enact a policy change. Therefore, further seasoning of the idea will be addressed at the next district meeting.

We had our second roving district meeting at the Riverside Group in Ogdensburg. We move the district meeting four times per year to give people an opportunity to attend a district meeting that may not have otherwise experienced one. We had a good turn out and a lively discussion.

Our next InterDistrict event with District 19 is coming together. The tentative date is August 12 and will probably be in Malone. District 19 is taking the lead for this one with support from our district. More will be revealed. We will post the flyer on our website.

Thank you for your support and for this opportunity.

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**District 48 Seaway Valley North**

**Winnie S**

Good Morning Friends, I'm an alcoholic , my name is Winnie and my home Group is Sunday Morning Study Group in Kemptville. I currently have the honor and privilege of serving as District Committee Member for District 48, Seaway Valley North.

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District 48 is doing well. We have a good attendance at our District meetings and all our positions are filled except CF/TF but our Alternate District Committee member, Wayne L. is doing a great job in picking up that role. Wayne is here with me today.

We had a great turn-out at our Round-up in Feb. The weather was super, so we hosted 175+ folks over the course of the day. There was lots of great sharing, fellowship and food to make it a perfect day. We had enough 7th to pay the bills with a little left over.

We have an amazing web site Thanks to John W.

Plans for our service/delegates report June 11 are coming along nicely. Probably more on that from Jenny, District 66 Committee Member.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and sober summer. Yours in Love and Service Winnie

**District 50 Cornwall**

**Kimberley C**

ABSENT – NO REPORT SUBMITTED

**District 54 Ottawa Rideau**

**Bartosz W**

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

Our District is doing well, all service positions at our Table are filled and Group representation remains at approximately 50%. Recently we received a request from the Ottawa Archives Committee to provide a liaison in order to assist in their functions as well as to bring information back to our District. This position is currently vacant and the call is out to our groups to look for volunteers.

At the District Table this month we voted down a motion to post our minutes online. Feedback received from GSO and our Ottawa Intergroup led us to conclude that liability insurance and outside legal counsel would be advisable if we went forward with this. Our District determined the disadvantages of posting our minutes at this time outweigh the advantages. Also in recent business, motions are currently being discussed by our groups for new operating procedures for our Grapevine Representative. Our groups are considering whether our Rep is to sell Hazelden literature as well as ways to determine inventory of all material and authorize funds for purchase.

The Ottawa Canadathon Committee reached out to us last month and we now have a liaison for District 54, Anna P., who is participating in the organization of the event. Canadathon is only 32 days away so mark it with a huge triangle on your pocket planners and/or calendars! To get warmed up for it Ottawa has the Vanier Round-up which is today and if anyone wants to drive back with me after this meeting or follow me there you are welcome. The following Saturday Ottawa is hosting Founders' Day which provides a great opportunity to encourage service as a way of life. The day includes panel discussions of two main themes: Anonymity and the Internet as well as Safety in the Rooms. There are lots of great events going on in Ottawa now so please join us.

Yours in gratitude for service,  
Bartosz W.

**District 58 Ottawa Bytown**

**Michel D**

Hi, my name is Michel D and I am an alcoholic, a member of the Sobriety Group and currently serving District 58 Ottawa Bytown as their District Committee Member. This is my first report as DCM for district 58 and I am proud to say that attendance has been very good at our meetings in recent months. All of the officers' positions have been filled. Kim B was solicited and she accepted the nomination in principle. Her nomination will be submitted to the meeting this coming Monday. We also have liaisons with all of the service committees in

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Ottawa - Archives, CPC/PIC, CFT and Intergroup. We are in a good position financially and were able to contribute to offset the cost of renovations at Intergroup, which will allow committee meetings to take place and to Canadathon.

Since the last Area meeting, a very successful Spring Conference took place in Ottawa on Saturday May 6. In addition, the Vanier roundup is taking place today and the Founders' Day event (it was also known as Service Day or Gratitude Day in the past) will take place on Saturday, June 10. All are welcome of course. I also want to mention that Canadathon will take place on July 1st in the capital. We are expecting members from the Ottawa region of course but also others from the rest of the country who are in town to help celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation to attend our event. Please do drop in if you are in Ottawa at that time. The district does its share of service work at the Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre and NewGate 180. I am looking forward to working with my DCM colleagues in the next two years and to help District 58 do its job in carrying the message to suffering alcoholics.

Yours in service, Michel D, District 58 Ottawa Bytown

**District 62 Ottawa West**

**Mike B**

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

Things are Spiritually well in District 62. Attendance at our meetings is excellent with an average of 40 + members in attendance. We recently started using the same format at our District meeting as we use here at the Area Committee meeting, where members with a voice (General Service Representatives) sit on the outside of the table and Alternates and visitors sit on the inside of the table. And we have opened up our meeting at the end for sharing time.

At our April District meeting, we asked for a show of hands on who filled out the surveys for our Delegate for the General Service Conference. No one raised their hand. I just happened to have a stack of surveys with me and we took 20 minutes or so and filled them out together. There was a lively discussion on each of the survey questions and it really got our GSR's engaged. 25 surveys were then forwarded to our Delegate the next day via Canada Post. I hope this helped our Delegate.

District 62 is doing well financially. We recently sent a contribution to the General Service Office and to Area 83 and we purchased 10 Grapevine subscriptions for our local Corrections and Treatment Facilities Committee to be distributed in the jails and in the treatment centres.

We also made a financial contribution to our second annual CANADATHON which will be held on July 1st.

Our Public Information-Cooperation with the Professional Committee has been struggling since the beginning of the year with a decline in attendance due to rotation. However, a few seasoned members have stepped up to the plate and have committed to sit on the committee short term until they are back up to full strength, so far it seems like they are headed in the right direction and a plea for members to contribute their TIME has been successful.

Ottawa Service Day will be held on June 10th at our District Hall in Westboro. June 10th is Founders' Day and is the 82nd anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous. Hence we have called the day, "Founders' Day." We would like to thank our Delegate for accepting our invitation to attend and we are looking forward to hearing her report from the General Service Conference.

We would also like to thank Districts 58 & 54 for their participation in the day.

The day will be 7th Tradition and a light lunch will be included. All our Service Committees will be in attendance and will be giving presentations. We have also planned to have 2 interactive workshop style panels, one being, Anonymity and the Internet and the other being Safety in the Rooms.

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I continue to visit the District 62 groups business meetings and have started sitting in on our Service Committee meetings too. There is so much to learn from other members and it is a privilege and an honour to be part of this fantastic Fellowship which saved my life. I am truly grateful.

As mentioned earlier, Ottawa will be hosting our second annual CANADATHON on July 1st. If you happen to be in or around the National Capital Region for Canada's 150th Birthday, please stop by and say hello. We will be hosting all day meetings and fun in the sun in the park behind the McNabb Centre and no Canada Day would be complete without a BBQ. We would love to see you and welcome you in the AA way.

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

**District 66 Golden Triangle**

**Jenny C**

I am a member of the Smiths Falls Saturday night group. Currently service as district Committee Member for district 66. My name is Jenny I am an alcoholic.

Service is alive and well in the golden triangle reaching an all time high of 71% of our 28 groups in attendance at the district table. We hope that through out the summer months this will continue.

We have been in the process of doing a massive over haul of our district website it is now user friendly. And we continue to make adjustments.

We are happy to say our district 66 round up was another successful even. Over 300 in attendance with lots of food and fellowship. A good time was had by all.

Exciting things are under way in district 66 starting with a service info day being held on June 11 in Kemptville. We have teamed up with districts 42,48 and 50! Gratitude in action is the theme. We are excited to have our Delegate Kim attend and give a report. There are some flyers here available for those who would like one.

In September we will have a bring a professional event it will be taking place in Smiths Falls on the 28th at 7pm.

Hope everyone has a safe fun summer  
Yours in love and service, Jenny C.

**District 70 Renfrew Pontiac**

**Seanna B - ABSENT**

District 70 report is a short one, so that means all is good. Attendance at our District meetings is great; GSRs report that groups are well attended and financially sound. Sobriety is alive and well in District 70, so far this 2017 has celebrated over 1,380 years of continued sobriety! Congratulations to everyone. A celebration was held posthumously for Madge M, 50 years. Madge passed just before her birthday meeting. It was a beautiful celebration well attended by members, Madge's family, and many friends. On July 31, Earl M. will be celebrating 50 years! Everyone is invited to attend. The meeting has been moved from regular meeting place to Fairfields Senior Centre, Eganville, in order to accommodate the large number of members and guests that will attend. It will be great night. With much gratitude for this opportunity to be of service.

Yours in love and service, *Seanna B*



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**District 74 Pembroke**

**Bill C**

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

Pleased to report that District 74 is doing well. Our District Table enjoys a consistent high turnout of GSR's and Committee Chairs at our monthly meetings.

Our annual Spring Conference, which was held on 13 May 2017 was well received. Dr. Bob's Prescription, "Trust God, Clean House, Help Others" guided our speakers and panels this year. One group in our District (The River Group) has made a tradition of presenting a humorous, educational skit about AA at the Spring Conference. This year's offering, "You're an alcoholic, Charlie Brown," was received with much laughter and enthusiasm. Besides the entertainment value, preparing for a skit is an opportunity to grow in self-confidence and ability. It is a glorious example of enjoyment in service

If you happen to be in the lovely Ottawa Valley this summer, please check our website for meetings we always enjoy having new faces and visitors. Several of our Groups will be hosting notable anniversaries or special event celebrations this summer. These are a great excuse for a road trip!

Of special note, our PI/CPC have been especially busy over the past couple of months. Presentations were made to peer support groups of military and veterans – an especially large group with Garrison Petawawa in the heart of our District. As well, a presentation made to a grade 12 class was well received and has generated interest to expand this to other high schools in the District.

Our financial situation continues to improve. Because of implementation of the new Help Line, we will be able to make contributions to both Area and GSO this year.

I am very grateful for this opportunity to serve.

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

**District 78 Madawaska Valley**

**Anne V**

Good Morning, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Paudash Northern Lights Group, I currently have the honor of serving as District Committee Member for District #78, My name is Anne V.

Our District meetings continue to be very well attended, with all but 1 group represented . All available positions are filled at the District level.

We have experienced low numbers at the meetings throughout the winter months, we are looking forward to having our summer members return.

We are also looking forward to our annual " Tri-District" Service Information Day that District 78 is hosting this year. It will be held in Barrys Bay on Saturday June 17.

We now have a round up chairperson and an alternate for our Annual Festival of Colors fall round up. The Theme this year will be " Our Slogans In Action" The roundup will be held On Saturday September 30th. I have brought updated flyers with me today for both the Service Information day and Festival of Colors, I also have tickets for the round up for anyone planning to attend.

Yours In Service - Anne V

**District 82 Victoria Haliburton**

**Janice D**

I am an alcoholic and my name is Janice, a member of Solutions Big Book Study in Lindsay. I currently serve District 82 - Victoria Haliburton as District Committee Member.

Our District continues to be financially and spiritually sound and able to meet all our requirements. All positions at the table are filled

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with the exception of CPC and I heard rumblings about a person that may be interested. We have our fingers crossed and hoping that position will be filled as it is an important committee and we did not have one for the last full term - just a partial one.

Our conference was held on Saturday May 6 and very well attended. About 175 people were served at dinner and lunch was about 150. Speakers were great but Jackie's Place didn't make it and our taper had a conflict. Another taper, Bill filled in but his duplicator failed. He has promised to replace all defective CDs and has started mailing some out. The rest will be mailed in the next week or so. If anyone has defective CDs, Bill needs your mailing address. If anyone needs Bill's info, please talk to me later.

We also held our Service Information Day on Sunday May 28th. Many thanks to JoAnn - District 28, Deborah - District 26 and Tim F. And Larry D. - District 86. Their help and support was fantastic and each panel was a bit different but making it more interesting. Kim, our delegate travelled up from Toronto and not only gave us a fabulous report but we all got Area Pins. We were delighted to have some members of the Area committee attend. A big thank you to everyone.

I hope everyone has a safe drive home and a wonderful summer. See you in September!

Janice D - DCM District 82

**District 86 Kawartha**

**Larry D**

My name is Larry D and I am a member of the Lakefield United group and DCM for Peterborough, Kawartha District 86. All is running smoothly in our district, maybe too smoothly as most of our monthly district meetings last an average of 35 minutes, they are well attended with an average attendance of 17-18 groups out of 22.

Our district was teamed up with 3 other districts to have a service info day where the delegate Kim S. gave a wonderful description of events that took place at the GSO. It was a successful day and a good job done by Lindsay Haliburton district in putting it on.

Our district has been sending volunteer speakers to a mental health clinic to share their experience with their clients, this has been taking place for 2-3 years now and has been put on hold due to comments made by one of our members while speaking. This we are trying to resolve.

We continue to send money to GSO and the Area and are currently working towards making our intergroup office more accessible to the handicapped.

Yours in service - Larry D

**6. Committee member reports**

We now come to our Area Sub-Committee Chair reports. We rely on your humility and compassion to keep your reports brief. As with the Districts, written reports may be as long as you like and will be included in the minutes in their entirety, if given to James, our Secretary. I would ask the committee members to stay at the front after their reports to answer any questions, if any.

Our first report will be from our.....

**a) Public Information Chairperson**

**Les MacD**

Greetings to all of you, I'm a member of the Foxboro Friendship Group in District 34, Quinte East, and it is with much gratitude that I have the privilege to serve as Public Information Chair, Panel 67, Area 83, I'm an alcoholic and my name is Les M.

So far I've been kind of quiet, a few things so far. Was asked to attend the PIC meeting in Kingston and Islands, District 36. Had a request from General Service Office in New York for a Public Service Announcement for a french radio station in the Ottawa area, this I sent to Karl B from District 62 Ottawa West, who then forwarded to a District P.I. Chairperson in Gatineau who took care of this. On May 27, 2017. I attended a Service Information Day in Toronto at 519 Church St, was able to talk to different members in Public Information Service. Also heard Clement C from GSO

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Speak then later was able to have dinner with him and some other members, in all had a very interesting day, and many thanks to Rob and Cathy for taking me along with them. Oh by the way my dinner was free, the Keg paid for it.

The General Service Office has a new Public Service Announcement (PSA) out called "I Have Hope" and to view this new P.S.A. please visit the Public Information Committee Resource page on [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). Centralized distribution has begun to over 2000 media outlets in the United States and Canada.

A couple of upcoming projects, was asked to give a presentation on Public Information at a Service Information Day in Barry's Bay June 17th. Our C.P.C Chair Jim S and I will continue with the newsletter that Elaine H and Gary C started. Any questions or concerns about Public Information you can reach me by email at: [picarea83@gmail.com](mailto:picarea83@gmail.com)

That's all for now, have a safe trip home.

Yours in Love, Service & Hugs - Les M - Public Information Chair - Panel 67, Area 83

**b) Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson**

**Jim S**

Good morning, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Sunday Nighters Group in District 82 Victoria/Haliburton, and my name is Jim S. I have the honour to serve you as your Cooperation With the Professional Community Chair.

I see by the minutes I receive that those Districts who have Cooperation With The Community Chairs are doing their best to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous by contacting and working with professionals in their respective Districts.

I know there was quite a delay in getting the workbooks sent out from the General Service Office. I know I did not receive my kit till almost three and a half months after I got elected. If any District CPC Chair has not received their workbook yet please contact me and let me know. I will try and get that looked after.

As I mentioned at the Fall Assembly, our Area had received a request from GSO to set up and populate a booth at the People in Motion Conference held in the Queen Elizabeth Building May 25<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>. I had no idea what this conference was about and it turned out to be all about serving the handicapped. I never saw so many electric wheel chairs in one spot at one time. The whole weekend made me extremely grateful for the health that I have. Even though we were in competition with Toronto with the Info AA Day going on we managed to get the request looked after. I tried to do this with the least expense to the Area when it came to fulfilling this commitment. Two members of my home group and myself went down on the Thursday to set up the booth. Then I went back down Friday morning to help populate the booth, I stayed over Friday night and went back down to the Queen Elizabeth building on Saturday. The hours were from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days. I want to thank our immediate past Delegate Joyce S for arranging for me to rent a guest suite in the Condominium complex she lives in. The cost was \$60.00 quite a savings to the Area. GSO looked after the rental of the booth and supplied all the literature including a floor display on CPC.

I want to thank the volunteers from Dist. 06, 12 and 26 for giving of their time and expense to help me out with volunteering at the booth. For both days we had over 75 people stop at the booth, some looking for information for a friend, several employers looking for something to help their employees and a couple of professionals looking for some information for their clients.

I live in a rural setting and am certainly not used to the traffic in Toronto, and the pouring rain did not help. My idea of a traffic jam is a tractor and a couple of Amish horse and buggies. I was glad to get back home Saturday night.

Your Public Information Chair Les MacD and myself have talked about continuing the combined PI/CPC Newsletter that Elaine and Gary were doing. We are going to try and have the first issue done by the Assembly in October then see where we go from there.

I want to thank all the Districts who send me their minutes. It really helps me to see and understand what is going on as far as CPC goes in the Districts and Toronto Intergroup.

For those Districts who do not have elected CPC Chairs I do encourage you to try and fill the position.

Yours in the Love and Service of AA

Jim

**c) Correctional Facilities Chairperson**

**Mac B**

Good afternoon friends. I am an alcoholic, a grateful member of the Get Well Group in Kingston, and I have the honour and privilege of serving as the Correctional Facilities Chair for Area 83 and my name is Mac. The Bridging the Gap program is doing well. I am still having difficulties trying to figure out what District to notify but it's getting better with the help of people like Robert and Deirdre B. and Robbie V. Please let me know of any updates for the BTG contact person in your District. Thank you.

There are two new pamphlets from GSO entitled "A.A. Temporary Contact/Bridging the Gap Request".. One (F-183) for AAs on the Inside and the

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other (F-184) For AAs on the Outside Each pamphlet has a tear-off page to be filled out and sent to GSO.

The Corrections Correspondence Service(CCS) got off to a good start in Canada. But the number of inmates requesting this 12 Step Service has dwindled. Also we need more outside AA members to send their info to the Corrections desk at [corrections@aa.org](mailto:corrections@aa.org). The name of an inmate will be sent to you and you will then make the initial contact through the mail. The KEY right now is to have Canadian AA members aware, ready and willing and on the CCS list at GSO.

The GTA (Greater Toronto Area) Archives Committee has been asked by the 2018 ORC Committee to put together a small booklet to help celebrate the 75th anniversary of the start of A.A. in Ontario and the first ORC. We have been asked to include a brief description of how A.A. came to various cities across Ontario. We are looking to identify when AA came to the various federal and provincial institutions across the province. I have been asked to contact the District Chairs in Area 83 and the Area CF Chairs in Areas 84,85 and 86. All info should be sent to Peter N GTA Archives Committee. at [peter.nickels011@sympatico.ca](mailto:peter.nickels011@sympatico.ca).

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Mac B - Panel 67 Correctional Facilities Chair - Area 83 Eastern Ontario International - [613-328-9833](tel:613-328-9833)

**d) Treatment/Accessibilities Chairperson**

**Marty M**

Hello everyone, I am a grateful alcoholic and privileged to serve as your panel 67 Treatment/Accessibility chair for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International; my name is Marty.

Since we last met at the Spring Assembly I have received and sent out an additional 18 Bridging the Gap requests; that's a total of 35 requests so far, this year. Although I rarely receive confirmation that the contact was bridged, I have confidence in the treatment chairs and DCM's whom I sent these request to.

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, I received a request for literature pamphlets from The Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences in Whitby. I then contacted Rob; the District 26 Treatment Chair and I'm happy to say that he delivered 100 of the "Alcoholics Anonymous in your Community" pamphlets and 20 "Newcomer" pamphlets.

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, I attended Info AA Day in central Toronto; where I was happy to put on a presentation on Treatment, it was very well received. This was a great day of Service and fellowship, not to mention a great speaker from GSO.

As for Accessibility; I want to thank Jim R for his help. Now on the Area 83 website, under the Accessibility tab; there is now a checklist for groups and venues to review how accessible they are.

I haven't been able to attend the Greater Toronto Area Accessibility committee lately, but I am receiving the meeting minutes, and I did forward the Accessibility checklist to them. They are a small but devoted group meeting monthly at the Toronto Intergroup office. They are doing a great job by raising awareness and stress the importance of identifying and posting how accessible the groups and their meeting spaces are.

I thank you for allowing me to be of service, I wish everyone a great summer and a safe trip home later today.

Yours In Love and Service,

Marty M

**e) Grapevine Chairperson**

**Robert B**

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Attended Toronto Intergroup Grapevine meeting 25 May very informative well chaired by Glenn G. Met District 14 new Grapevine chair Barry J. very keen. Dorothy A. District 6 Grapevine chair also very positive. Deirdre B. Grapevine secretary organising a bulk order of Grapevine books. Attended District 82 Grapevine meeting 27 April. Karen H. District 82 Grapevine Chair doing excellent work in updating Grapevine display and literature. As well as having meetings with group Grapevine Reps. Very interesting many group have Grapevine reps.

Attended Toronto Info AA day 27 May participated in Grapevine work shop.

Thanks Robert B. Area 83 Grapevine Chair

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**f) Self-Support Chairperson**

**Ray R**

I'm an alcoholic my name is Ray..

Don't like numbers, stats, or flow charts, but the one number that stands out is less than 50. That's the percentages of districts in our area that has a s/s...and of that number, it's interesting how little is known what that position entails. I've been fielding emails from chairs with inquiries on how they can best serve their position..

At the service information day, when we held the subcommittee meeting on Saturday night, there were only 3 in attendance. It seems self Support is worn as a second hat, if at all..

I guess I have my work cut out for me as far as generating enthusiasm goes.

After bringing up my concerns to my sponsor, who held this position a few decades ago, it was suggested that I form a committee, and put together some basic guidelines, or a sum of all our experiences to assist new chairs get on their way.

In other news, I continue to sit in on the meeting in the GTA, held every other month, and I must report that meeting is healthy, vibrant, and full of ideas. One idea suggested we take up a special collection for founders day, and distribute the money any way the group or district deems fit.

I had a great time at the GTA Info AA day, although my participation was minimal, I did bring our display and fielded some questions.

As stated before, s/s is the bloodline of all service work, and without it, we would be able to carry AA's message. And as Bill Wilson put it, it just requires a little bit of money, and a whole lot of sacrifice..

Please keep sending me your reports.

I.L.A.S

Ray R

**g) Archives Chairperson**

**Eddy G**

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

**The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Area 83 Archives Workshop-** was held in Toronto on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We had a very good turnout. There were 22 people present.

The workshop covered group- histories, photos & displays by Jim W. (GTA Intergroup Alternate Archivist), conducting oral histories by Gary C.

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(Peterborough Past Archivist) who interviewed David T. (Area 83 Archivist) & how to preserve your documents by David T (Area 83 Archivist). I would like to thank them for putting on great presentations.

Then 16 of us went to the Hockey Hall of Fame for a guided tour.

I would like to thank Jim W., our registrar Amy L. & Ian for their good works in arranging to get the hall which cost \$100.00 to rent & the tour which was free.

**Area Archives Chairperson & the Area Archivist Positions**

Since the beginning of this term David & I have been working together. David, as the Archivist has the technical knowledge & the continuity of experience over the years with these two positions and I, as the Archives Chairperson is learning & directing the flow of information from the Archivist to the members & groups in Area 83.

Also and most importantly, we have been discussing & practicing to be very prudent on how we are spending money in these two positions. We strongly feel that by being aware of this we will be able to cut expenses from these two positions.

If David & I can be of help in any way to you regarding archives please let us know.

**Area 83 Website (area83aa.org) & GSO Website (aa.org)**

There is a lot of archival information on these two sites. Please pass this on to your GSR's.

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

**75 Years of AA in Ontario Commemorative Booklet**

The 2018 Ontario Regional Conference (ORC) Committee has asked the GTA Archives Committee, to put together a small booklet to help celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of A.A. in Ontario and the first ORC. They have been asked to include a brief description of how A.A. came to various cities across Ontario.

Emails have been sent out to Area 83 Archives Chairs & DCM's and Areas 84, 85 & 86 Archives Chairs & Archivists in Ontario asking if they would like to be included and to please tell them in a couple of paragraphs how A.A. came to their city. They need this by July 31, 2017.

Thank you for your patience & tolerance,

Yours in Service,

Eddy G - Area 83 Archives Chairperson

**h) Service Information Day Chairperson**

**Shane H**

Hello I am an Alcoholic my name is Shane and I am grateful to serve as your Panel 67 service information day chair, The spring assembly went well with lots of positive feedback . Mike B of District 62 did an excellent job reviewing the surveys, considering one hundred and thirty one were completed and handed in, Mike had a lot to do with that as well by asking people to fill them out and even handing some of them pens to do it. David B DCM district 6 handled the selling of the service manuals with one hundred and ten sold. All of our committee members worked hard before, during and after the assembly. We have a non conference Assembly coming up so we are planning a variety of different workshops. Thank you for Allowing this Alcoholic to serve.

Yours in service Shane H Area83 eastern international Panel 67 service information day chair.

**7. Registrar's Report**

**Amy L (ABSENT - Read by Sue B)**

I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Liverpool Group in District 26 and my name is Amy L.

I regret that I cannot be at the Area Committee meeting. Unfortunately, my most significant other, Ian is having some medical procedures that are keeping us out of town. I cannot tell you how good this Service work has been for me, and always has a way of taking my attention off me, and on to you. It is such a gift. I am super grateful to all those who are covering my responsibilities as the Area Registrar at this ACM, thank you Sue and James. That said, the esteemed Sue B will read out the roll call for the Area Committee of June 3.

The roll call for today is 13 Area Officers (including Area Archivist, and Area Webmaster), 1 Immediate Past Delegate, 1 Past Delegate, 23 District Committee Members, 7 Alternate District Committee Members and 5 Visitors.

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For voting purposes, we have: 12 Area Officers eligible to vote (including 1 Immediate Past Delegate) and 23 District Committee Members for a total of 35 votes. Total delegation for this meeting is 49. Our Archivist, David Topp is also the Alt/DCM of District 62, however for total Delegation, he is only counted once.

I have been in touch with many of the districts in the Area. Everyone seems to be doing the best that they can, I and I have really enjoyed working and helping to get the group representatives registered for the new term. There are some districts that had not filed group information sheets for a while, and it was so nice to help clean up the data. I understand how difficult it is to track down the group details and you all have done really well. I keep a running log of the changes I have made in the database, and I have made 323 entries into the database related to Groups and their representatives, and given that we have just under 560 groups in the Area.... I think those are pretty good numbers as we reflect over the first 5 months of this term.

We continue to whittle down the Unknown Groups... we are down to 17, and one of those remains unknown because I could not read the handwriting on the group change form. Please write clearly if you fill in your form by hand. For the handwritten forms, you can take a picture with your phone and send it to Registrar@area83.aa.org, or send them through the mail using the address at the bottom of the Group Information forms. On that note, you will find the New Group forms and Group Information Change forms are available for download at Area83.aa.org, under Resources/Registrar. When completing these forms, please ensure that the Group Service number has been entered, along with the name of the Group. If your Registrar/Secretary does not have the group service numbers, please have them email me and I will give them the list.

If you know of any GSR's who have yet to receive their kits, please send me an email. I have emailed GSO already about a few GSR kits, I would be happy to do it for you.

Thank you to the Districts that send me your minutes; I enjoy reading them, and sometimes they even help me track down representatives for groups that have not been entered into the system. If I am not on your District's distribution list, I would appreciate if I could be added.

Once again, thank you for this opportunity to be useful and of service.

Yours in Love and Service,

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

**8. Treasurer's Report**

**Sue B**

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

Please remind your groups that Area contributions should now be sent to myself. I have provided two envelopes with my address in each the DCM folders. Please share these with your District Treasurers for future contributions. Kimberley is still sending me contributions that are being sent to her from Groups and District Treasurers. There are several envelopes also available on the side table, please help yourselves to them. Please thank the Groups in your District that are including their Service Number either on the envelope or right on the cheque. It is both helpful, and appreciated.

Regarding the envelopes, I have been very fortunate when ordering them, to use the Printing Services of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board. I brought in a box of 500 envelopes to them, and they have now printed both the return and mailing addresses on them. With being charged School Board prices, and the cost of envelopes, the total cost was \$19.20. A savings to the Area of over \$100.00 from previous years printing and purchase of envelopes.

Please continue to remind groups who would like to contribute using Paypal to include their six-digit Group Service Number with any contributions using Paypal so that the group may get credit for the contribution. The place to enter the group number is the screen

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after entering credit card information. Paypal charges a fee of 2.9% plus 30 cents per transaction. So far, this year, there has been a total of four contributions using Paypal.

Also in the District Committee Members mail folders, as well as the Area Committee Members folders, you will find copies of the Financial Statement for the period ending May 31, 2017. Copies of these are also available on the side table; let's go through these numbers now, please.

Page 1 is a financial summary. It shows our reserve account, which is set aside for unforeseen circumstances, has a balance of \$20,000 and is in the form of a GIC paying 1.4% interest maturing September 11, 2017.

Income for the period:

- 7<sup>th</sup> tradition collected at the January Area Committee Meeting and the Spring Assembly = \$3,818.07
- Cost Recovery is \$39.00. This is from the sale of Public Information Kits Les sold at the Spring Assembly. I have not been told yet as to the Cost Recovery from the sale of the Service Manuals from the Spring Assembly. Once I find out, it will be included in the total. *I was given \$512.50 this morning from David B for the sale of Service Manuals at the Spring Assembly. Cost Recoveries now = \$551.50.*
- Group and District contributions \$24,200.82

Total income for the period is \$28,117.89.

Expenses for the period:

- Committee expenses are \$20,650.45
- January Area Committee Meeting – Rent and Refreshments \$323.00
- General Service Conference Assessment \$8,688.10 CDN. (Total cost was \$6,500.00 US, and has now been paid in full.)
- Bank service charges – \$168.89
- Paypal Fees – \$17.27
- CERAASA, held in New Brunswick – \$2,437.53
- GSO Flow Through - \$60

Total expenses for the period are \$32,345.24.

To date income is \$4,227.35 lower than expenses.

The bank balance on May 31, 2017 was \$25,269.54. As of that date, all cheques received have been processed, and letters of receipt, along with return contribution envelopes were sent out.

The opening bank balance as of January 1, 2017 was \$29,496.89. Total income of \$28,117.89 less expenses of \$32,345.24 leaves a balance of \$25,269.54 in the operating account as of May 31, 2017. We have \$872.56 less in our operating account this year compared to this time last year.

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

Page 2 shows details of expenses. Here we see an itemized breakdown of expenses for the period for each Area Committee Member, as well as all other expenses to date.

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

- The amount shown on the Alt/Delegate line under postage, \$29.52, is for mailings of Grapevines to Remote Communities. Under miscellaneous, \$1,013.29, is for the purchase of 1,000 Area 83 pins, and Remote Communities phone calls.
- Beside the Spring Assembly, under meals you see \$5,600.00 which covers the coffee. In that same line under miscellaneous, the amount of \$1,241.86 includes the Archives room, DVD rental, data projectors and the set up of the ballroom.
- Expenses so far, this year, compared to last year at the same time are higher due to CERAASA being held in New Brunswick, and the purchase of 1,000.00 Area 83 pins.

At the bottom of the page is a summary comparing year to date for this year and last year at the same time period. Contributions are



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up \$2,218.68 compared to this time last year. There have been ten less Groups contributing, with three more Districts contributing in comparison. Expenses are up \$1,510.51. The resulting net change to our operating account is \$872.56.

Page 3 shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from Districts, as well as Groups within the District. You can see that 99 Groups and 14 Districts have made financial contributions to Area 83 so far, this year.

The rates for the Fall Assembly will be the same as they were for the Spring Assembly, and are as follows:

Room Rates:

- Traditional, 2 Queen Beds - \$104.00 + applicable taxes

Remember to quote the Group Name: "Fall Assembly" when you call or email.

Food and Beverage Prices:

- Saturday Dinner Buffet – 34.50 per person including gratuity and tax
- Coffee Service – \$14.00 per person including gratuity and tax

For the Area Subcommittee Chairs, please remember to quote your GSO Service number when ordering literature from the GSO, and to email me that you have placed an order. Please remember to give my information in your email to GSO so that I may pay them. In the month of June, I will be sending a contribution of \$750.00 to the General Service Office. As you may recall, this was approved at the Spring Assembly, and something we have not done for a few years.

Please continue to send me your District Minutes, I love to read them.

In closing, thank you to the 99 Groups and 14 Districts that have made financial contributions to Area 83 this year.

Yours in Love and Service,  
Sue B  
Area 83 Treasurer

## **9. Secretary's Report**

**James O'D**

Tent cards (except for D36) have been updated. Name tags have also been updated – extra cards will be kept on hand in case of damage or loss.

District change forms are available in paper form, online (Area website – under resources, secretary – writable form). I would suggest that the registrar/secretary keep a copy on their desktop, filled out, and can then just make and highlight changes.

District/sub committee rosters – FNV generated. We do have a master roster which includes alternates and some positions not found in the FNV (intergroup liaison, TOYPAA rep, etc.)

I attended the recent Info AA Day. Some of the highlights were the Clement (GSO speaker), workshops and GSC report given by our Delegate, Kim.

When emailing reports please send them in WORD. PDFs and other such formats (not word) are not formatable and all reports need to uniformly adjusted. Your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated. Having said this, I will take your report in any format as long as I get it!

Please be advise that Barry M, former DCM for D36, has requested his email be removed from email lists.

Don't be upset if you receive an email from me in a couple of days requesting your ACM report. If you do not send me your report it holds up the publishing of the minutes. Please be mindful of our community and send those reports in. And feel free to email your

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written report BEFORE an ACM or Assembly.

The Proposed Spending Guidelines from the past Assembly minutes will be sent out shortly. They belong to the Spring 2017 Assembly minutes. Also, as always, I will be sending out the minutes via email a week or so before the Assembly in October.

If you require any Area rosters please just let me know and I will gladly send them to you. These may include, but are not limited to: Area Officers, Sub Committees, DCM, Alt DCM, etc.

And a big thank you to all Districts who send me their minutes.

**10. Alternate Delegate's Report**

**Rob McA**

Good morning, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Kedron Group in District 28, and my name is Rob McA. It's an honour to serve Area 83 as Alternate Delegate for this term.

Here's what I've been doing since the Spring Assembly. I facilitated a group inventory for the St. Clements group in District 10 on April 1<sup>st</sup>. On April 8<sup>th</sup> I attended the District 28 roundup. It was a fun day of fellowship and recovery. I was at the Area 83 Archives workshop in Etobicoke on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The workshop was well organized, well presented, and the tour of the hockey hall of fame Archives was amazing. On May 15<sup>th</sup> I participated in the Remote Communities conference call. As I've mentioned before, Area 83 does not have remote communities, but the northern Areas are actively carrying the message in remote communities, and Area 83 offers to help in any way we can. During our March conference call, Angelo, the Remote Communities Chair for Area 90, asked if anyone had past issues of Grapevines they could send for distribution to local health centers. I sent 30 copies, which he was grateful to receive. On May 27<sup>th</sup> I presented a workshop on the General Service Structure at Info AA day in Toronto. It was a great day of service. Our Delegate Kim gave an excellent report on the General Service Conference. On May 28<sup>th</sup> I attended the Service Day in Lindsay, hosted by District 82 with participation from Districts 26, 28, and 86. It was another great day of service, and another chance to hear Kim's General Service Conference report.

Thank you to the Districts who send me their minutes. I read all of them to help keep me informed about what is happening in our Districts. To those Districts who are not sharing their minutes with Area Committee members, please consider doing so.

I don't have much in my calendar over the summer. I'm looking forward to going to the Canadathon in Ottawa on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and hope to get to some other conferences and roundups in our Area.

If I can be of Service to your Groups or Districts, please let me know.

Yours in Love and Service

Rob McA

**11. Delegate's Report**

**Kim S**

Hi everyone, my name is Kim, I am alcoholic, a member of the St. Clements group and have the privilege of serving as your Area 83 Delegate.

Since reporting to you at the Spring Assembly, I have been very busy. First I was getting ready to attend the 67<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. There is a lot of reading of background material to do prior to attending the conference.

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

Safety was a big issue at the conference. It is a big consideration and concern. There is a new safety document on the aa.org website. Click on what's new at the top of the home page. A Safety card will also be available soon. Now that I am back I have been working on a few things such as, presentations for the different service days, a conference newsletter and a general newsletter.

On Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> at Info AA Day I gave a conference report and on May 28<sup>th</sup> I gave a report to the District 26, 28, 82 and 86 service day. Both of them were fabulous. Thank you again for the well-organized days. I know how much effort and work go into planning these service days so it is very much appreciated.

Upcoming service days where I will be giving a conference report are:

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

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- June 11 Districts 42, 48, 50 & 66 in Kemptville
- June 17 Districts 70, 74, & 78 in Barry's Bay

So far District 30, 34 & 36, have not booked a day for me to give the conference report. It is important to hear the advisory actions and information that resulted from the conference. GSR's should be informed and take this information back to their groups.

Doors our PSA won an award from the Neilson family. It was in the 5% of all PSA's based on audience impressions. If you have not seen it, I recommend that you do. It is also on the home page at aa.org.

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

I received a letter from David Morris, a Class A Trustee who is the board treasurer. Our contributions to GSO for this year so far are \$13,168.55. It is up 15.14% from 2016. This is contributions from 15.49% of all the groups in Area 83. We can do better!! Let's pass the word.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, for your trust and giving me one of the best experiences of my life. I will never forget the feeling I had walking into the conference room in Rye Brook. My eyes fill with gratitude puddles at the thought of it today.

Love, service and hugs...Kim S. Panel 67 Delegate, Area 83, Eastern Ontario International.

**Agenda Item 4**

(Review and Acceptance minutes deferred from this morning).

*Has everyone had the opportunity to review the minutes of the January 7th, 2017 Area Committee meeting? Are there any errors or omissions in the minutes?*

*I would entertain a motion to accept the January 7th, 2017 ACM minutes as submitted (or amended)*

MOVED: MICHAEL A – D18 - DCM                      SECONDED: MIKE B – D62 - DCM

DISCUSSION? NO.

All those in Favour? All

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 0

Voice of Minority? N/A

Motion was passed.

**Note: At this point in the agenda, I would like to recommend that we move to 2/3 majority.**

**May I have a motion to move to 2/3 majority?**

MOVED: JIM S – AREA CPC CHAIR                      SECONDED: BILL C – D74 - DCM

DISCUSSION? NO

All those in Favour? All

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 0

Voice of Minority? N/A

Motion was passed.

**12. OLD BUSINESS**

NONE.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

a) Ad Hoc committee on archives in Area 83

Janice D - DCM District 82

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Hello everyone, I am an alcoholic and my name is Janice, a member of Solutions Big Book Study in Lindsay. I currently serve District 82 – Victoria Haliburton as District Committee Member.

Following the January Area Committee Meeting I was asked by our Area Chairperson Kimberly, to chair the Ad-hoc Committee to look into Archives in Area 83. Also invited to be on the committee are Patrick G., past District Committee Member for District 62, Rob M., current Alternate Delegate and Joyce S., Immediate Past Delegate.

The committee met at the Spring Assembly and have exchanged several emails.

The Archives Chair became a position in 2003 and the first Archivist started the duties in 2004. Since then there have been 3 Archivists and 7 Archives Chairs. This will be the first time these positions and policies around them have been examined since their creation.

### **The Scope of the committee was as follows:**

- To make an assessment of and recommendations around
  - The Areas policy on Archives as a whole
  - The responsibilities of the Archives chair and the Archivist.
  - The value of an Area 83 Archivist to Districts and Groups in Area 83
  - The costs to carry out the duties of the Archives chair and the Archivist.

To do this the committee reviewed the operating procedures and minutes of past Area Committee meetings and Assemblies. Questionnaires were sent out to current and Past Area Archivists, current and past Area Archives Chairs, and current and past District Archives Chairs. One past Archivist and the current Archivist replied and provided helpful information. Six past Area Archives Chairs were contacted. Three replied and also provided helpful information. Forty-two current and past District Archives Chairs were contacted. Three responded. Of the three, two are new to their positions and provided no information helpful to this Ad-hoc Committee. One provided helpful information. Expenses for the Archivist and the Archives chair were reviewed for the last three terms.

Since the responses were so low a second email was sent out. One individual responded, however, no helpful information was given. We spoke to Roy R. a member of the original Ad-hoc Committee on Archives in 2003 who also provided the committee with valuable information.

From the Operating Procedures Section III Responsibilities are as follows:

### **AREA ARCHIVES CHAIRPERSON**

To be elected by the Area Committee. The Archives Chairperson, in conjunction with the Area Archivist, shall be responsible for the coordination of archival activities and archival communication within the Area. The Archives Chairperson shall be responsible for the implementation of Archival policy within the Area and will report on the Archives Committee progress at Area Committee Meetings and Assemblies as well as being the liaison on Archival matters between Area 83 and GSO. The Archives Chairperson shall cooperate with the District service zones' and Intergroups' Archives committees, and shall provide assistance, when requested, in accordance with the *Workbook for Archives*. The Archives Chairperson, working with the Area Archivist, shall develop a program of Archival interest for the Area which may include a newsletter or other communication tools and/or workshops.

### **AREA ARCHIVIST**

To be appointed (or re-appointed) for a three year term by the Area Committee, on a recommendation of the Area 83 Chairperson after consultation with the Area Archives committee. Resumes for consideration shall be submitted to the Area 83 Chairperson.

The Archivist is the traditional trustee of the Area's memorabilia and shall supply advice and consultation, when requested, to all Archives Committees in the Area with respect to the preservation and cataloguing of local archival materials in accordance with the *Workbook for Archives*. The Archivist, a non-voting appointed committee member will report to the Area Archives committee regularly,

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and the Assembly as necessary about new material received and give updates about ongoing projects (the report will be presented by the Archivist as a supplement to the Area Archives Chairpersons report).

Attendance at Area Committee is voluntary, while attendance at Assembly is expected. The Archivist may attend the annual North American Archives meeting upon the approval of the Area Committee. The Archivist shall work in conjunction with the Area Archives chairperson and committee in presenting rotating archival displays at each assembly. All expenses, including but not limited to transportation, crating, travel expense (including room and meals for the Archivist), shall be paid by the requesting party or organization.

NOTE: It is recommended that any unexpected expenses (those not associated with assemblies, The EightyThree (archives newsletter), the annual North American Archives Workshop or the Area 83 Archives Workshop) incurred by the Archivist and not covered by requesting parties or organizations shall be charged to the Area. A separate line-item on the Area Spending Guidelines and Expense worksheet shall reflect expected Archivist expenses.

**The findings of the committee are as follows:**

1. The Area policy on Archives as a whole provides a needed service to Groups and Districts
2. The responsibilities of the Archives Chair and the Archivist are well defined in the Operating procedures but may not always be followed
3. The Area Archivist is a valuable resource to Groups and Districts in Area 83.
4. The costs to carry out the duties of the Archives chair and the Archivist are high. Area 83 spends two to three times more on Archives than any other subcommittee.
5. The printing of the Area Archives newsletter which costs around \$100 is not necessary
6. The Area Archives workshops (not at the Assembly Service Information Day) have average costs of \$621. Attendance at these workshops also varied with ten to twenty members in attendance.
7. The costs to attend the North American Archives Workshop costs varied, as well. However, they were substantial.

The committee was mandated to report our recommendations, if possible, at the June Area Committee Meeting.

**The following are the committee's recommendations:**

1. **Add** to operating procedures Section III Responsibilities under Area Chairperson:

“Meet with Area Archives Chairperson and Area Archivist at the beginning of each term/appointment to review responsibilities of each position.”

2. **Add** to operating procedures section III Responsibilities under Area Archives Chairperson:

“The Area Archives Chairperson shall report the activities of the Archivist to the Area Committee and Assembly.”

3. **Add** to operating procedure section III Responsibilities under Area Archives Chairperson:

The word “electronic” before word newsletter.

(The committee considered the cost of printed newsletters and felt an electronic version could be sent out via the Area Archives Chairperson or Area Secretary on behalf of the Area Archives Chairperson)

4. **Remove** from the operating procedures section III Responsibilities under Area Archive Chairperson:

The words “and/or workshops”.

(The committee considered the cost of such workshops and also took into consideration that none of the other chairs held

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workshops outside assemblies).

5. **Remove** from the operating procedures section III Responsibilities under Area Archivist:

“The Archivist, a non-voting appointed committee member will report to the Area Committee regularly, and the Assembly as necessary about new material received and give updates about ongoing projects (the report will be presented by the Archivist as a supplement to the Area Archives Chairpersons report).”

6. **Add** to the operating procedures section III Responsibilities under Area Archivist:

“The Archivist, a non-voting appointed committee member will report to the Area Committee and the Assembly about new material received and give updates about ongoing projects.” (The report will be presented by the Archives Chairperson as a supplement to the Area Archives Chairpersons report).”

7. **Remove** from the operating procedures section III Responsibilities under Area Archivist:

“Attendance at Area Committee is voluntary, while attendance at Assembly is expected.”

**Add** to the operating procedures section III Responsibilities under Area Archivist:

“Attendance at the Area Committee is voluntary and expenses shall not be reimbursed. Attendance at the Assembly is expected and expenses shall be reimbursed.”

8. **Remove** from the operating procedures section III Responsibilities under Area Archivist:

“The Archivist may attend the annual North American Archives Workshop upon the approval of the Area Committee.”

(The committee took into consideration the cost that none of the other chairs attended such workshops outside the area)

**Additional Considerations:**

- The Archivist and the Archives Chairperson should split services by geographical zones to reduce travel costs, and ask the requesting party if they can cover some or all of the expenses. If the districts cannot offer support then perhaps other arrangements can be made.
- If at all possible, districts should preserve district archives and the area preserves area archives.
- The archives chair could possibly help districts coordinate and organize a cost effective method in which to hold an archives workshop. This could be done by joining multiple neighbouring districts together for a workshop and therefore splitting the costs across many districts.
- Further emphasis could be mentioned that the Assembly workshops will be facilitated in such a manner to help and assist with any questions and/or concerns from the District Archive Chairs.

A suggestion given to this committee was to only have a position of Archivist and not have an Archives Chair. Collectively, we feel this is something which we are not in a position to recommend or take into consideration.

The committee realizes we have presented several recommendations and have taken into consideration that neither the position of the Archives Chair or Archivist have been previously reviewed.

For reference purposes only the following are the costs incurred for these positions gathered from information available:

**Archives Workshop Costs**

2009    \$613.46

**Total Costs Archives Chair**

**& Archivist**

**\$ 3,277.25**

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2010	\$462.22	\$ 3,772.16
2011	\$764.79	\$ 3,974.07
2012	\$829.95	\$ 3,284.14
2013	\$833.60	\$ 4,101.82
2014	\$251.61	\$ 3,650.09
2015	\$548.80	\$ 3,179.93
2016	\$499.93	\$ 2,685.14
	<u>\$4,804.36</u>	<u>\$27,924.60</u>

This is the final report of the ad-hoc committee to look into Archives in Area 83. The committee would like to thank you for the honour and privilege to serve Area 83.

Yours in Love and Service

Janice D. - Patrick G. - Rob M. - Joyce S.

Motion to accept report as presented?

MOVED: MICHAEL D – D58 - DCM

SECONDED: DAVID B – D14 - DCM

DISCUSSION? DCMS TO BRING INFORMATION BACK TO THE GROUPS FOR DISCUSSION.

All those in Favour? All

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 0

Voice of Minority? N/A

Motion to accept the report as presented passed.

#### **14. Sharing - what's on your mind?**

Many minds, many things shared. Mostly events/medallions coming up in the Area.

#### **15. Next area committee meeting.**

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on **September 9, 2017**

Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?

MOVED: JOANNE P – D28 – DCM

SECONDED: MARTIN ST-L – D36 - DCM

DISCUSSION? NO

All those in Favour? All

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 0

Voice of Minority? N/A

Motion was passed.

Reminder: The Fall Assembly will be held at the Ambassador Conference Centre in Kingston October 27-29, 2017.

#### **16. CLOSING**

It is now 3:06 p.m. and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you all a safe drive home. I hope you have a wonderful and refreshing summer. I look forward to seeing you again in September.

May I have a motion to end this meeting?

MOVED: RAY R – AREA SELF SUPPORT CHAIR

SECONDED: JENNY C – D66 - DCM

DISCUSSION? NO

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
**AREA 83 EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL**

All those in Favour? All  
Voice of Minority? N/A  
Motion was passed.

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 0

**CLOSE 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.**



**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
**AREA 83 EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL**

**EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83**  
**AS OF: May 31, 2017**

<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>	Actual
January 1, 2017 Opening Balance	20,000.00
Interest	
Transfer to Operating Account	0.00
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>

<b>INCOME</b>	
7th Tradition	3,818.07
Cost Recoveries	39.00
Flow Through to GSO	60.00
Grapevine Seasonals	0.00
Group & District Contributions	24,200.82
TOTAL INCOME	28,117.89
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; TRANSFERS</b>	<b>28,117.89</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Accommodations	4,115.70
Meals	7,453.86
Travel	4,204.85
Long Distance	0.00
Postage	103.97
Printing	1,082.53
Literature	1,109.65
Stationery	170.19
Miscellaneous	2,409.70
<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<b>20,650.45</b>
Ad Hoc Committees	0.00
Area Contribution to GSO	0.00
Area Committee Meetings	323.00
General Service Conf. Assessment	8,688.10
Bank Service Charges	168.89
Paypal fees	17.27
Forums	0.00
Grapevine Seasonal	0.00
GSO Flow Through	60.00
Ontario Delegate's Conference	0.00
CERAASA	2,437.53
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>11,694.79</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>32,345.24</b>

<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>	
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2017	29,496.89
Total Income & Transfers	28,117.89
Total Expenses	<u>(32,345.24)</u>
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<b>25,269.54</b>

# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AREA 83 EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International  
Details of Expenditures  
as of: May 31, 2017

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Annual Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	0.00	94.50	221.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	316.05	2352.00	2035.85	13.44%
Alt. Delegate	0.00	93.91	298.90	0.00	29.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	1013.29	1435.62	1520.00	84.38	94.45%
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	101.63	350.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	452.33	855.00	402.67	52.90%
Chairperson	0.00	56.58	182.00	0.00	10.17	25.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	274.74	985.00	710.26	27.89%
Secretary	0.00	98.43	316.40	0.00	0.00	511.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	926.17	2611.61	1685.44	35.46%
Treasurer	0.00	60.00	465.85	0.00	64.28	209.52	0.00	170.19	28.19	969.84	1875.00	905.16	51.72%
Registrar	0.00	88.59	212.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	329.38	1130.00	800.62	29.15%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	242.10	86.66	301.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	629.76	1575.00	945.24	39.98%
Archives	0.00	82.81	189.00	0.00	0.00	42.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	314.75	1220.00	905.25	25.80%
Archivist	242.10	101.40	329.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	673.20	1260.00	586.80	53.43%
Cooperation with the P.C.	0.00	69.43	293.65	0.00	0.00	11.30	198.33	0.00	100.82	673.53	1570.00	896.47	42.90%
Corrections Facilities	0.00	110.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	136.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	246.71	1430.00	1183.29	17.25%
Grapevine	0.00	60.32	333.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	394.22	1120.00	725.78	35.20%
Public Information	0.00	78.07	56.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	134.07	1530.00	1395.93	8.76%
Self Support	0.00	96.82	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	136.82	1060.00	923.18	12.91%
Treatment Facilities	0.00	126.61	313.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	440.21	995.00	554.79	44.24%
Service Info Day Cmte	968.40	448.08	300.00	0.00	0.00	144.75	911.32	0.00	25.54	2798.09	5145.00	2346.91	54.38%
Spring Assembly	2663.10	5600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1241.86	9504.96	9800.00	295.04	96.99%
Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9800.00	9800.00	0.00%
<b>COMMITTEE EXP.</b>	<b>\$ 4,115.70</b>	<b>\$ 7,453.86</b>	<b>\$ 4,204.85</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 103.97</b>	<b>\$ 1,082.53</b>	<b>\$ 1,109.65</b>	<b>\$ 170.19</b>	<b>\$ 2,409.70</b>	<b>\$ 20,650.45</b>	<b>\$ 47,833.61</b>	<b>\$ 27,183.16</b>	<b>-43.17%</b>
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	15.00	0.00%
Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	323.00	323.00	1,500.00	1,177.00	21.53%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	750.00	-	-
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	168.89	200.00	31.11	84.45%
Paypal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.27	-	-	-
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	#DIV/0!
GSC Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,688.10	8,688.10	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60.00	8,708.70	20.60	99.76%
Ont Delegates Conf.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60.00	100.00	40.00	60.00%
CERAAASA	834.90	363.78	1,075.76	-	-	-	-	-	163.09	2,437.53	\$2,437.53	0.00	#DIV/0!
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 834.90</b>	<b>\$ 363.78</b>	<b>\$ 1,075.76</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 9,174.19</b>	<b>\$ 11,694.79</b>	<b>\$ 17,911.23</b>	<b>\$ 5,483.71</b>	<b>65.29%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 4,950.60</b>	<b>\$ 7,817.64</b>	<b>\$ 5,280.61</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 103.97</b>	<b>\$ 1,082.53</b>	<b>\$ 1,109.65</b>	<b>\$ 170.19</b>	<b>\$ 11,583.89</b>	<b>\$ 32,345.24</b>	<b>\$ 65,744.84</b>	<b>\$ 32,666.87</b>	<b>49.20%</b>

	May 31, 2017	YTD 2017	May 28, 2016	Change
<b>Income Summary:</b>				
7th Tradition		28,117.89	25,734.82	2,383.07
Bank Interest		32,345.24	30,834.73	1,510.51
GSO Flow through		4,227.35	-	4,227.35
Contributions		-	5,099.91	- 5,099.91
Cost recoveries		-	-	-
Grapevine Seasonals		-	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 24,200.82</b>	<b>\$ 21,982.14</b>	<b>\$ 2,218.68</b>
Contributing Groups		99	109	-10
Contributing Districts		14	11	3
<b>Net Change To Operating Account</b>		<b>\$ 4,227.35</b>	<b>\$ 5,099.91</b>	<b>\$ 872.56</b>

	May 31, 2017	YTD 2017	May 28, 2016	Change
<b>Income Summary:</b>				
7th Tradition		28,117.89	25,734.82	2,383.07
Bank Interest		32,345.24	30,834.73	1,510.51
GSO Flow through		4,227.35	-	4,227.35
Contributions		-	5,099.91	- 5,099.91
Cost recoveries		-	-	-
Grapevine Seasonals		-	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 28,117.89</b>	<b>\$ 21,982.14</b>	<b>\$ 6,135.75</b>

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<b>GROUP &amp; DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	
<b>AS OF May 31, 2017</b>	

District	0	Unspecified, Paypal	\$230.00
District	2	Malton	\$1,060.00
District	6	Mississauga	\$1,670.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$2,392.99
District	12	Toronto South West	\$1,080.00
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$1,533.70
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$90.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$2,510.00
District	22	Scarborough	\$763.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$1,220.82
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$897.38
District	30	Quinte West	\$1,275.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$1,080.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$825.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$633.70
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$200.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$300.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$495.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$30.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$1,835.75
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$751.48
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$350.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$360.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$110.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$500.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$2,007.00

Total Contributions YTD: \$24,200.82

Total from Groups	\$17,058.86	99	Groups Contributing
Total from Districts	\$7,141.96	14	Districts Contributing

## **ORDERING PROCESS FOR POCKET PLANNERS AND CALENDARS**

The final prices are \$5.75 for the Pocket Planners and \$11.50 for the Calendars. These are Canadian funds. They take into account any discounts we are entitled to, the exchange rate as of May , and of course taxes and shipping.

This is a copy of the order form and summary form. Please make enough copies of the order form for all the groups in your District. The summary form is for you or your Grapevine Chair to keep track of the orders from each group. When the orders are completed the top half of the order form is for your records and the bottom half gets returned to me along with the summary form and payment. This is to get back to me at the Area Committee Meeting in September. We are hoping that the groups can pay the District and the District cut one cheque for the entire District order. That way we only have to deal with 26 cheques instead of over 500. I guess this is using the “Keep It Simple” slogan. Please make the cheque payable to “*Area 83 Eastern Ontario International*”.

When I receive all the orders on September 9, 2017, I will compile one Area order and send it in. The items will be delivered to me and I will break them down by Districts. The Districts can pick up their order at the Fall Assembly in Kingston October 29, 2017.

If you need any further information please contact me at 416-633-7650 or email [grapevine@area83aa.org](mailto:grapevine@area83aa.org) .

Yours in Love and Service

Robert B

Grapevine Chair

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International