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1. Opening

Good morning, I'm an alcoholic a member of the Kedron Group in District 28 and my name is Rob M. It's an honour to serve Area 83 as your Chairperson.

Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions: Dave L., Alternate District Committee Member for District 26

12 Concepts (Short Form): Brian M., District Committee Member for District 48

Welcome to Quinte West. It's great to see everyone here today. This is our second Area Committee meeting of the 2015-2016 term. This is your meeting and it is an opportunity for you to share what's happening in your Districts. The Area committee it is where recommendations to the Assembly are discussed and formulated, 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.

Our Area Secretary Dan is not able to be here today. Our Alternate Delegate Kim will be recording the meeting minutes. Dan will still compile and distribute the minutes so your reports should be sent to Dan.

Some reminders

This is a non-smoking facility. 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.

At this time I would like to introduce our Area Committee. 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 65 Delegate	Joyce S
On Joyce's right, our Alternate Delegate	Kim S
Beside Kim is our Treasurer	Kimberley M
Beside Kimberley is our Registrar	Sue B (running late)
Our Panel 63 Immediate Past Delegate	Mel C
And I'm your Chairperson	Rob M

Our Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons- again, please hold any applause you might want to give until the end:

Public Information Chairperson	Elaine H
Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson	Gary C
Correctional Facilities Chairperson	Robert B

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Treatment- Special Needs /Accessibility Chairperson	Herb W
Grapevine Chairperson	Jim A
Self-Support Chairperson	James O
Archives Chairperson	Linda D
Service Information Day Chairperson	Ray R

These are your Area Officers and Sub Committee Chairs for 2015- 2016

Introduction of Past Delegates, People with appointed Area Service Positions and long time Service visitors:

Today we have:

Panel 61 Past Delegate Robb W

Housekeeping:

Our meeting schedule up to and including tentative dates to the end of March 2016 will be included in the minutes. These dates are booked and secured with the hotel and church. Some are listed as pending as the date of the following Assembly/Meeting is approved at the end of each meeting. The next Area Committee meeting takes place on September 12th. The next Area Assembly and Service Information Day take place October 23-25.

Year	Month	Date	What	Where
2015	September	September 12	Area Meeting Committee	Westminster United Church
2015	October	Oct 23, 24, 25	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
2016 (tentative)	January	January 2	Area Meeting Committee	Westminster United Church
2016 (tentative)	March	March 18,19,20	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston

Spring assembly is early because of Easter. Please book rooms by calling Ambassador and mentioning Assembly, you can't book online.

Food:

Lunch has been arranged by our District 34 DCM Les M. 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.

I'd like to thank Les for organizing the lunch, refreshments, and snacks.

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 side 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.

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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 good points and opinions will come out in any discussions, and if discussion is prematurely cut off, we will not get to hear them.

Who may address the 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 acting secretary Kim.

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?

Motioned: Terry K., District Committee Member for District 66

Seconded: Brian M., District Committee Member for District 48

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Discussion- None

All those in favour of the motion

All those opposed to the motion- None

Any abstentions- None

Result: Carried

2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

I have one item I would like to add to the agenda under new business. Agenda Item 13 (d) will be the appointment of the Area 83 Alternate Webmaster.

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

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

13 (d) Appointment of Area 83 Alternate Webmaster Aaron Webber for disapproval.

13 (e) Discuss sending the Alternate Delegate to the Local Forum in Timmins from September 12-13/15

13 (f) Discuss cost effectiveness and self-supporting in the Area as a Committee

May I have a motion to accept the agenda as amended?

Motioned: Linda D., Archives Chair

Seconded: Milner G., District Committee Member for District 42

Discussion- None

All those in favour of the motion

All those opposed to the motion- None

Any abstentions- None

Result: Carried

3. ROLL CALL

Our Area Registrar Sue B. (running late) will circulate 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 3rd, 2015.

Minutes of the January 3rd, 2015 meeting 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

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as you like and will be included in the minutes in their entirety, if given to Dan N., our Secretary or a hard copy given to our Alternate Secretary today Kim.

I would ask members to come up to the mic to give their report. Order is determined by the chair 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 present 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

I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Last Chance Group, serving as the District Committee Member for Malton District 02, my name is Ray R. Despite a few challenges, our district is holding firm. Our Grapevine and Treatment Chair has resigned, but luckily, our Alternate Treatment chair has stepped up and for the time being, our Alt D.C.M. is filling in for the Grapevine until we can find a suitable replacement. The table officers, committee chairs, and G.S.R's have all been registered with the Area.

Financially, we are stable, and have recently made contributions to Intergroup, Area, and G.S.O. We continue to serve our treatment and correction facilities, by bringing in meetings, and put on regular big book studies. We also cooperate with other districts in putting on joint service meetings. We are, however, continually trying to strengthen our Bridging the Gap Program.

Public information, and Cooperation with the Professional Community are working with other districts to put on workshops and presentations. That is ongoing. Grapevine, Self Support, Access-ability and Archives are all holding their own as well. Our alternate Shane H has been visiting our inactive groups, and has been quite successful at encouraging some of these groups to participate at the district level.

We've had a split with one of our groups recently, the Spiritual Progress Group has divided into two groups. They continue to hold Saturday night closed and open meetings, and the daily noon meetings is now the Grace Nooner. They have registered with G.S.O. On May 30, our district took part in the G.T.A. Info A.A. day by contributing financially, and taking part in presentations. It was a great day of information sharing, and our own Shane H has been elected as next years chair. Our district has voted to with hold meetings in July and August, but we will maintain our commitments to the various enters and facilities.

There's good energy in our district, members are active, and eager to participate. Lately, we've been celebrating some long term sobriety lately, but course we still have some struggling members, but by the power of examples being displayed in our district, and the willingness to serve, we remain hopeful that the still suffering alcoholic, has a decent chance at recovery.

Yours in Love and Service Ray R., District Committee Member for District 02, Malton

District 06 – Mississauga- (Read by Alt. District Committee Member David B)

Good Morning friends, member of the Streetsville Group, I am an alcoholic and my name is Chris. It is an honor and privilege to serve District 6 as its Panel 65 DCM.

All remains well and active in District 6. Currently the chairs for Accessibility and Intergroup Liaison are open as well as four alternate committee chairs. On the matter of quorum our operating procedures were amended in March to read quorum is 50 percent plus 1 of the number of groups that attended district more than 6 times in the last two year term. In the two meetings since, attendance exceeded not only the new method but also the old. Also in April, district procedures were amended to raise support for group reps attending assembly from \$150 to \$180.

The District 6/12 Service Day was held on March 7, 2015. The ask it basket portion was insightful and thought provoking. Thank you to the Area officers and chairs who participated in this event.

Yours in love and grateful service, Chris H., District Committee Member for District 06

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District 10 - Toronto South Central

Hello everyone, I am a grateful alcoholic member of the Mount Royal Group and I have the pleasure of serving as District Committee Member for District 10, my name is Marty.

I'm pleased to announce the addition of one new GSR to our District table, the noon rap group is a registered group but they have not been represented at the table until now. Also, I have been contacted by a group from another district wishing to join District 10. I of course welcomed them and we hope to see them attend our district meeting soon. That will bring the number of groups in District 10 up from 21 to 23.

We still have around 15 GSRs in attendance that's about 75%. Our service commitments are always happily filled.

Unfortunately this year's group donations have been down thus far. We still cover our expenses but not much else at this time. Hopefully things will bounce back in the second half of the year.

This year's Info AA day was a great success. I am very proud to be a part of this committee. I feel that our decision to move the event from its former location in Thornhill to downtown Toronto was a very wise one. We had a lot of people in attendance that were there for their very first Info AA Day. Our panelists were great, the Delegates report from Joyce was awesome, and last but certainly not least; the talk from our GSO guest Racy J was terrific. Oh and as usual we put on a huge spread for lunch.

I am blessed to have the privilege to serve AA in this capacity in the heart of Toronto in District 10. I thank you for my sobriety, God Bless.

Yours in Love and Service, Marty M., District Committee Member for District 10

District 12 - Toronto South West

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

Things are doing very well at the District. We now have an Alternate District Committee Member and Mark B. is with us today. Our District finances are in good shape. All of our sub-committees are filled with the exception of Archives. We recently lost one of our monthly service commitments. The St. Michaels Treatment Centre that had open AA Meeting on Mondays is no longer on our rotation. At this past months District Meeting the Saturday Noon Meeting was added to our monthly Service Commitments.

Our District took part in last weekend's Information AA Day event in Toronto along with the other 8 Districts as well as the GTA Intergroup. It was a great day and there were reports from Joyce, our Delegate and our guest from the General Service Office, Racy J. who currently sits on the C.P.C. desk at the office.

We continue through the Summer months with our District meeting. Thank you for the opportunity to be of Service and thanks for my sobriety.

Yours in Love and Service, Sean K., District Committee Member for District 12

District 14 - Toronto North Central

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

At our District meeting in May, the attendance was approximately two-thirds of our active groups.

Our Public Information Chair has become more active in conjunction with the Intergroup P.I. Committee. The committee has been carrying the message in some secondary school health fairs this spring. We are using some self-support funds to supply literature at those events that take place in our District. Our Treatment Chair indicated that District 14 has been fulfilling its commitments at hospital Service meetings, including those put on in conjunction with other Districts. He has obtained commitments from GSRs at our District Table to chair these meetings throughout the remainder of this year.

Our enthusiastic Archives Chair, Joe A. has just become the proud father of a baby boy. With his domestic life becoming more hectic, combined with having moved out of our District, he has decided to step down from his service role, however we hope to fill this position at our next District meeting.

Financially, District 14's Self-Support balance is healthy thanks to the contributions from our Groups' 12 Step Cans. As the service committee's get busier, we will ensure those resources are put to use in purchasing

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literature to carry the message within District 14 and beyond. To that end, we are making a donation of Living Sober Books to Area 85 today via our alternate Delegate and remote communities' chair, Kim S. While our operating funds continue to show steady improvement from a more depleted balance earlier in the year, our annual rent is due this month so our treasurer has indicated that it will be a little while before we are able to make our next contribution to Area and GSO.

Alternate DCM Dave B. and myself participated in Info AA Day on Saturday May 30 at 519 Church in downtown Toronto. Dave was our volunteer Captain and while I had the privilege of chairing informative panel put on by our Area Self Support Chair James O. and Grapevine chair Jim A. The Info AA Day event was well attended and other highlights included hearing our Area Delegate Joyce's report from the General Service Conference, as well as the chance to meet our special guest, Lacy J. who works in the Public Information area of GSO and gave an informative and moving talk to close out the event.

Finally, as part of our Service Information Day Committee I look forward to meeting with our Chair Ray, Secretary Amy and the rest of the team as we begin planning for the fall assembly in October.

Yours in love and service, Don MacP., District Committee Member for District 14

District 16 - Distrito Hispano de Toronto

Good morning my name is Cesar I am an alcoholic. My home group is group unidad (unity) second legacy of AA. As a DCM of district 16 Linguistic district (Spanish language)

Our district represent seven groups in the greater Toronto area one group in Kitchener, Hamilton and Welland. Not all the groups have GSRS At the moment. But most groups support the district financially. They continue to hold the public meeting or group anniversary last week group 27 de mayo celebrated their anniversary and Saturday June 6 .group Sendero de Vida will be celebrating their group anniversary they invite two guest speakers and right after some delicious Spanish food and the dance some nice Spanish tunes. Now our district has 3 service committees up and running, corrections committee, la Vina, and Archives. The Spanish intergroup is active they paid an amount to the local Spanish newspaper to post a message every day if somebody reach out for help they have phone number where they can call and leave a message after the person in charge of the twelve step call back and give the person information and is refer to the closest group. We continue to hold three meeting every month. Study of service manual, we took part in the groups' semana de la unidad, Unity week which is a week previous to the anniversary the group celebrating the anniversary invite the others groups intergroup and district. To chair their meeting and talk about a determined traditions in this case the district 16 was assign the six tradition. We also support the AA information day with the Spanish food also financial and we took part and room 201 espiritu de servicio (willing to service) was held in Spanish language but we translate in English most of us are bilingual so don't feel treat if you don't know Spanish we will do what we can make you feel welcome. To my surprise many Spanish speaking people show up for the AA information day I want to thank everyone who show up and also the AA information day Committee for a great job ,it was awesome We are supporting also Area # 83 with some small contribution. This is all I have to report. I just want to thank area 83 and district # 16 to allow me to serve as a DCM.

Love and service, Cesar H., District Committee Member for District 16

District 18 - Toronto City East

Hi, I'm Katrina and I'm an alcoholic, and the District Committee Member for District 18 Toronto East. Our district meetings are well-attended, with around 20 people per meeting. As usual, only about 50% of the groups in the district are represented, although we have contacts for most of them, and we are working on getting more groups active.

There are 4 service meetings in the district meetings, 2 hospital meetings, a detox and a parole board meeting, We've had some trouble covering one of the hospital meetings for various reasons and are exploring ways to keep it open, perhaps with the help of a neighbouring district.

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We were approached by rehab hospital in the district to hold a meeting in their facility for their clients, so that is in the works. Recently received a request from a supportive housing organization to discuss opening meetings in their housing units,- there are 3 of them in our district- for their clients.

Our district is doing OK financially, and is able to send money along to the Area and General Service Office as well as meet out local commitments.

Committee chair positions are covered except for Self-Support, Archives, and Grapevine.

Our ADCM resigned in April so we elected a new one, Kevin M. at the May meeting. (Introduce Kevin if he's there). Election was facilitated by the past DCM Jim A, current Grapevine Chair, and his help was much appreciated.

District 18 was actively involved in Info A.A. Day, which was held last week May 30, it was a great day, and also in the East Toronto Archives breakfast, which will be held tomorrow. All welcome.

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

District 22- Scarborough

Good morning everyone. I am an alcoholic, a member of the Beaches Group, the DCM for Scarborough District 22 and my name is Eddy G.

We now have 21 groups in our District. The recent addition is the Tuesday Noon Group (changed from a meeting) has just been registered with GSO. The Saturday Morning Women's Discussion Group has just started. Their first meeting was on Saturday May 2 at 10:30 am at Wexford United Church, 2102 Lawrence Ave. E. (E. of Warden).

Around 75 % of the groups attend the District meeting. The May (Mothers Day) meeting there were 62 % of the groups represented. The average attendance at the table is 27. We are financially sound and we are able to meet all our commitments. Last month the members discussed the large amount of funds in the Self Support Account (these funds come from donations by groups ear marked to self support & group self support cans) which brought awareness for the subcommittee chairs to spend this money in literature & books to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Our District Officers positions are filled: Secretary- Nina A., Treasurer- Tom S., Registrar- Lynn E. and Alt. DCM- Angus M. Our secretary Nina has just been diagnosed with esophagus cancer. She is waiting for the test results and the planned treatment. Ed H. our Access Ability Chair has been filling in as secretary.

The Sub-Committee Chairs are filled with the exception of Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), the Grapevine (GV) & Public Information (PI) (3 members- Bryan, Tony & Austin are checking & restocking literature display racks at 17 locations). District 22 is represented at the PI & CPC Intergroup Committee meetings. Almost all (9 of 10) Alt. Chair positions are still open.

Planning is in progress for the 37th Annual District 22 Service Day which will be held on Saturday September 19, 2015 at the Oakridge Community Centre, 63 Pharmacy Ave. (East of Victoria Subway Station). On the agenda there will be two guest speakers, Sub-committee panel presentations & the 12 Tradition Skit will be back which was a great success last year. Also there will be a pot luck lunch. The Service Day is free. The last three years attendance has been increasing. Last year there were just over one hundred members that attended.

In the evening there will be a Social Gathering with a DJ (in the past it was called a Clean & Sober Dance) and the cost will be \$10.00. Tickets will be available in July. Flyers have been distributed here at this meeting. The 10th Annual East Toronto Archives Breakfast held jointly with District 18 & 22 Archives Committees will be held tomorrow morning- Sunday June 7th, 2015 at Qssis Banquet Hall, 3474 Kingston Rd. (just west of Markham Rd.). 130 tickets have been sold which is an increase from last year. Tickets are not available at the door. There will be fellowship, a buffet breakfast and a great guest speaker. Most importantly this event brings awareness & the importance of AA Archives to members.

The 2015 Information AA Day was held on Saturday May 30th, 2015 at the new location – downtown Toronto at 519 Church Street. The day was Great! The 8 GTA Districts & GTA Intergroup worked together in planning this day. There were subcommittee panel presentations, our Delegate Joyce S. give her General Service Conference Report and the GSO Staff Member Racy shared her story and working at GSO.

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

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Yours in Service, Eddy G., District Committee Member for District 22 Scarborough

District 26 - Lakeshore West

Good morning friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Liverpool Group and my name is Amy. It is my privilege to be able to serve as the District Committee Member for District 26, Lakeshore West. I am also in great company as the Alternate DCM for District 26 is here, Dave L.

It has been a very exciting Spring. As of April we have filled all of our service positions. Some at 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 11. That committee has had requests from UOIT to present to young professionals and they will be reaching out to new faculty to generate more opportunities of this type.

Our PI committee has been actively putting AA in places where the still suffering Alcoholic may be touched; this included arranging for GSO to send PSA to local radio stations and meeting with the local papers to supply them with public service notice of meetings. In one of these visits they spoke with a reporter about how AA works and just recently there was an article published in our local papers about young people in AA as a direct result of one of these interviews. I had some reservations when I first heard about the interview, as I worry about how Traditions 11 and 12 can get sullied by the media. Just to prove me wrong, it turned out to be a good article and one that I think could resonate with young people in our community.

Our Self support Chair in conjunction with their counterpart in District 28 have put out a call to groups to participate in International AA day; essentially a second collection in an open meeting around June 10th that will be collected by the Self-Support Chair and distributed according to the pamphlet '*Where Money and Spirituality Mix*'.

We are meeting all of our financial commitments and able to fund the various efforts from the district table. Attendance at the table has been below average of late, but I chalk that up to mitigating factors like Mother's Day, a long weekend, and the ORC. I have been hearing from a few groups that they are just getting by financially and putting out calls for help with attendance. The Table has voted to conduct a District Inventory. It has been many years since the last one, and I look forward to the experience.

We participated in a multi-district Service Day with District 28, 86, and 82 where we were able to hear the Delegate's report on the General Service Conference. It was an amazing day, with great participation, attendance and a great atmosphere as you always have around fellow AA service people.

We are looking forward to our 43rd annual Lakeshore Districts' Conference on August 21-23. It is a great committee working tirelessly on getting a great lineup of speakers, good music and fellowship of AA and Al-Anon. I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve.

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

District 28 - Lakeshore East

(Read by Kim S., Alternate Delegate)

Good Morning! I'm an alcoholic, proud member of the Courtice 12 & 12 and my name is Tom L. There are still two vacant sub-committee chairs, those being Grapevine and CPC. Jack H. Treatment & Corrections Chair has resigned. Thanks to Grant Mc. for stepping back into this position.

Once again thanks to our delegate Joyce S. for her report and the other area committee members that attended the service information day on Sunday May 24th at the Alano Club, one big thank you to Amy L. District 26.

We had a Bridging the Gap request from Central East Correctional Centre for Friday May 22nd that was taken care of. The number one reason for my absence today, as my two sisters have been reminding me all week is that "our father turns 90 only once"! Thanks to A.A. They want me there, I am so grateful to be part of again.

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Yours in Love and Service, Tom L., District Committee Member District 28

District 30 - Quinte West

Good morning. My name is Miles C. and I am an alcoholic, member of the Trenton Group and currently serving District 30 as their District Committee Member. District 30 is alive and well. Our Round-Up in May was a great success. Thanks to all who attended including Jim A., our Area Grapevine Chair and members of Districts 48, 36, Toypaa and Al-Non. We have decided to once again try this next year- date is May 28, 2016. All committee chairs are full and our finances are good. Our District voted to donate a box of pamphlets for remote communities. Our Archives Chair is starting to contact groups in the district to help start renewing our archives. Many of our groups have been doing group inventories- our Alt. District Committee member has been busy with most of these. We have one new group- Women's Group, meeting in Brighton.

Yours in love and service, Miles C., District Committee Member for District 30

District 34 - Quinte East

Good Day Folks. I'm an alcoholic, sober today by the Grace of God through the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, belong to the Foxboro Friendship Group and my name is Les M. It is my privilege to represent District 34, Quinte East as their District Committee Member.

The District is spiritually and financially sound and we are able to meet our financial obligations. We still need a Self-Support Chair and then all our positions will be filled. All our Sub Committees Chairs are working hard to carry the message. Mark L our archives chair has collected all his material from the previous chair and shows lots of interest in his new position and is very eager to get active. Lilliane T our Treatment Chair is working with Herb W in getting the BTG requests filled. Laurie J is our PI/CPC committee chair attended A Service Fair at the Marrantha Church on May 26th and is working to put on a service day in October 2015 with District 30 for professionals. Kelly M. our webmaster did an amazing job on our website. Neil W. our Corrections Chair is putting a lot of work into the corrections facilities to keep the meetings old and new going. Tom M. our Grapevine Chair is getting his feet wet in service and will do a good job for District 34. All our officers, Treasurer Jan D., Secretary Ian C. and ALT DCM Gord T. are fulfilling all their duties and doing wonderful work, its great to be apart of such great service group. In closing, if no One told You Today that They Love You, let Me be the First.

Yours in service, Les M., District Committee Member for District 34

District 36 – Kingston & The Islands

Good morning friends I am an alcoholic, a grateful member of the Get Well Group in Kingston, and my name is Mac. It is my honour and privilege to serve as District Committee Member for District 36 - Kingston and the Islands.

I am grateful to report that there is a wonderful spirit of service in District 36. We have 18 groups - many with as few as 5,6, or 7 members. Yet these small groups are able to serve six prisons and two treatment facilities providing chair persons and speakers every week.

On April 18th we hosted an Archives Day in Kingston. On May 16th 4 members from Kingston served on a Spirituality and Sobriety Panel in Brighton as part of District 30 Roundup. Today, June 6th, we are holding our Second Annual Founders' Day Roundup in Kingston. I tried to get the organizing committee to change the date so I could attend. They suggested that I ask Area to change the date of the Area Committee Meeting.

Yours in Love and Service, Mac B., District Committee Member for District 36

District 42 - St. Lawrence International

My name is Milner G. and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Fall Island Big Book Study Group in Potsdam, New York. I am privileged to serve as District Committee Member for District 42 St. Lawrence International. I am pleased to welcome Patrick L., our District Registrar and GSR of the ODAAT group, as a visitor to our meeting today.

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In February we changed our District meeting day and time to the 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 pm on a trial basis. As of May we have settled on the 4th Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Our finances have been good, and attendance at our meeting has been encouraging. Ted R., our alternate DCM, Jenny M., our Secretary, and I have been collaborating on preparation and approval of the monthly agenda via a shared document on my Google account. Once we agree then Jenny downloads the file and emails the document to the district email list.

General Service Conference:

We had good discussion of several of the General Service Conference agenda topics and got a summary of those groups' conscience to our delegate just prior to her departure for the Conference. We are looking forward to hearing Joyce's report next Saturday in Cornwall, a shared event with Districts 48, 50, and 42.

Literature/Grapevine:

Our chairperson of this committee had to resign due to health considerations. Before he resigned he initiated organization of another district-wide pooled literature order (which we had started doing in the previous term). We think there is enough literature needed so that we can make such an order twice a year and save the shipping charges from GSO. Our treasurer finished and placed the order and will deliver it at our June 24 district meeting.

Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community:

Louise T., chair of this committee, has been looking into getting public service announcements to the local radio stations. She, along with an AI-Anon member, did a radio interview with a station in Massena to give information on A.A. and AI-Anon. And she is working toward getting AA meeting notices into some of the local newspapers.

I continue to keep the district website updated and another GSR has expressed interest in helping, and possibly assuming the position of Webmaster. I also recently completed our annual update of the printed meeting list, which covers both our district and the former Area83/District 19 (now HMB Area 48/District 19). I am willing and hoping to teach someone to take over this task in time for next year's update.

Treatment Facilities:

Our chairperson of this committee resigned in February and we are pleased that Bennie Y. from Gouverneur has been elected to this position. He is looking to get more A.A. information into the local halfway houses.

Correctional Facilities:

David W., our chair has been active in encouraging participation to carry the message into the County jail and the three State Prisons on our district. Dave has also taken a turn in leading the meeting at the County jail.

Joyce S. forwarded me a request to GSO from two inmates – one at each of the State Prisons in Ogdensburg – for a Grapevine subscription. This stimulated a great discussion at our May meeting. We did not decide right away to purchase the subscriptions. Rather, one of the people at the table is researching how the inmates may purchase their own subscription via their institutional "commissary" accounts. And we are putting out a call for "pre-read" Grapevines which can be taken to the institution for distribution.

Archives:

Our chair, Milner G., has been relatively inactive due to his other duties. I did, however, attend the Area Archives workshop in April in Kingston. It was excellent, as usual, both in content and in a tour of the Queens University archives on a Saturday!

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

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District 46 - St. Lawrence Adirondack

Absent and no report submitted

District 48 - Seaway Valley North

Good morning, currently serving as District Committee Member for District 48 Seaway Valley North and member of the last chance group, I am an alcoholic and my name is Bryan M. First I would like to introduce our alt. DCM Pam Y. It's been pretty quiet in district 48, our attendance at our district table has been very good with our attendance at our last meeting about 75 per cent. Our finances were low for a while but are better now and we were able at our last meeting to make some contributions and commitments. Thank you to District 30 for the invite to be part of the Round-Up as we really enjoyed it. We hope to have a good attendance for the Service Day and Delegates report on the 13th in Cornwall. It was voted on at our last meeting that we recess for July and August so our next meeting is September 1st. It was readily accepted that we donate books to the remote communities and I have some with me today and we will be collecting from groups and members over the summer. Wishing everyone has a safe a save and sober summer.

Yours in love and service, Bryan M., District Committee Member for District 48

District 50 - Cornwall

Hi family, my name is Wendy and I am serving as DCM for District 50 and my home group is the Monday Night St. Columban's Group. I would first like to thank Kelly D. for appearing for me today.

We have our Tri-District Service Day with District 42 and 48 coming up on June 13th from 9:30 to 4 pm Saturday at Ste. Therese Church on 13th and Liseux. It will be a potluck lunch and we look forward to seeing many of you there. We have great speakers from town and out of town.

I have been attending a lot of meetings and am noticing that we are receiving a lot of newcomers. We have had and still to come are many 1-year celebrations. By this I see the message is getting out there in our District.

District attendance is at an all time high which shows that our GSRs are getting involved and bringing others from their group to attend District meetings. Our Conference Committee is holding regular monthly meetings and are coming along well for the upcoming conference in November. We have brought with us group donations as well as personal donations of Big Books and 12 & 12 books to be brought to Remote Communities.

It has been a group conscious decision that our District take 2 months off for the summer. These months are July and August. We wish you all a warm and happy summer. See you in the fall.

Yours in Service, Wendy E., District Committee Member for District 50

District 54 - Ottawa Rideau

I am an alcoholic and a member of the Tuesday night Beacon Hill Group, currently serving as the District Committee Member for District 54 and my name is Darlene.

Our Table continues to be well represented, we are in good shape financially, and although there has, on occasion, been a miscommunication our commitments are usually met. As a result, these situations bring about discussions that create positive solutions.

The Spring Conference was a booming success. The Vanier Roundup, always well attended is actually happening as we speak. The Fall Conference will be held on November 21st, 2015.

Our Treasurer, out of necessity, has stepped down and the Alternate DCM has taken on that position until it can be filled. There is one possible candidate from the Table.

The CPC (Cooperation with Professional Community) liaison has also stepped down. CPC and PI have merged and our PI (Public Information) Chair is now reporting for both entities and will continue to do so for the remainder of this term. We will not be meeting in the month of July.

Gratitude Day is June 14th. Our local committees will be commenting on their activities along with a presentation from our Area 83 Delegate. We also look forward to hearing the information in connection to the 3 agenda items that Joyce sent out requesting feedback, prior to the Conference.

A motion was carried that \$350.00 would be allocated to Area 85 for the donation of books for distribution to the remote communities in their Area. There are 7 each of the Big Book and the Twelve & Twelve along with

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7 copies of Living Sober and 5 copies of As Bill Sees It. What a gift it is to see the continuation of our primary purpose.

And last but not least, we look forward to seeing all those who will at the 80th World Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous! Who would of ever thought.

With Gratitude for Service, Godspeed, Darlene K., District Committee Member for District 54

District 58 - Ottawa Bytown

My name is Frank K. I am a member of The Hull Liberty Group. Also, I am the DCM of District 58. Michel D. is my Alt. He is also our Secretary and our Registrar. Rick H. is our Treasurer. We have a few hundred dollars over our prudent reserve. Our rent is paid for 2015. We are going to meetings in our District to get people involved as well as getting money for the District. All our commitments are being filled.

Yours in loving service, Frank K., District Committee Member for District 58

District 62 - Ottawa West

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

Our district is doing well financially meeting all budget items and requests by the various committees. Activity in the various committees is falling a little short with most tables needing a boost in attendance. The PIC and the CPC have melded into one table due to a lack of participants. Also, the district rep for those committees has stepped down leaving that position open. Hopefully it will be filled shortly.

We are very excited to be helping the Ottawa Bytown District with the upcoming "Gratitude Day" also known as the Service In Recovery Day which is being held Sunday June 14th at Ottawa City Hall. Ticket sales as far as I know have been going well and hopefully the day will inject some much needed enthusiasm for service into the Ottawa area.

Another positive in our district as of late is a boost in Grapevine activity. I know that our district rep sold a lot of material at the spring conference as well as a trip he made up to Petawawa. There seems to be a little more excitement for the written word.

In my last report I mentioned the idea of district splitting was starting to be discussed. It is safe to say that this is being put on the back burner until we can get more attendance and activity at the general service level in our district.

Yours in service, Patrick G., District Committee Member for District 62

District 66 - Golden Triangle

Good morning everyone, my name is Terry K. and I am currently serving as the DCM for the Golden Triangle District 66. My home group is the New Hope Group and meets every Monday night at 8:00 in Smiths Falls and I am an alcoholic. There have been some changes in District 66 since our last meeting here. Pat L. has resigned as the district secretary and Heather M. is now our secretary/registrar. Paul H. has resigned as our CPC chair and the position remains open. Kevin G. has assumed the duties as the 12-step phone line coordinator from Jenny C. Thanks Jen for all your hard work and commitment. Financially the District is in good shape and we are meeting all our financial commitments.

The District is evolving and we have removed the collection of the 7th tradition from our district agenda. Also I believe at our last meeting (I was unable to be there, thank you Jenny C.) the district is also looking at ways to streamline our group reports to save time. The District is still looking at ways to increase our participation at the Area and District levels. We are attempting to ride share to the area meeting and offer a free lunch with your Area experience. This along with the meeting before and after the meeting should entice new participation, we hope. We have also initiated a DCM, self-support visit to any district groups that are currently not active at the district table; hopefully this will increase our group participation at the district table. This visit will include our group/ GSR welcome Kit as well as a short self-support presentation. The District Policies and Guidelines have been finalized and approved at the District table.

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And lastly, a big thank-you to all who volunteered and attended our District Round-up, it was nothing short of a great success. Thanks to All and we are already looking forward to another great experience next year, hope to see you there. In closing I know that my best planning and hardest work has shown poor results if they are not aligned with God's will. More will be revealed.

Yours in service Terry K., District Committee Member for District 66

District 70 - Renfrew Pontiac

Absent and no report submitted.

District 74 - Pembroke

Absent and no report submitted.

District 78 - Madawaska Valley

No report submitted. Brenda H., Area Archives Chair, represented the Area as Irvin W., District Committee Member had major surgery in May. We are a small District with 6 groups spread over a large area. There are several positions that remain vacant in District; vacancies are listed on the District website. District Roundup is October 3rd, 2015. We are doing well financially.

Yours in service, Brenda H., filling in for Irvin W., District Committee Member for District 78

District 82 – Victoria-Haliburton

Good morning, I am an Alcoholic, and a member of the Sunday Nighters Group in Lindsay and my name is Jim S. I have the privilege of serving District 82 Victoria/ Haliburton as the DCM. The District is spiritually and financially sound and we are able to fulfill all our financial obligations. Our attendance is up at the District meetings but there are still several groups who do not send a representative. We are still working to try and get their members represented.

The meetings at the Central East Corrections Facility seem to be going a bit better and we are getting to do meetings more often. The women seem to have better luck with this but it is getting better for the men. Both our Corrections Chairs Linda P and Paul R, working with our volunteers, are doing a wonderful job of coordinating the meetings.

Our District did receive a shock around the middle of May. Seven meetings, plus our District meeting are held in the Annex of the Queen St. United Church. We received notice that all meetings must be out of there by the end of June. So in July our meeting list will look very different than it is now.

Our District Conference was held on May 2nd and it was a very good day. I commend the committee for organizing a great day of good speakers, fellowship and a great meal to top off the day. Guess that is all for now.

Yours in love and service, Jim S., District Committee Member for District 82.

District 86 - Kawartha

I am an alcoholic the DCM for Kawartha District 86, member of the Liftlock Group, Peterborough. My name is Dave H. We have 22 Groups all with GSRs and 36 group and service meeting a week. For the District there are 8 sub-committees and all are chaired. We have excellent attendance at our District Meeting. We joined District 26 for a joint Service Information Day, May 24. It was a very informative and enjoyable day. Thank you to Amy, DCM District 26 for spearheading the event. One of the challenges is instilling an interest in service with all the members in the District and maintaining the interest. That said the Groups are very supportive of the people in service and our service committees appear to be strong and advancing many initiatives

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Within the district we are presently going through the process of revising and updating our “Who Me”, our district list of meetings. There are many opinions on what needs to be included because this is the most popular information item in the District. It is used to inform the new comer about AA and it is used by the membership as an important reference. The process of doing the revision is a clear test of Tradition 12 Principals before Personalities.

One challenge I have personally faced as the DCM and the chair of our District meeting is the joy and frustration in running an orderly meeting. The complexity of Robert’s Rules has been a learning event for me as well as the many first-time GSRs in the District. I have come to appreciate the importance of good quality District Operating Procedures. Thanks to Rob, the Area Chair and one of our past DCM, Gary C, for the advice they have provided.

To close I would like to invite everyone to our annual Kawartha District Conference – Celebrate the Miracle on June 26 and 27 at the Evinrude Centre in Peterborough, There will be AA and AI-Non speakers and panels, Saturday lunch and banquet. I have circulated the conference flyer. Registration tickets are available at the door for \$15.00 and I have banquet tickets available today for \$30.00. Please join us to celebrate the Miracle. All are welcome. For more information go to www.peterboroughAA.org,

Yours in Service, Dave H., District Committee Member for District 86

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

a) Public Information Report

Elaine H.

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

Public Information is alive and well in Area 83 – I receive minutes and reports from many of our Districts – very active committees are distributing literature to schools, libraries, senior residences, community centres, police stations, food banks, speaking at local schools, participating in wellness fairs, placing advertisements in local newspapers, distributing Public Service Announcements (PSAs) to local media.

I have been invited to attend meetings of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) PI Committee – a committee of the PI Chairs of the 8 GTA District Chairs. This is a very active committee that coordinates many PI activities – recent activities included renewing a relationship with one of the school board’s Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program participating in school health fairs and presentations to the Board, a literature breakthrough with the YMCA Newcomer Information Centre with the initial distribution of 500 pamphlets, and a program of education with U of T medical students. I was also invited to participate in one of their presentations at a non-AA meeting with a local housing authority.

Most recently, I participated in a PI workshop at the joint General Service/Toronto Intergroup Information AA Day in Toronto on May 30 – a day to generate information and interest in AA service structure and opportunities.

One exciting new joint PI/CPC project is the launch of an Area 83 News Exchange, modelled after a similar newsletter in the US, to exchange information about PI and CPC work in the Districts of Area 83. Gary C, our CPC chair brought the idea to our joint PI/CPC meeting at Assembly – we are hoping that the first issue will be out later this month. As well as District news and upcoming events, I hope we can report on PI and CPC issues coming out of the General Service Conference.

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I was invited by GSO to volunteer with other Area PI Chairs from Canada and the US to staff the GSO PI booth for the first "Carry the Message Pavilion" at the 2015 International Convention in Atlanta – I am very excited about that opportunity.

I have been receiving minutes from many Districts – it is a great way to stay in touch District activity – please keep them coming and for others, please add me to your distribution list - this is a great way for me to stay up to date on PI information in your area.

I do have Public Information Kits available (for sale) if anyone needs one for their District chairs.

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

Yours in Service, Elaine H., Public Information Chairperson - Panel 65 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

b) Cooperation With The Professional Community

Gary C.

Hi everyone, I am an alcoholic, my name is Gary C. and a member of the Stonewall Group in Peterborough in District 86. I have the honour and privilege of serving as your CPC chairperson for this term. I was pleased to take part in the GTA "Information AA Day" on Saturday, May 30 in beautiful downtown Toronto. I look forward to being part of your District Service events when invited! I also encourage and thank all Districts for sending me your minutes which I do read. I have managed to attend a couple of the GTA CPC meetings held monthly at the GTA Intergroup and am much impressed at the level of activity there. Elaine and I (PI and CPC) are trying to get a News Exchange Letter off the ground and have asked for input from all of the District PI and CPC Chairs to help foster new ideas and compare notes, so to speak. My email is cpc@area83aa.org. In closing I say, Let Gratitude be your Attitude.

Gary C., Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson - Panel 65 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

c) Corrections Report

Robert B.

Who will be your District Bridging The Gap (BTG) corrections contact person for 1 Jan 2017? Bridging The Gap (BTG) at this time is going Okay. Still updating CF Chair list and who is the corrections BTG contact for each District. Please let me know any update info about BTG contacts for your Districts. Reminder that the BTG program has no value if the inmates are unaware that the program exists.

Bridging the Gap program statement- Bridging the Gap program is a service provided by Alcoholics Anonymous. It is a method of introducing inmates to AA on the outside. Upon your release, AA volunteer contacts will help you get to your first A.A. meeting and introduce you to the A.A. members in your area. Please fill out a Bridging The Gap form. Or talk to one of the AA volunteers.

I am happy to announce that the BTG statement is now being read at Warkworth Institution thanks to Richard F. CF Chair of district 30 and the other AA volunteers there. We have had 2 BTG requests from Warkworth.

Clement C. Corrections Coordinator at GSO has informed me that AA is making a new corrections video and they would like to interview inmates from Toronto. David T. has met and spoken with Canadian Federal official on correctional correspondence in Canada. Still a work in progress although David T & Peter N. are the driving force in area 83. Clement C. Corrections Coordinator at GSO has also expressed an interest in talking to us about correspondence in Canada.

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Corrections in the GTA is in very good shape. Moving eastward into more rural districts and less densely populated the ability to support multiple correctional facilities with literature becomes more of a problem. Like District 34, 42, and especially district 36 with 5 AA correctional meetings a week. We are hoping in the fall looking at mailing grapevine directly to correctional institutions by district who perhaps have no correctional facilities or even group.

Neil W. CF Chair of District 34 is coordinating AA participating in the John Howards pre-release Fair 2015 (June 22 to 25). I have order 30 pocket-size Big Books for a booth at the fair.

Thanks, Robert B., Corrections Facilities Chairperson - Panel 65 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

d) Treatment- Special Needs / Accessibility Report

Herb W.

Hello everyone, my name is Herb and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the Redwood Group in District 30 Quinte West and I have the privilege to serve as your Area 83 Treatment- Special Needs / Accessibility Chairperson.

Since my last report at the area assembly, I visited the District 34 Roundup in Marysville on May 2nd, the District 30 Roundup in Brighton on May 16th where I set up the Area display and I visited the District 34 and District 30 district committee meetings.

On May 30th I was invited to present at the Info A.A. Day hosted by the Toronto Intergroup and Districts in the Greater Toronto Area. Thank you for such a great service day

I would like to report that the enthusiasm from the district treatment chairpersons towards treatment and Bridging the Gap is second to none! I have offered help to any of the treatment chairs with Bridging the Gap outside of their Districts and I have had some passed on to me. In taking on that responsibility I have found numerous information errors that I have been made aware of. I have used the telephone as well as the computer to build better one to one contact with the Treatment chairs, which I realize is vital for effective twelve-step work. I have reaped the benefits by having people sharing their difficulties and issues within their districts and or respective committees but always realizing that the individual who is still suffering is of utmost importance! I never realized how many miracles happen through the whole Bridging the Gap program. I am so encourage when I am sent follow-ups on the individual's progress.

I am working on updating the display to include Special Needs – Accessibility and would appreciate any input. Remember, it's our display, so any direction would be of great help.

Please keep sending me your minutes and please feel free to invite me to any of your service events. It would be a privilege to help in any way I can. I could not possibly close without mentioning what a true honor it is to serve such a dedicated group of fellow alcoholics so dedicated to helping "The still suffering"

With true Gratitude, in service,

Herb W., Treatment- Special Needs/ Accessibility Chairperson - Panel 65 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

e) Grapevine Report

Jim A.

Hi friends, great to see you all again. I am an alcoholic, a member of East York in District 18 and my name is Jim A. I enjoy the privilege of serving you as your Area 83 Grapevine Chair.

Okay, only 202 days until Christmas. A 2016 pocket planner or Calendar makes a nice gift for sponsee and sponsor alike. Why wait till then! All Grapevine products make great gifts anytime. The gift of sobriety is the gift that keeps on giving.

DCM's will find an order form in your mailbox today. You and your GV chair will also be getting one electronically in the next week or two. Same process as previous years: bring this form back to this. Meeting in September with a District cheque payable to: Eastern Ont. International Area 83. No cash please. And now for the price, \$5 for pocket planners and \$10 for calendars. This price is based on all volume discounts

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and a 78 cent loonie. I have chosen this rate to err on side of prudence. My crystal ball can not predict the fx rate for the day we pay the invoice. A calculation of true price will be done once the invoice has been paid.

Please continue recycling old GV magazines via your GSRs. They are a ray of hope especially inside correction facilities. Or start a group lending library. Or leave it at your doctors, leave it. On the bus or subway. Be creative. Like the kind gentleman that gave me a copy of the Jan 1996 GV magazine to commemorate my dry date. A cherished keepsake for sure.

Thanks to area secretary for recent listing of district GV chairs. 14 now. We still need a few more district Gv chairs. DCM's please continue to ask.

Recent activities. May 16th Tri-District Service Day in Brighton. Infoday May 30th. D18 and 22 Archives Breakfast tomorrow June 7th. If you require Grapevine at your event ask locally first, but I am available if needed. Contact me at grapevine at area83aa.org

The most interesting question I have had recently: Why is it so hard to rip out the subscription form from the magazine? Answer: use scissors (thanks Joyce).

Grapevine subscription drive- after a slow start (7th on Apr 30th) Ontario has vaulted into the lead for all of Canada as of May 31st. Well done 83, and also to our friends in the other three areas. Its grape to be sober.

Yours in service, Jim A, Grapevine Chairperson - Panel 65 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

f) Self-Support Report

James O.

Good morning. My name is James O and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Early Morning Discussion Group and you have trusted me to be the Self Support chair for Area 83 for the 2015-16 term. Here is my report.

I really am grateful when DCMs send their District minutes to me so that I can then get a feel of what is going in our fellowship. When I was a DCM I thought that the area chairs were just being nosy and liked to sail my own ship. It seems I was wrong. Perhaps we are sailing in our own ships but we sail together, as an armada – our strength lies in the word “WE”. So I would like to send a special thank you to Districts who do send their minutes already and encourage those that do not to just think about why not.

District Highlights

D14 – Karen gave a very thorough report from the Assembly, discussed learning more about our need to be transparent, D14 seems to have a separate SS collection/account which is used to assist other committees to carry out our primary purpose

D26 – Alex is coordinating with D28 in showing our gratitude on Founders Day (June 10th) and the funds are to be divided in four equal parts

D62 – the Alternate DCM is the SS chair, they are working together with D58 on a Gratitude Day scheduled for June 14th – possibly at City Hall

Info AA Day

I had a chance to make a SS presentation on the Info AA Day partnering up with the Grapevine chair. Fantastic day and very well attended. It was a great opportunity to speak about how being self supporting is the silent river that flows beneath all our efforts to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

It is great to hear that many SS chairs are offering their services to do SS presentations at the groups in their Districts and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any help.

Yours in love and service, James O., Self Support Chairperson - Panel 65 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

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g) Archives Report

Linda D.

Good morning, my name is Linda; I am a member of the Land-O-Lakes group in Sharbot Lake and currently site as the Area 83 Archives Chair. Since our last meeting things have been fairly quiet. We held the 10th Annual Area 83 Archives workshop in Kingston. Although attendance was low the people who were there shared and learned a great deal. The members who gave presentations did an amazing job, thank you again to Peter N. Milner G and David T. I also was fortunate enough to have borrowed the new Archives Display from GSO. Our tour of the Queens Archives and the time spent with their Archivist was well worth the trip.

The Archives Newsletter, The 83, went out a little late and has been posted on the Area website. Anyone who has anything that they would like to see published in The 83 newsletter please email the information to me. Again, if you would like me to attend an event or just want to reach out about what to do with the “stuff” you have found feel free to do so.

Yours in service, Linda D., Archives Chairperson - Panel 65 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

7. Registrar's Report

Sue B.

I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Parkwood Hills Group in Ottawa, District 62. My name is Sue B. It continues to be an honour & privilege to serve the fellowship as your Panel 65 Area Registrar. Today is day 157 of our 730 day term. Yup, we're moving right along with a little more than 20% complete.

The roll call for today is 14 Area Officers (including Area Archivist, and Area Webmaster), 1 Immediate Past Delegate, 1 Past Delegate, 19 District Committee Members, 9 Alternate District Committee Members and 8 Visitors. For voting purposes, we have: 12 Area Officers eligible to vote (including 1 Immediate Past Delegate) and 21 District Committee Members for a total of 33 votes. Total delegation for this meeting is 50.

In order to not have as many unknown groups in Area 83, it will be up to you, the DCM's, to attempt to contact, or visit your District's unknown groups to investigate and report whether they are active or inactive. If they are still meeting, all we need is a contact person, along with their full mailing address to have an active group status. Some may still be meeting; wishing to be a service meeting instead. I ask that we please work together to continue to reduce the number of unknown groups within your District.

As a reminder, this term's New Group forms and Group Information Change forms, updated with my address and contact email (registrar@area83aa.org) have been posted on our Area website (www.area83aa.org) under Resources, then District Resources. They can be sent to me via email, or snail mail. 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 these numbers, please have them email me and I shall send them off to them.

If you know of any GSR's who have yet to receive their kits, please see me either over lunch, or after the meeting. I'd like to thank the Districts who sent me all their new information and changes for the new Directory coming out in August. The information was received on time which allowed me to meet my deadline with GSO. Thank you to the Districts that send me your minutes; I do read them. If I am not on your District's distribution list, I would love to be added. Once again, thank you for your trust in me, and with the opportunity to serve.

Yours in Love and Grateful Service, Sue B., Registrar - Panel 65 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

Kimberly M.

Hi friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Ajax Area Group in District 26, and my name is Kimberley. I have the privilege to serve Area 83 as your Treasurer.

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In the District Committee Members mail folders you will find 2 Area 83 contribution envelopes. Please share these with your District and Group Treasurers for future contributions. Several of the envelopes are available on the side table, so please help yourself. Also in the DCM mail folders, as well as the Area Committee Members folders you will find copies of the financial statement for the period ending June 3, 2015. Copies of these are available on the side table and let's go through the numbers now.

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.

Thank you to the 92 Groups and 7 Districts that have made financial contributions to Area 83 this year. As of June 3, 2015 all cheques received were deposited and receipts along with return contribution envelopes were sent out.

Total income for the period is \$19,951.28 and total expenses for the period are \$23,157.08. To date expenses are \$3,205.80 higher than income.

The bank opening balance on January 1, 2015 was \$18,927.31.

Total income of \$19,951.28 less expenses of \$23,157.08 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$15,721.51 as of June 3, 2015.

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

Please note that as mentioned at the Assembly, we have sent approximately \$4000 less to the General Service Conference for the Assessment than last year. As our finances allow, we will send more, as long as it doesn't affect our prudent reserve. The goal being, to send the full amount before the year end. We have not sent any additional monies yet since our operating account currently has \$4,568.48 less in it than last year at this time.

The second page shows details of expenses. Here we see an itemized breakdown of expenses for the period. The top section lists Committee Members expenses to date, and the bottom section lists all other expenses to date.

The Miscellaneous amount under the Spring Assembly covers equipment rental (\$280), Archives room (\$195), overhead projector rental (\$84) and set up of the ballroom(\$600). Taxes not included in these amounts. Page 3 shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from the District, as well as Groups within the District.

The 7th Tradition today was \$248.95. Thank for your generous contributions.

Yours in Love and Service, Kimberley M., Treasurer - Panel 65 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

[See Appendix - Financial Statements]

9. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dan N.

Good day. I am an alcoholic, a member of the Royal York Group in District 02 and currently serve as your Secretary for Area 83 and my name is Dan N. In my absence, I've asked our Registrar, Sue B, to read my report. Before our term elections, I had booked a vacation to Europe and am not present for this Committee meeting.

I have completed my first round of Area Assembly and Committee minutes and this was very interesting especially with the Spring Assembly and the motions and voting on the Area 83 involvement at the 2015 International Conference. I can certainly use the experience in putting future minutes together for our Area. Minutes of the Jan. 3rd Area Committee and Spring Assembly have been sent out via email and per procedure, the Jan. 3rd Area Committee minutes, for those of you who have asked for hard copies, have been placed in your folders today. Also in your folders are 2 copies each of today's agenda, the most current Alternate and District Committee Member lists and the most current district roster for your individual district.

All Area 83 rosters have been updated and are current according the information that I have received. Please go over your district roster to ensure accuracy and all filled positions are in fact correctly represented. When the vacant positions are filled, please report this to me promptly through a district change form. This is important so that area chairs can have the most up to date information to do their service work.

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Thank you to all who attended the Secretary/Registrar workshop during the Service Information Day at this past Spring Assembly. I would encourage you to attend at least 1 presentation so you can get a better understanding of what our work entails and its importance.

I'd like to highlight ways to correspond within our Area. First, the email address to submit changes, your Area reports and secretary related queries is secretary@area83aa.org and the downloadable district change form is available on our area website www.area83aa.org. When submitting your committee reports, please remember to submit these in a Word formatted document as this makes for a smooth transcription process and I thank you in advance for this and for those who have submitted your reports to me already.

Please remember to get your report to me from today's meeting through email as soon as you can and continue to send me your district minutes as I enjoy reading them. I thank you for the opportunity to be of service as Area 83 Secretary and for the trust that you have placed in me.

Yours in love and service, Dan N., Secretary - Panel 65 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

10. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

Kim S.

Hi my name is Kim, a member of the St Clement's Group and I am an alcoholic. I am honoured to serve as your Alternate Delegate.

I would like to say thank you for your response to my request for book donations for Remote Communities in Area 85. Your interest in helping Remote Communities has been fantastic. I have received some books and a monetary donation as well. The Remote Communities Conference call was May 18 and the next one is July 20.

I participated in the East York Roundup on April 18 by giving an overview of Area 83. I attended the Joint Sharing meeting at the Toronto Intergroup office. I also attended the joint service day in Oshawa on May 24th to hear our Delegate's first conference report. Who by the way did a great job! It was a great day that well planned and well attended. I also participated in the Toronto Info AA Day by giving a General Service overview. Another fabulous day!

I will be attending the service day in Cornwall on June 13 as I am following Joyce around for a bit. Rest assured this is not costing Area 83 any expenses as I watch and learn from Joyce.

Please continue to send me your minutes. I read them and feel connected to your districts. I am not receiving minutes from all the Districts so if I am not on your distribution please have me added.

Yours in love & service, Kim S., Alternate Delegate - Panel 65 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

11. DELEGATE'S REPORT

Joyce S.

Hello, everyone. I am an alcoholic, a member of the St. Clement's Group in District 10 and my name is Joyce. It is also my honour to serve the fellowship as your Area 83 Panel 65 Delegate. Since we last met at the Spring Assembly, I have participated in the following:

1) Attended the 65th General Service Conference from April 19th to April 25th at the Crowne Plaza in Manhattan. This time the experience was quite different from last year. What an experience and honour!

2) I have already given my report about what happened at the conference to Districts 26, 28, 82 & 86 in Oshawa on Sunday, May 24th. I would like to thank District 26 for reimbursing me for my travel.

3) Information AA Day for Districts 2,6,10,12,14,16,18,22 was held on Saturday, May 30 in District 10. The guest speaker, Racy, from our General Service Office did a fabulous job telling her personal story and how she talked about her position on the desk of Co-Operation with the Professional Community at the office. It appears to me there are more in attendance when four or more districts get together. Both days were very well organized. I always enjoy meeting new members to service and the questions I receive throughout the day.

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4) Facilitated a group inventory for the Whitby Group on May 2nd.

For upcoming events I have scheduled the following:

- Next Saturday, June 13th I will be giving the Delegate's report in Cornwall for District's 42, 48 & 50
- Then the next day, on Sunday, June 14th I will be in Ottawa for District's 54, 58 and 62. Again, I would like to thank the Ottawa District's for arranging to have their service day while I am out that way. It sure saves on travel and expenses. A member in Ottawa whose name is Debbie has graciously invited me to stay at her place while there. Much appreciated and I look forward to the weekend.
- On June 20th I have been asked to facilitate a group inventory for the Twelve Traditions Group in Pickering and have received the group's permission for the District 26 Committee Member, Amy L. to be an observer. This way she will gain some experience in order to accept invitations in the future to facilitate inventories on her own.

I have not been approached by Districts 30, 34, 36, 66, 70, 74 & 78 as to whether they will be holding a service day. I understand and realize that not all districts have service days, however, I would like to make sure that I am not missing something. If you are planning a service day, please let me know so that arrangements can be made.

Please continue to have your District Secretaries send me your minutes as I enjoy reading them. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83.

Yours in Love and Service, Joyce S. Delegate - Panel 65 Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Agenda Item 4

(Acceptance of previous minutes deferred from this morning).
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Has everyone had the opportunity to review the minutes of the January 3rd, 2015 Area Committee meeting minutes?

Are there any errors or omissions in the minutes?

I would entertain a motion to accept the January 3rd, 2015 ACM minutes as submitted.

Motioned: Miles C., District Committee Member for District 30

Seconded: Elaine H., Public Information Chair

Discussion- None

All those in favour of the motion

All those opposed to the motion- None

Any abstentions- None

Result: Carried

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

Motioned: Amy L., District Committee Member of District 26

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Seconded: Linda D., Archives Chair

Discussion- None

Result: Carried

12. OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business to be brought forward.

13. NEW BUSINESS

a) Report from Ad-Hoc Committee on Area Inventory Sandy S., Panel 59 Delegate

The Committee formed to do the Area Inventory consists of Katrina E., District Committee Member for District 18, Patrick G., District Committee Member for District 62 and Jim S., District Committee Member for District 82 and chaired by Panel 59 Delegate Sandy S. Patrick G. presented the report on behalf of Sandy.

Surveys (anonymous) can be completed via hard copy or on-line and are to be submitted by September 30, 2015. Submissions will be compiled and the Committee will meet at the October Area Assembly. Final results will be submitted at the December Area Committee meeting.

b) To allow flyers for AA events with reference to Al-anon or Al-ateen to be posted on the Area 83 website

Miles C., DCM District 30

Motioned: Miles C., District Committee Member of District 30

Seconded: Amy L., District Committee Member of District 26

Currently, per Area 83 Operating Procedures, any flyers with Al-Non or Al-ateen reference is not posted on the website.

Discussion

Question called- Les M., District Committee Member of District 34

All in favour of calling the question: 25

Opposed: 3

Abstained: 3

Question called.

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All those in favour of the motion- 5

All those opposed to the motion- 20

Any abstentions- 5

Voice of the minority: anyone who voted for the minority interested in speaking to the motion- None

Result: Defeated

c) Discuss Area 83 hosting the 2020 Eastern Canada Regional Forum Joyce S., Area 83 Delegate

Every two years an Area in Eastern Canada is scheduled to host a Regional Forum. The last time Area 83 hosted a Forum was in 2000 at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston. Joyce asked that we consider hosting the 2020 Forum.

History of Regional Forums is included in your mail slots (see Appendix). The Ambassador Hotel was contacted and they have responded they could handle such a Forum (seating for 500- 600 attendees). The General Service Office pays for the whole Forum. The GSO is asking for a recommended City that could accommodate rooms, etc.

She asked that we this this information back to the Groups and Districts on this opportunity and we could discuss further at the September Area Committee.

(d) Appointment of Area 83 Alternate Webmaster Aaron W. for disapproval. Rob M., Area 83 Chair

After consultation with our Area Webmaster Jim R. I have appointed Aaron Area 83 Alternate Webmaster. Aaron wasn't able to be here today as he is attending a wedding. He has served as Webmaster for Area 82 as well as Treasurer for his group in Nova Scotia before moving to Area 83 in 2014. Jim and I both agree that he has the experience and qualifications necessary to be the Area's Alternate Webmaster. Does anyone disapprove of Aaron Webber serving as Area 83 Alternate Webmaster?

No disapprovals

A warm welcome to Aaron on his new position.

(e) Discuss sending the Alternate Delegate to the Local Forum in Timmins from September 12-13/15
Joyce S., Area 83 Delegate

Occasionally, an Area will request GSO to assist in a local Forum to be held in their Area. Area 84 North East Ontario has made the request and arrangements have been made for a local Forum to be held on September 12/ 13th 2015 in Timmins. This is the same time as our Area 83 Area Committee meeting already scheduled. Joyce has suggested our Alternate Delegate Kim S. attend the Forum.

Motioned: David B., Alternate District Committee Member of District 6

Seconded: Kelly D., District Committee Member of District 50

Discussion: None

All those in favour of the motion-28

All those opposed to the motion- None

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Any abstentions- 3

Motion- Carried

(f) Discuss cost effectiveness and self-supporting in the Area as a Committee Jim A., Grapevine Chair

A discussion on how we do things in AA. For example, having coffee at Area Assembly but the 7th Tradition is not covering the cost. Can we do it another way? Can we do better with what we currently do during this current Area 83 term?

Discussion:

- reviewed various costs (example, agendas physically printed and put in mailboxes for Area Committee, area Assembly)
- beverage costs at Area Assembly- should we pay for coffee?
- should we buy AV equipment for Area Assembly?
- 2016 Ambassador contract is signed (rooms, coffee, etc.) and has been committed. Beverages are \$13 per person (based on number of registered guests)
- If we cut out the Banquet, the total cost for Ambassador Hotel for an Area Assembly would increase considerably as there is a profit margin they need to receive.

14. *SHARING – WHAT’S ON YOUR MIND?*

A number of items were presented for the benefit of AA.

15. *NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING*

RobM. – Area Chairperson

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on September 12th, 2015. Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?

Motioned: Ray R., District Committee Member of District 02

Seconded: Patrick G., District Committee Member of District 62

Vote: All in favour

Result: Carried

Just a reminder that the Fall Assembly is October 23rd- 25th, 2015 at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston.

CLOSING

It is now 2:53 pm and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you all a safe drive home. May I have a motion to end this meeting?

Motioned: Sean K., District Committee Member of District 12

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Seconded: Jim S., District Committee Member of District 82

Result: Carried

CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION:

**I AM RESPONSIBLE...WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE, REACHES OUT FOR HELP, I WANT THE HAND
OF A.A. ALWAYS TO BE THERE...AND FOR THAT: I AM RESPONSIBLE.**

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Appendix- Financial Statements

EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83

AS OF: June 3 , 2015

RESERVE ACCOUNT		Actual
January 1, 2015 Opening Balance		20,000.00
Interest		
Transfer to Operating Account		0.00
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE		20,000.00

INCOME		
7th Tradition		2,921.15
Cost Recoveries		521.10
Flow Through to GSO		0.00
Grapevine Seasonals		
Group & District Contributions		16,509.03
	TOTAL INCOME	19,951.28
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE		0.00
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS		19,951.28

EXPENSES		
Accommodations		3,622.07
Meals		6,200.05
Travel		3,950.65
Long Distance		0.00
Postage		124.51
Printing		1,293.71
Literature		698.19
Stationery		7.00
Miscellaneous		2,935.61
Area Web Site		0.00
	Total Committee Expenses	18,831.79
Ad Hoc Committees		0.00
Area Contribution to GSO		0.00
Area Committee Meetings		291.65
General Service Conf. Assessment		2,557.50
Bank Service Charges		0.00
Forums		0.00
CERAASA		645.96
Grapevine Seasonal		0.00
GSO Flow Through		0.00
Ontario Delegate's Conference		830.18
	Total Other Expenses	4,325.29
TOTAL EXPENSES		23,157.08

OPERATING ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2015		18,927.31
Total Income & Transfers		19,951.28
Total Expenses		-23,157.08
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE		15,721.51

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GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF June 6 , 2015

District	00	Unspecified	\$0.00
District	02	Malton	\$1,621.43
District	06	Mississauga	\$625.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$1,457.10
District	12	Toronto South West	\$109.50
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$1,562.00
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$160.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$1,224.63
District	22	Scarborough	\$630.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$809.19
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$816.34
District	30	Quinte West	\$450.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$790.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$500.00
District	38	Thousand Islands	\$0.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$259.60
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$200.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$580.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$596.87
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$98.15
District	62	Ottawa West	\$1,014.70
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$1,150.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$200.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$430.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$150.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$400.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$674.52

Total Contributions YTD: \$16,509.03

92	Groups Contributing	Total from Groups	\$13,639.98
7	Districts Contributing	Total from Districts	\$2,869.05

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Position	<u>Accomodations</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Travel</u>	<u>Long Distance</u>	<u>Postage</u>	<u>Printing</u>	<u>Literature</u>	<u>Stationery</u>	<u>Misc.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Annual Guideline</u>	<u>Balance +/-</u>	<u>YTD Usage</u>
Delegate	0.00	118.91	223.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	342.41	3090.00	2747.59	11.08%
Alt. Delegate	0.00	83.55	241.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	325.05	1685.00	1359.95	19.29%
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	970.00	970.00	0.00%
Chairperson	0.00	100.00	246.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	198.35	544.75	920.00	375.25	59.21%
Secretary	0.00	129.82	202.60	0.00	0.00	718.12	0.00	0.00	3.50	1054.04	1190.00	135.96	88.57%
Treasurer	0.00	76.01	208.30	0.00	124.51	307.86	0.00	0.00	94.31	810.99	1710.00	899.01	47.43%
Registrar	0.00	63.33	70.00	0.00	0.00	77.28	0.00	0.00	152.29	362.90	1725.00	1362.10	21.04%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	232.78	88.97	345.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	667.55	1725.00	1057.45	38.70%
Archives	96.62	109.51	291.90	0.00	0.00	9.04	282.67	0.00	338.70	1128.44	2040.00	911.56	55.32%
Archivist	232.78	108.24	343.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	684.02	2040.00	1355.98	33.53%
Cooperation with the P.C.	0.00	41.22	532.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.22	1395.00	821.78	41.09%
Corrections Facilities	0.00	50.00	313.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	218.43	0.00	0.00	581.68	1615.00	1033.32	36.02%
Grapevine	0.00	107.75	175.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	282.75	1095.00	812.25	25.82%
Public Information	0.00	98.50	330.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	197.09	0.00	0.00	625.99	1445.00	819.01	43.32%
Self Support	0.00	93.17	315.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.25	412.42	1395.00	982.58	29.56%
Treatment Facilities	0.00	91.00	112.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.00	0.00	210.00	1245.00	1035.00	16.87%
Service Info Day Cmte	732.09	442.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	181.41	0.00	0.00	834.69	2190.75	4564.69	2373.94	47.99%
Spring Assembly	2327.80	4397.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1309.52	8034.83	8940.00	905.17	89.88%
Fall Assembly			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8940.00	8940.00	0.00%
COMMITTEE EXP.	\$ 3,622.07	\$ 6,200.05	\$ 3,950.65	\$ -	\$ 124.51	\$ 1,293.71	\$ 698.19	\$ 7.00	\$ 2,935.61	\$ 18,831.79	\$ 47,729.69	\$ 28,897.90	39.46%
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300.00	300.00	0.00%
Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	291.65	291.65	950.00	658.35	30.70%
Area GSO Contributions													
Bank Charges									-	-	250.00	250.00	0.00%
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,840.00	1,840.00	0.00%
CERAASA	494.96	116.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	35.00	645.96	724.51	78.55	89.16%
Grapevine Seasonal											4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00%
GSC Assessment										2,557.50	9,562.50	7,005.00	26.75%
GSO Flow Through										-	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
Ont Delegates Conf.	601.16	99.02	112.00	-	-	-	-	-	18.00	830.18	818.98	-11.20	101.37%
OTHER EXPENSE\$	\$ 1,096.12	\$ 215.02	\$ 112.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 344.65	\$ 4,325.29	\$ 19,945.99	\$ 15,620.70	21.69%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,718.19	\$ 6,415.07	\$ 4,062.65	\$ -	\$ 124.51	\$ 1,293.71	\$ 698.19	\$ 7.00	\$ 3,280.26	\$ 23,157.08	\$ 67,675.68	\$ 44,518.60	34.22%

Income Summary	
June 3, 2015	
7th Tradition	2,921.15
Bank Interest	-
GSO Flow through	-
Contributions	16,509.03
Cost recoveries	521.10
Grapevine Seasonal	-
Total Income	\$19,951.28

June 3, 2015	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	Change
Income To Date			
	19,951.28	20,079.65	(128.37)
Expenses To Date			
	23,157.08	30,223.53	(7,066.45)
Net Change To Operating Account			
	\$ 3,205.80	\$ 10,143.88	\$ 6,938.08
Contributions			
	\$16,509.03	\$17,129.30	-\$620.27
Contributing Groups			
	92	80	12
Contributing Districts			
	7	10	-3

Appendix- Regional Forum Information



A unique opportunity
for A.A. members to
share their experience,
strength and hope.

An invitation for you!
From the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous

ALL A.A. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME
FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES ENCOURAGED

THE HISTORY AND PURPOSE OF REGIONAL FORUMS AND LOCAL FORUMS

Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris, then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure.

REGIONAL FORUMS Originally, at the invitation of a region, four Regional Forums were held each year. Since the U.S./Canada service structure is composed of eight regions, a Regional Forum was held in alternate years in each region on a rotating basis.

The location and agenda for Regional Forums are decided jointly by the Regional Trustee, Area Delegates and G.S.O. The responsibility for initiating contact with the hotel is assumed by a local A.A. Host Contact working with the Forums Coordinator and Regional Trustee. The Forums Coordinator at G.S.O. distributes registration forms to groups and service workers throughout the region and, working with the Host Contact and Regional Trustee, coordinates the details of the Forum.

There is no registration fee for Regional Forums. The General Service Board covers the expenses of meeting rooms. In many places, area committees, districts and groups cover or defray the transportation and lodging expenses of the trusted servants representing them at a Forum.

LOCAL FORUMS In October 2006, the concept of Local Forums was approved by the General Service Board. The purpose of Local Forums is to bring Forum information to A.A. members in remote, sparsely populated areas, urban neighborhoods or underserved A.A. communities. Any A.A. community or service entity may request a one-and-a-half or two day Local Forum. Unlike Regional Forums, the responsibility for Forum expenses such as meeting room rental and miscellaneous expenses are assumed by the Local Forum Committee. The General Service Board will send two participants, one from the Board and one from the General Service Office or Grapevine office and display literature at Board expense. Like Regional and Additional Forums, Board participation in Local Forums requires the approval of the trustees' Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums. The Regional Forums Coordinator works closely with the Local Forum organizing committee to create an agenda that is responsive to local needs.

As all Forums are intended to be sharing sessions, no formal actions result. Sharing at Forums is captured in Forum Final Reports which are distributed to all attendees. Regional Forums Final Reports are available on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site. Forums provide unique opportunities to share and exchange valuable experience, ask questions and spark new ideas. Regional Forums and Local Forums carry A.A.'s message of love and service by improving communication at all levels of our Fellowship.

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REGIONAL FORUMS- HOST CONTACT DUTIES

The primary responsibility of the host city contact is to act as initial liaison between G.S.O. and the hotel at which the Forum will be held. In selecting a hotel or meeting facility, the host contact should keep in mind that the usual requirements are:

1. A Conference room, seating about 500- 600 (or more) people theater style. (This varies depending on expected attendance.)
2. Five to Six breakout rooms, seating for 75-100 each theater style with a head table for workshops.
3. Meeting rooms free of charge, if possible (or at minimal charge).
4. A block of sleeping rooms 75-100 rooms for Friday night and Saturday night to be held for us until the hotel's designated cutoff date. (Or more if they can be released without penalty two to four weeks ahead of time.)
5. Meeting rooms:
 - For general sessions:

Friday	10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. ¹
Saturday	9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.-2:00p.m.
 - Five to Six breakout rooms for workshops:

Saturday ONLY	7:00-8:15 p.m. and 8:45-9:45 p.m. ²
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6. There is no food functions associated with the Forum.
7. If the hotel dining room capacity is not enough to accommodate most Forum-goers, it is important that there be other restaurants and coffee shops located nearby.
8. Easy accessibility between the hotel and the airport is important.
9. The hotel should be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
10. No taping of Forums is permitted.

Additionally:

11. The host committee may make arrangements with the hotel for coffee. Please note that A.A.W.S. does not cover any coffee expenses for Forums.
12. No A.A. meetings are scheduled as part of the Forum. Host committee may make their own arrangements for A.A. meetings, but not during Forum sessions.

After the hotel is selected, A.A. World Services, Inc. will communicate with the hotel contact and make necessary arrangements for a Letter of Agreement Contract with the hotel, and will pick up the charges for:

- a. Sleeping Rooms for members of the boards and G.S.O. staff in attendance.
- b. Rental charges for Audio Visual equipment i.e., microphones, screens, etc.

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- c. Simultaneous translation (French, Spanish and/or A.S.L.) as required.

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REGIONAL FORUMS-HOST COMMITTEE DUTIES

The host contact will need a committee of at least 10 members to help out with the following:

1. Registration: Please assign a Registration Chairperson. At least 2-4 people should be available on the desk, and relief teams as needed. My assistant will provide all necessary office supplies for the Registration Desk. Registration is scheduled for:
 - 2:00 through 10:00 p.m. on Friday {1 p.m. training session for chair}
 - 8:30 a.m. through 10:00 p.m. on Saturday
 - 8:30 through 10:00 a.m. on Sunday for late arrivals
2. Literature Displays: Four people are needed to help set up on Friday at 10:30 a.m. Also, three people to be available at 12:00 noon Sunday after the closing, to help pack last minute boxes going back to GSO.
3. Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to serve as:
 - A) Greeters to Welcome Forum attendees at hotel/facility near the registration desk from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday on the first day of the Forum.
 - B) Greet attendees at the doors at the beginning of General Session
4. Translations Equipment: Volunteers will be needed all weekend to check translation equipment in and out, with busy times an hour before the opening session on Friday and again on Sunday after the close of the Forum.
5. Workshops: Someone is needed to place and remove workshop signs on the workshop room doors at 6:30p.m. and 8:15p.m.
6. Ask-It-Basket: Please provide one large container marked "Ask-It-Basket." Pencils and paper will be provided by the Regional Forums assistant.
7. A.A. Meetings: A.A. meetings may be scheduled throughout the weekend at designated times, but hosts should make arrangements for a room directly with the hotel. A.A.W.S. does not contract or pay for A.A. meeting or hospitality rooms. A.A. Meetings can be scheduled to take place on Friday at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday and/or Sunday at 7:30 a.m. Please do not schedule during Forum sessions.
8. Coffee: The Host Committee makes coffee arrangements with the hotel or other facility where a Forum is to take place. A.A.W.S. does not pay for coffee.
9. Ice Cream: Usually the host committee chair works with the hotel to provide a self-support ice cream social on Friday and/or Saturday nights after the Forum activities end. This ice cream social is totally optional.
10. Hospitality Suite: Some host areas provide a hospitality suite. Please consult with G.S.O.'s Forums Coordinator for past experience.
11. Attraction Committee: You may wish to set up a committee to encourage attendance at the Forum within the English and Spanish-speaking groups. Some committees have delivered registration flyers to as many groups as possible in the host city, and worked with local A.A. entities {district/area/intergroup/central offices) to inform local A.A. members about the upcoming Forum. It is best to direct the groups to go to www.aa.org for further information.

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