

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

**Area Committee Meeting
Minutes**

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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: Jim R., Area 83 Webmaster

12 Concepts (Short Form): Janice D., Alternate District Committee Member for District 82

Welcome to Quinte West. It's great to see everyone here today. This is our third 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 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.

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.

Introduction of officers

On my right, our Panel 65 Delegate Joyce S

Our Alt. Delegate Kim S is at the local forum in Timmins

On my immediate left is our Secretary Dan N

Beside Dan is our Treasurer Kimberley M

Beside Kimberley is our Registrar Sue B

And I'm your Chairperson Rob M

Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

Public Information Chairperson Elaine H

Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson Gary C

Correctional Facilities Chairperson Robert B

Treatment- Accessibility/Special Needs Chairperson Herb W

Grapevine Chairperson Jim A

Self-Support Chairperson James O

Archives Chairperson Linda D

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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 49 Past Delegate Barry W

Panel 51 Past Delegate Joe D and currently serving as Class B Trustee of the General Service Board & Director of AA World Services

Panel 57 Past Delegate Dot D

Appointed positions:

Area Archivist – David T

Area Webmaster – Jim R

Housekeeping:

Our meeting schedule up to and including tentative dates to the end of June 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 Assembly and Service Information Day takes place on October 23rd - 25th. 2015.

The next Area Committee meeting takes place on January 2nd. 2016.

Year	Month	Date	What	Where
2015	October	Oct 23, 24, 25	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
2016	January	January 2	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2016 (tentative)	March	March 18,19,20	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
2016 (tentative)	June	June 4	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church

Please note that Spring Assembly is early because of Easter.

You can book rooms by calling Ambassador and mentioning Assembly, can't be booked 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.

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

Seating:

As much as possible District Committee Members and Sub-Committee chairs sit on the outside of the tables. Alternate District Committee Members on the inside. Visitors and Past Delegates are asked to sit at the tables set up at the side of the room. This seating arrangement helps to facilitate the voting.

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Who votes?

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

How do we vote?

Procedure:

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

Minority Opinion:

A.A. has always protected the voice and opinion of the minority. When we have a vote, unless the voting is unanimous, or if the vote was to cover items such as acceptance of minutes, I will ask if anyone wishes to speak to the minority. To be able to do this, you must have voted with the minority on the motion. **If, after the minority has spoken, someone from the majority side of the vote wishes to change their vote, that person may make a motion to reconsider.** If this is seconded and passes by a simple majority, we start discussion again on the *original* motion.

Calling the Question:

During the discussion on a motion, a member, once recognized by the Chair, may move to "call the question". This is a motion to end discussion and move to the vote. This motion needs to be seconded, is not debatable, and requires a 2/3 majority to pass. If it passes, we go directly to the vote of the motion or amendment we were discussing. I would caution you not to use this privilege too often or too early – many 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 welcome to participate and their opinions will be heard.

Floor Motions

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

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: Les M., District Committee Member for District 34
Seconded: Bryan M., District Committee Member for District 48
Discussion

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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

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

OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED- None

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

13 (d) Discussion on using overhead projectors at Area Assembly

13 (e) Term Length of Archivist

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

Motioned: Patrick G., District Committee Member for District 62
Seconded: Darlene K., District Committee Member for District 54

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 Balfour has circulated the attendance sheets – please sign in the appropriate spot – there is also a separate section for visitors.

4. Review and acceptance of minutes of the Area Committee Meeting of June 6th, 2015.

Minutes of the June 6th, 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 Reports (Sequence of reports drawn from the hat)

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

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I would ask members to come up to the mike 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.

District 02 - Malton

I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Last Chance Group, serving as the District Committee Member for Malton District 02 and my name is R.

Our district will be reconvening on Sept 13th after taking a break for the summer, but we continued to fill our commitments in the treatment, corrections and bridging the gap programs.

Attendance at meetings was less than usual, and that reflected in group contributions, but now with summer out of the way, I'm confident things will pick up.

Our district is planning to have our annual Service Day, and the date has been set for November 21 at the Church of Christ in Brampton. Our Alt. Delegate Kim S has agreed to be our main speaker for the event. Flyers will soon be available and it will also be posted on the Toronto Intergroup website.

I have circulated the Area 83 Survey to the GSR's, who in turn distributed it to the groups, and hopefully there'll be some good response from that. Throughout the summer, I've kept the groups informed about the business of AA, such as the appointment of the new general manager for GSO, and the sad state of our revenue at head office. I'm sure there'll be some good discussions once we resume our meetings.

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

District 06 - Mississauga

Good morning everyone and welcome. My name is David B, I am a member of the Lakeshore Group and I have the privilege of sitting as the ADCM for District 6 and I am an alcoholic. Chris H our DCM is unable to attend today due to family concerns and sends his regrets.

District 6 has been moderately busy during the summer months. All of our committee chairs are occupied with only three of the Alternate chair positions vacant. Our new website is up and running and thanks to Nat our webmaster for a great job so visit us and take a look. Our Treatment commitments continue to be met with meetings at Jean Tweed and Cawthra Shelter being covered and literature being supplied to them both along with the PAARC Facility.

Financially District 6 is sound although group contributions this year are down by \$1200 compared to the same time last year. The main reasons for the current drop is the decision by some groups to send their contributions directly to GSO rather than to District as the normal practice at District is to split with Area and GSO. Also there has been no communication from Area as how to address the declining contributions from the groups or Districts and no communication on addressing expense management along with how the spending guidelines are presented. For the first time in my participation at the District Table a motion for a split between Area and GSO was defeated with a new motion passed to send funds to the General Service Office only with the groups waiting to hear through today's meeting what the Area committees thoughts and or actions for the future might be.

Our Grapevine order has been placed and it is \$200 less than last years order. I hope everyone has had a great summer and look forward to seeing everyone in Kingston next month.

As always yours in love and service
David B., Alternate District Committee Member for District 6

District 10 - Toronto South Central

Good afternoon everyone, I'm a grateful alcoholic member of the Mount Royal group and I am privileged to serve as committee member for District 10; my name is Marty.

To be honest District 10 has been going through some growing pains lately. Personal circumstances have resulted in some of our table members having to step down. The position of Alternate DCM and most recently Treatment chair became vacant. This was however very short lived, and thankfully some like-minded, service driven members did in fact rise to the occasion. I'm happy to announce that these positions are now filled.

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The next rather unfortunate is finances. I have been at the District table for over three years now and I have never seen the finances so low. We are covering our expenses, but not much more than that. We have just made a small contribution to Area and GSO leaving us with our prudent reserve.

On a more positive note, our round-up committee is still actively planning for District 10's annual event to be held on Saturday November 21st at 'The 519' centre located on Church St just north of Wellesley. This year's theme is '***Celebrating Diversity in AA***', we hope to have flyers at the Area Assembly in October.

We have touched base with two 'dark groups' and got the lights turned back on. These groups have had no active GSR and contact information was not confirmed, but happily they are now updated and in the loop.

Our District meeting attendance has been up and down lately, which I suppose is to be expected over the summer months; July was 61% but in August, a mere 52 % of the 21 groups were represented. All in all; I am still very happy to call South Central Toronto AA my home.

I am truly blessed for this opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

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

District 12 - Toronto South West

Good Morning everyone, 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 have 13 active groups in the District and our meeting is very well attended with both GSR's and there alternates in attendance. Our District finances are in good shape. All of our sub-committees are filled with the exception of Grapevine. We now have 7 Service commitments in the District with the addition of the Mount Dennis service meeting. They are being looked after on a monthly rotation basis.

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 is running well and we are fulfilling our other service commitments. We have been able to recruit a full time registrar and fill the positions of Archives and Access-Ability Chairs, so our District is now fully stocked with eager service officers. We had attendance of approximately three-quarters of our active groups at our August District meeting.

As attendance has improved, so have the contributions we have been receiving at District. In July we were able to send on \$1,000 to Area and the same amount to GSO. In addition we will be funding our new Archive Chair, Rick O's attendance at an International Archives Conference being held in Cleveland, Ohio in October.

Financially, District 14's Self-Support balance is healthy thanks to the contributions from our Groups' 12-Step cans and we have been able to use these funds to purchase literature for our Public Information, C.P.C., Treatment and Corrections programs. In addition, several groups in our district made donations of literature to pass on to our Alt. DCM/Remote Communities Chair Kim S.

In August, I attended a 35-year medallion for one of my early service mentors, Courtney R. of the Living Sober Group. I mention this in the context of a District report because of the 100-plus people in attendance that night, I recognized close to 50 who were either currently in service positions at our district or had done so in the past decade. To borrow a phrase from our Area Grapevine Chair, Jim A., this is further evidence that 'Service Rocks' in District 14 and Area 83.

Alternate DCM David B. had been busy organizing our upcoming District 14 Service Day taking place Saturday, October 17 at the Thornhill Presbyterian Church at 271 Centre Street in Thornhill. A full roster of presenters will be on hand and a free pizza lunch will be served. Our keynote speaker for the event will be our Delegate Joyce S. I hope many of you who live in the general vicinity of District 14 will join us for a day of Service, Fun and Fellowship.

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

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District 16 - Distrito Hispano de Toronto

Good morning everyone my name is Cesar H, I am an alcoholic. My home group is group Unidad. I am glad to be here today. As a DCM of district 16 Linguistic district (Spanish language).

Our district represents seven groups in the greater Toronto area and kitchener. Not all the groups have GSRS At the moment. But most groups support the district financially. They continue to hold open meetings or group anniversaries. One group had a 25 year anniversary and the other group 29 year anniversary in keeping the doors open for the newcomers.

Our district has 3 service committees up and running, corrections committee, la Vina, and Archives and we hope in the future of finding new members interested in service. The Spanish intergroup is active with different activities within the Spanish community ordering Spanish literature; they meet 3 times a month. They continue to reach out through their committees. They continue to post information about AA thru the local Spanish newspapers. District 16 continues to meet three times a month. 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 will invite other groups, intergroup and district in the near future. They will also invite the Area 83 committee chairs to participate in la semana de Unidad. We will be discussing the second and fifth traditions and we welcome anyone who wishes to share with district 16. Don't feel bad if you don't know Spanish as we will do what we can to make you feel welcome. Also I want to mention that our district has a website which links with Area 83 with all the group's names, address, time of the meetings and we keep updating it every week. We are supporting Area 83 with some small contributions.

This is all I have and I thank you for your support. I just want to thank Area 83 and District 16 in allowing me to serve as DCM.

God bless you.

Cesar H., District Committee Member for District 16

District 18 - Toronto City East

Hi, I'm Katrina and I'm an alcoholic, member of Joy in Sobriety group, and the District Committee Member for District 18 Toronto East.

Our district meetings are well attended, with around 20 people per meeting. The table voted in June, for the first time, to take a summer break and so did not meet in August. At the July meeting, someone stepped up for the Archives chair, but we still have 2 open chair positions –Grapevine and Self-Support.

District finances are in good shape. Our Treasurer has taken it upon himself to visit groups in the District and introduce himself to the group Treasurers. As a result, a number of donations have come in, and we voted to send money to Area and GSO at the September meeting.

The 4 Service meetings in our District have been covered with the exception of Return to Grace meeting at the Scarborough General Hospital. Fortunately, there are a couple of people from the District that are committed to keeping the meeting open. We're also still negotiating with Bridgepoint Hospital to open a meeting there at their request.

Last Thursday I had the pleasure of attending, with Joyce, the first meeting for a new group in Markham, called Foundation Group. It was fun to welcome them to the Area and the District. They have elected a GSR so we are looking forward to seeing him at our table at the next District meeting.

Yours in loving service,

Katrina E., District Committee Member for District 18

District 22 - Scarborough

Read by Ruth F., member of District 22:

Good evening everyone. I am an alcoholic, a member of the Beaches Group, the DCM for Scarborough District 22 and my name is Eddy G. We have 21 groups in our District. Around 75 % of the groups attend the District meeting. The May (Mothers Day) & June meetings 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.

Our District Officers positions are filled and they are doing a great job. Secretary- Ed H. our Access Ability Chair has been filling in for Nina, Treasurer- Tom S., Registrar- Lynn E. and Alt. DCM- Angus M.

The Sub-Committee Chairs are filled with the exception of the Grapevine (GV) & Public Information (PI). Regarding PI there are three members- Bryan, Tony & Austin who are checking & restocking literature display racks at 17 locations. District 22 is represented at the PI GTA Intergroup Committee meetings.

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Just recently, the Birchmount Residence a homeless shelter for older men requested an AA Information Session. The result was that they would like to have an AA meeting at their residence. Seven of ten Alt. Chair positions are still open. Corrections, Grapevine & Cooperation with the Professional Community positions are filled.

The 37th Annual District 22 Service Day 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 and the cost will be \$10.00. Tickets will be available at the door.

The 10th Annual East Toronto Archives Breakfast held jointly with District 18 & 22 Archives Committees was held on Sunday June 7th, 2015 at Qssis Banquet Hall, 3474 Kingston Rd. (just west of Markham Rd.). It was a great & successful event.

There were 114 in attendance (last year there were 96). Don S. from the Bayview Group with 44 years of sobriety gave an excellent talk. Most importantly this event brings awareness & the importance of AA Archives to members.

District 22 will be having their District Inventory in November.

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, Yours in Service,

Eddy G., District Committee Member for District 22

District 26 - Lakeshore West

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

Since our last Area Committee meeting we have had one District meeting at the end of June before the table took our usual summer hiatus. I am looking forward to reconvening next week and hear how the groups and committees are doing.

I did get word that there was going to be some committees still working over the break. The PI committee continued over the summer to distribute literature to doctor's offices, shelters and high schools focusing most of these efforts in Pickering. The PI committee is also partnering up with Al-Anon to offer a public forum in the Whitby Public Library and will be called "Get to Know Us" to present what the programs of AA and Al-Anon are all about—the date is yet to be confirmed. Our CPC committee is gearing up for the Annual "Bring a Professional Event" to be held on November 11 at the Alano Club in Oshawa. This event is also partnering with Al-Anon and will have three speakers, a member of AA, of Al-Anon, and a General Practitioner from the Durham Region. Invitations were going to be sent out to the Professional community during the summer.

Our district, along with District 28 continued over the summer to participate in meetings at the Renascent House. In August the two districts pulled off another great 3-day AA and Al-Anon event with the 43rd Annual Lakeshore Districts' Conference! The Conference was attended by well over 400 people of all ages (total sobriety count was 2,152 years, 6 months, 1 week and 5 days) that ranged from 1 day to Audrey who had 58 years. The groups in the two districts provided fantastic support to this event. The speakers were great and in my years at the Conference, I don't think I have seen people linger around after the event quite like they did this year. There was a lot of great energy there—it was hard to walk away from.

We have enlisted the experience of Jim S, DCM for District 82 to facilitate an inventory sometime in the fall. Financially our District is doing well and I have great optimism that the district and its groups will continue to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Amy L., District Committee Member for District 26

District 28 - Lakeshore East

Good morning I'm an alcoholic, member of the Courtice 12 + 12 Group and my name is Tom. Welcome Fraser S., Alternate District Committee member for District 28.

Two group changes – Courtice 12 + 12 is changing their open meeting from Wednesday night to Thursday night, same time and location. The Kedron Group starting November 3rd is moving to the Shriners Club, Simcoe Street North; meeting time is the same. Two upcoming anniversaries: the Tuesday Noon Shift Workers Service Meeting celebrates 30 years on Tuesday, Sept. 15th. The Southern Group celebrates 50 years on Friday Sept. 18th at 8 pm. The Monday Night Mens Group has started back up. For irony, it

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is held in the Old Girl Guide House on Simcoe Street at 8 pm. Best wishes to all these meetings. The first District Meeting after the summer break is Sunday Sept. 13th. And the vacant chair positions are to be filled. District members continue to carry the message into the Lindsay jail and Brookside. Groups also do the same at Renascent House meeting on Friday night in Brooklin. The Newcastle Fall Round-Up will be held on Sat. Nov. 14th (see flyer).

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

District 30 - Quinte West

My name is Miles C currently serving as District Committee Member for District 30. The District is alive and well; finances are good. Currently we are updating our Operating Procedures. We have lost 2 groups- the Womens Group in Brighton has closed and the Trenton Group has moved to District 34. We have scheduled our District Inventory at our next District Meeting- Rob our Area Chairperson has agreed to do this. We have a new Webmaster and Alternate; John, our former webmaster decided to retire after 10 years.

Yours in 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 MacD. 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 our PI chair had to step down, and we miss Laurie J who did great work in service, already we have some interest for this position. Neil W our Corrections chair is doing a great job and spends a lot of time in carrying the message to those on the inside. Lilliane T our Treatment chair is working with Herb W in getting the BTG requests filled, and supplies pamphlets and literature where needed. Our Archives chair, Mark L is getting active. Tom M our grapevine chair is doing a wonderful job in his position. Kelly M our District 34 webmaster does a great job for us all. All our officers, Treasurer Jan D, Secretary Ian C and ALT DCM Gord T are fulfilling their duties and doing a wonderful job in helping District 34 carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. I'm honoured to be apart of such a great service group.

District 34 had two new groups join us, the Trenton Group from District 30 and the Second Chance meeting is now a Group. The District 34 & 36 Conference will be held on Sept 27 in Napanee. On a last note, If no One told You today that They love You, let Me be the First.

Yours in Love, Service & Hugs
Les MacD., District Committee Member for District 34

District 36 – Kingston & The Islands

Good morning everyone. 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 the District Committee Member for District 36 - Kingston and the Islands. The District has been struggling financially having to dip into our prudent reserve a couple of times recently. Never the less we have been able to contribute to Area and GSO. We have had two requests by groups to join our District. One from Gananoque which is straight forward. The other is a new group from Odessa. This is a group calling itself a "secular" group that has taken all reference to God out of the Twelve Steps, does not follow the Twelve Traditions and does not use the Big Book. This group calls itself an AA Group and has registered in New York. They have gone to our webmaster and asked to be put on the website which he did. Now there is a great deal of controversy among the members. We will get the Group Conscience of the District at our next meeting, as whether to take them off the website or not. I would appreciate any guidance you are willing to give me. There is an Agnostic website that they can go to.

Yours in love and service,
Mac B., District Committee Member for District 36

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District 38 - Thousand Islands

Absent and no report submitted

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.

District Organization:

We have discussed and updated District Operating Procedures to designate Webmaster, Hotline Phone Chair, and Meeting List Chair as committee chairs in their own right, rather than being members of of the Public Information Committee. Thus these three persons, unless they already have a vote at District table for other reasons, are allowed a vote on District issues.

General Service Conference:

On June 13 in Cornwall we were grateful to hear Joyce's report, a shared event with Districts 48, 50, and 42.

Literature/Grapevine:

We have a new chairperson, past DCM David D. He organized the District 42 Grapevine/Pocket Planner order that I have delivered to Jim A. today. And he is preparing for our semi-annual District 42 literature order from AAWS. Groups may place their orders with David by our October District meeting on the 28th.

Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community:

Louise T., chair of this committee, has organized an Information AA Day for Professionals in our Community next Saturday, September 19, in Potsdam. This three hour morning session will have A.A. Literature displayed and discussion panels on "How alcoholism has affected our lives" and "How our meetings work". There will be time for questions and an Ask-it Basket to review any questions that were not yet answered. Panelists will include members of both A.A. and Al-Anon.

Adirondack Inter-District Initiative:

Our District's membership in Area 83, which requires a border crossing to attend Area events, has been the center of discussion for the last two district meetings. In the past we have explored affiliation with one of the two adjacent Areas – 47 Central New York and 48 Hudson Mohawk Berkshire. While we would avoid a border crossing, we would most time have to travel a greater distance to attend those Area's assemblies and service events.

I obtained a copy from GSO of the requirements to form a new Service Area, which could be called Adirondack NY. We discussed the possibility of combining with 3-4 other districts now in Area 48 and 1-2 in Area 47. I already knew that this would be a lengthy and involved process, but wanted to bring the information to the district. No change is imminent, but we are starting to explore ways to better cooperate with those other districts in encouraging service in the Adirondacks. Ted R., our Alternate DCM, and I attended the District 19 (formerly District 46) meeting on September 1 and brought the discussion to their members, including DCM Angie S.

An initial event could be a joint Adirondack service event at a central location – Saranac Lake or Lake Placid – to get people from around the geographical area to meet each other. A further possibility for affiliation, short of, or as a step towards, forming a new Service Area would be an Intergroup or Inter-district structure. We may never be able to apply for, or be approved for, a new Service Area. But in exploring that possibility we hope to encourage service participation and enhance the 12th step activities in the seven county region. We would like to be able to draw on all three Areas' service experience to aid our efforts. More will be revealed.

Website training:

I continue to keep the district website updated and recently conducted a training session for two members who are interested in assuming this responsibility. Yay!

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. He is also investigating how to get Bridging the Gap program initiated in our County and State Facilities.

Halloween Day of Sharing and Scaring

This is planned for October 31 (naturally) with service panels, recovery skits, a covered dish supper, A.A. Speaker Meeting, costume prizes, and a non-district-sponsored dance. Patrick L., chair of the planning committee, has arranged for members of the New York and Northeastern "YPAA" organizations to put on a panel on young peoples' experience of A.A.

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

Milner G., District Committee Member of District 42

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District 48 - Seaway Valley North

Good morning I am currently serving as District Committee Member for district 48 seaway valley north and a member of the last chance group. I am an alcoholic and my name Bryan McL. As was voted on at our June district meeting we did not meet for June or July so it's been pretty quiet. I would like to thank Joyce and Robert for attending our tri district service day, your presentations were very appreciated. We had a great response to the request for literature from our district and that was welcomed. We have one new meeting started on Thursday nights in Prescott and one other meeting having to move due to the fact that the church is closing. At our September district meeting we had a good discussion on the need for stronger self-support from individuals, groups and districts. We also discussed the decrease in literature sales as was reported from GSO. We are able to meet our obligations financially and are keeping our commitments. Our attendance at our district has been very good with everyone having input in the meeting.

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

District 50 - Cornwall

Hi family, my name is Wendy and am serving as DCM for District 50 and my home group is the Monday night St. Columbans group. The first thing I would like to report on is our June 24th Service day. It was a great success. We had great attendance from in and out of town. We had speakers on a variety of topics. We started with the 3 district DCM's talking on what it is to be a DCM. Our Delegate Joyce S speaking on her trip to New York. Bridging the Gap, and New comers talking on how they have become productive members of Society. Our total costs for the 3 districts is as follows , 275.60 We collected 134.75 for the 7th leaving us with 140.85 divided by 3 districts 46.95 each.

We have received a few more names on the list for the bridging the gap program, of which we received just one call over the summer.

The Cornwall Conference will be held on November 6&7 with the theme of We are not Alone. I apologize though for forgetting to bring copies of the flyer.

Francys H. is hosting a Fourth step workshop on October 3, 2015. This workshop is sponsored by the Long Sault Monday night group and is open to males and females.

We are celebrating many 1 year Anniversaries and this just shows me that the fellowship is strong in Cornwall. We have one of our groups in the district "The Nooners" celebrating its 8th year on October 2nd. It is a pot luck celebration.

Yours in love and service
Wendy E., District Committee Member for District 50

District 54 - Ottawa Rideau

Good morning! I am an alcoholic and a member of the Tuesday Night Beacon Hill group, currently serving as the District Committee member at District 54 and my name is Darlene. Our Table has been lively after our return from the month of July summer break. It is being well represented and continues to remain in good financial shape.

Daniel H has thankfully filled the Treasurer's position. We appreciate that the Alternate DCM Nicky had taken on that responsibility in the interim. Unfortunately the Intergroup liaison and the Grapevine rep had to step down but we trust these positions will be filled. Comments and feedback from members of the District table have been sent to our Area 83 Delegate Joyce, in response to the G.S.O. requests on such issues as the three Literature items up for review at the 65th General Service Conference as well as the concern about the declining revenues and growing expenses.

Joyce has asked that we please keep in mind the discussion pertaining to cost effectiveness at the Area level. Feedback on the Area 83 Inventory has also been submitted.

The PIC/CPC liaison reported that the committee has planned to gather information following the memorandum sent from the G.S.O. in connection with Public Information regarding the local use of social media and social network platforms.

We believe it is worth mentioning that at the local level the T.A.S. (telephone answering service) coordinator continues to report concern over the commitments that are being missed. 61 is August, for example. The Fall Conference is November 20-21st. We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Assembly/Service Information Day on the weekend of October 23rd.

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

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District 58 - Ottawa Bytown

Good morning friends, my name is Frank K and I'm the DCM for District 58 and member of the Liberty Group. The District has approximately \$1,600 in the bank account. We are short a few hands at our table but all commitments are being made. We are supporting the fall conference in Ottawa as well as the Alkathon at Christmas and New years. Other than that, we are going around different groups making sure we get as many GSRs as possible to attend the District meetings. So far, things are going all right. That's all I've got to say.

Yours in loving service,
Brian 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 continues to do well financially especially after putting out the call for the need of money at the Area level. Our prudent reserve is intact and all of our commitments to the various committees, rent for our meeting room, and travel costs for the upcoming fall assembly are covered for the remainder of the year. A motion was brought forward and passed to have the excess money given to Area, which came to the amount of \$1015.00. I have handed in the check.

Activity in the various committees is still falling short with most tables in great need of support. A rep is still need for the PIC & CPC committees and an Intergroup liaison. Although our monthly district meeting is well attended with representatives from more than twenty groups at every meeting, the committee meetings don't enjoy the same turn out often having just a few people turn out. This seems to be a city-wide problem affecting the three Ottawa districts (62, 54, and 58). We hope this changes as the lovely summer comes to an end and that I will have a more positive report in October.

We thoroughly enjoyed lending a hand to the Ottawa Bytown district in putting on this year's "Gratitude Day" also known as the Service in Recovery Day that was held June 14th at Ottawa City Hall. It was standing room only as our Area Chair, Joyce, came to give a report on her trip to New York. The day was very well received and we hope it influences many to get active at the general service level. We look forward to helping out again next year.

We have been asked to help facilitate two group inventories in the near future for the Barrhaven group as well as the Saturday Morning Westboro Big Book Study Group. Our alternate DCM, Mike B., will be handling one commitment while I do the other. I look forward to seeing you all in October.

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

District 66 - Golden Triangle

Hello Fellow Trusted Servants, My name is Terry K and I am currently serving as the DCM for District66. My home group is the New Hope Group which meets on Monday night in Smiths Falls and I am an alcoholic.

Things are moving along in District 66. One of our ambitions this term was to increase the interest and participation at the Area and District tables. On that note I would like to introduce Sue S., our district treasurer, Mike D., our district webmaster, Michele McC. and David T., two GSR's from district 66 and Jenny C., our Alt. DCM. (Carpooling and the offer of the free Lunch is a motivating factor).

At the District table we are having discussions about the length of time our meetings are taking. Currently we are adjusting our agenda and trying to track the timing of the various agenda items. As the chairperson I am trying to move the business along without influencing the tables' discussions. Another thing we are trying to implement is The 66, a district Newsletter (see the attached Newsletter). Because of the volume of information to pass along between G.S.O., Area, The District and the individual groups, it is our goal to keep the information flowing without taking up the district table's time.

While District 66 is experiencing some growing pains, all is well in the Golden Triangle. Financially we are slightly below our prudent reserve, but we are confident that this will turn around and we will be in good financial shape.

There will be a one day round-up October 17, 2015 sponsored by the Smiths Falls Saturday Night Group. The round-up will be held at the Trinity United Church starting at 1:00 PM. Thanking you for your part in my sobriety, God bless and keep on trudging the road.

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

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District 70 - Renfrew Pontiac

Hi everyone I am Mary Anne and I am an alcoholic. I also just became DCM for District 70. Unfortunately I can't be with you today because I didn't realize I would be taking over this position when I booked my holidays. Hoping to see all of you at the Area Assembly next month though. Since we are in a transition phase at District 70 some things have fallen by the way side and others are moving ahead.

After a discussion with the DCMs from Pembroke and Madawaska and we decided we would forgo the Service Day until next year. This will enable us the time to organize it and advertise it properly and to book the relevant speakers.

We are moving ahead with our annual Renfrew/Pontiac Fall Round Up that will be held on November 14th. I have sent flyers to Area 83 so please take some back to your home groups and we hope to see you there. We have a great line up of AA and Alanon speakers and the meal is always delicious.

We are also addressing administration issues at District 70: GSR information and Group information to be updated for Area 83, forwarding District Minutes to Area 83; 12 Step list for the telephone answering service to be updated, ensuring all groups in the District are self supporting and filling vacant positions at the District Table (A/DCM for one).

We have an energetic and positive group at the District 70 Table so I am looking forward to working with them and I welcome the chance to give something back to AA.

Yours in Love and Service,
Mary Anne H., District Committee Member for District 70

District 74 - Pembroke

Absent and no report submitted.

District 78 - Madawaska Valley

My name is Irvin W and I am an alcoholic. Happy to serve as DCM for the Madawaska Valley District. I am happy to be back after an extended illness.

AA is alive and well in our district. The only position not filled is Grapevine. Between Jerry and Glen they are looking after PI and Brenda H has become our Alternate DCM.

Jerry has everything all set up and ready to go for our Annual Festival of Colors Round-Up on Oct. 3rd. The cost of the meal is \$20 and there are lots of tickets at the door yet.

My report is rather brief as this is my first Area or District Meeting since May but I am ready to go to the Assembly next month.

Thanks for allowing me to serve,
Irvin W., District Committee Member for District 78

District 82 - Victoria-Haliburton

Hi friends, I am an alcoholic, 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 District Committee Member.

Things have been quiet in the District since we met in June. Our District table does not meet for the months of July and August and our first District meeting since June will be tomorrow. But things have still been happening in the District.

Our District is still financially and spiritually fit. We are meeting our commitments. The meetings in the Central East Correctional Centre are picking up now that the summer holiday season for the staff is almost over. There are still staffing problems but the Volunteer Coordinator Donna M tries her best to get the meetings looked after. That being said the meetings during the day are still a bit of a hassle.

In June I mentioned that all the meetings that were held in the Queen Street Annex had to find new homes as the church was being sold. All six groups, my own included, have found new meeting locations and for the most they have turned out better. The last one we have to find a home for is a place to hold our District meeting. Over the summer I have looked at many locations and have narrowed it down to four that I will be presenting to the District meeting tomorrow for the table to make a decision.

Our Conference Committee has started having meetings to put together the District 82 Victoria/Haliburton Conference for next May. If they do as good a job as other committees have done in the past it will be a good day.

Our PIC Chair has resigned but we have a young lady who is willing to step in and give the position a try. I do hope we can get more volunteers to work with her.

Yours in the Love and Service of A.A.
Jim S. District Committee Member for District 82

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District 86 - Kawartha

I am an alcoholic the DCM for Kawartha District 86, member of the Liftlock Group, Peterborough. My name is Dave.

We have 22 Groups all with GSRs and 35 group and service meeting a week. For the District there are 8 sub-committees and all but one is chaired. We have excellent attendance at our District Meetings throughout the summer.

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

At the end of June we held our annual Kawartha District conference. As always it was a great success.

We have one vacancy, the PI/CPC chair and we will be filling that position soon. It could be at our district meeting Sunday September 13.

A new private treatment centre for men has opened in Peterborough. At first they didn't want the message of AA but are now interested in hearing both the AA and NA message. Your Treatment Chair has been working with the centre's staff so that we can introduce AA to the clients. For more information about District 86 go to www.peterboroughAA.org.

Yours in Service,

Dave H., District Committee Member for District 86.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

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

a) Public Information

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 H. I have the privilege to serve Area 83 as Public Information chair for the Panel 65 term.

Although summer months are relatively quiet, minutes and reports from Area Districts indicate much PI activity continues – literature distribution to seniors' residence, community centres, police stations, foodbanks, libraries participation in District events, placing advertisements in local newspapers, distributing Public Service Announcements (PSAs) to local media and preparation for fall activities.

I was excited to see the first issue of the new joint PI/CPC Area 83 News Exchange that was distributed in July – it is modelled after a similar newsletter in the US, to exchange information about PI and CPC work in the Districts of Area 83. My thanks to Gary C, our CPC chair who coordinated this first issue. We are planning a fall issue – to report on District news and upcoming events as well as PI and CPC issues coming out of other areas and GSO.

Some other news on a wider front:

- At the General Service Conference, there were 2 Advisory Actions the AA Membership Survey pamphlet and display have been updated to reflect the results of the 2014 membership survey – I will have copies available at the Fall Assembly – the pamphlet is available on the aa.org website a new Public Service Announcement, "Doors", the first animated PSA, was approved and is available for viewing on the Public Information Committee Resource page at aa.org. I am in the process of distributing an information packet to all District chairs so that it can be shared with media outlets who have not already received it.
- As a result of a committee consideration of the 2015 Conference Committee on Public Information, the trustees' committee on Public Information is gathering information on how AA members, groups and other service entities are using social media and social networking platforms (Twitter, Instagram, Google+) – this is not a general sharing but information on actual experience using these resources for AA purposes. A general memorandum was sent to all members of the Area Committee, asking that you distribute to your District table and groups. A similar request is going to all District PI chairs – information is to go directly to the PI desk at GSO.
- And speaking of the PI desk, this month sees staff rotation at the GSO. The most recent PI staff coordinator, Jim M, whom many of us have known in his years at GSO (and who helped me a great deal when I assumed this responsibility, left the GSO in August to pursue a new career. The new PI staff coordinator is Clay R.

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On a personal note, I was privileged to be invited to staff the PI booth in the first "Carry the Message pavilion at the 2015 International Convention. It was a great experience – as I spent part of 2 days sharing PI and other experience with other PI chairs and many members of the fellowship.

Of course a highlight of the Convention for me was the honor of sharing on a panel – the topic was "Anonymity and the Convention: I Get It". If you want to hear more on where that led – well, you will need to attend the PI workshop at the Fall Assembly!

I have been receiving minutes from some Districts – it is a great way to stay in touch District activity – DCMs, can I ask you to check that I am on your distribution list.

I also know that there have been some changes over the summer in District PI responsibilities – I would like to stay in touch with your chairs – could you see me at some point today to make sure I have names and contact information – and I know Dan needs to receive it as well.

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.

Thank you for allowing me to service

Elaine H., Public Information Chair- 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 I'm a member of the Stonewall Group in Peterborough in Kawartha District 86. I have the honour and privilege of serving as your CPC chair for this term.

Elaine and I have managed to get a PI and CPC News Exchange Letter off the ground. Thank you to those District Chairs who submitted their information. The Newsletter was circulated by email throughout the Area. I did bring a few copies today for anyone who may not have received a copy. Our next issue will be out near the end of Dec.

I did receive a request from the GSO CPC Coordinator to have volunteers look after a booth and exhibit at the upcoming College of Family Physicians Conference on Nov. 12-14 in Toronto. Thanks to the GTA CPC Committee for taking this on.

I would like to Thank Ray and the SID Committee for the invitation to hold a CPC Workshop at our upcoming Fall Assembly in Ontario East at 2:00pm. Please also note that Elaine and I will host a joint Committee meeting at the Assembly.

A question that has come up fairly frequently in meetings I have attended is why have separate Committees for PI and CPC, wouldn't it be better to have a single joint Committee? So, here is an answer from the GSO CPC Coordinator: "There is no set procedure when it comes to whether districts choose to combine C.P.C. and P.I. or choose to have separate committees. Our experience is that on the Area level these committees are most commonly separated. We often see on the district level that these committees are combined if there are not enough people willing to do the service that would allow the committees to stand on their own. Just have the committees keep in mind to let G.S.O. know who the Chair is so we can send both sets of service material if the district is combined. In the end, the important thing is that the service is fulfilled. We know that the group conscience of the districts will do what works best for the district in order to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

It has been a quiet summer for me with virtually no CPC service requests through July and August. I do look forward to being part of your District Service events when invited and my email is cpc@area83aa.org. Thank You all for sending me your District minutes.

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) Correctional Facilities

Robert B

Who will be your District Bridging The Gap (BTG) corrections contact person for 1 Jan 2017? Would like to thank District 42, 48 & 50 for inviting me to their service day in Cornwall last June, it was a great day.

Clement C. Corrections Coordinator at GSO informed us about a new AA corrections video and they would like to interview inmates in a Toronto jail. This info was reported to the Toronto CF Chair and contact was made with Clement and Elaine Brains volunteer coordinator at Ontario correctional institute. All seemed good when I spoke with Clement at the AA international in Atlanta, but on

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Tuesday 7 Sept. Clement called me and said there had be no more info form Elaine. She has informed me that they are still weighing higher permission. Also have contacted Gale District 22 and Neil District 34 and have asked if they will talk to their volunteer coordinators as a backup. Patience is a key word when dealing with correctional staff.

The 2nd part of Clements phone call was that they are also looking for AA members who have served time in Canadian jail and would like to share part of their store on the new video

-Requirements; served time in a Canadian jail and are an AA member.

-Anonymity; of the AA member will be protected (no face views, voice only)

The company contracted to film this video is in Toronto and so the person may have to come to Toronto to be filmed/recorded.

If you know of someone who is interested and willing to be interviewed and tell a portion of his or her story for this video. Please have that person send their contact information directly to Clement the GSO Correction Chair at corrections@aa.org

Looking for speakers for the 24 Oct Area 83 Service Information Day Corrections workshop, the topic is the clearance process.

Supporting corrections with Grapeview district 34, 36 & 42 have multiple jail need grapevine support. 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 districts that perhaps have no correctional facilities or even group.

Bridging The Gap (BTG) at this time is going Okay. Still updating CF Chair list with the corrections BTG contact for each District. Please let me know any updated info about BTG contacts for your Districts.

Reminder- the BTG program has no value if the inmates are unaware that the program exists. Dave T. and others are in talks with the federal government on a proposal for correspondence in Canada. At this time there is NO AA correspondence to Canadian inmates, but you can try to correspond with US inmate. Send you contact information to corrections@aa.org

Thanks

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

d) Treatment- Special Needs/ Accessibility

Herb W

Greetings everyone, my name is Herb and I'm an alcoholic a member of the Redwood group in District 30 Quinte West. I have the privilege and honour to serve as your Treatment- Special Needs Accessibilities Chairperson for Area 83.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer as much as I have. It's been fairly quiet other than bridging the gap requests which of been flowing smoothly.

I have been noticing a few bumps in the road concerning bridging the gap especially when the chairperson changes in the middle of the term. Communication quite often is vitally important in these situations. I hope with the help of the District Treatment Chairs and the District Committee Members we can find ways to smoothen the road to recovery.

Currently we have six vacant Treatment Chair positions and I would encourage the District Committee Members to try to find people to fill these empty positions. Even if your district does not have a treatment centre, a Treatment Chair would be vital if there is a bridging the gap request for your district.

I have provided District 30 General Service Representatives with some information concerning what Special Needs / Accessibilities Chair responsibilities are at their last district meeting.

Please feel free to invite me to your events or even your business meetings I will do my best to attend and help out anyway I can.

Keep sending me your minutes and I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Area Assembly in Kingston next month.

Gratefully in-service,

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

e) Grapevine

Jim A

Hi friends, great to see you all again. Hope everyone had a great summer. I am an alcoholic, a member of East York in d18, my name is Jim A. I enjoy the privilege of serving you as your Area 83 Grapevine Chair.

2016 pocket planner and calendars: Thanks for your orders. You will receive a receipt in your mailbox by end of day. The prices of \$5 and \$10 were based on a very conservative 78 cent exchange rate back in May. I got to get my crystal ball fixed. 75.6 cents who knew! As it now stands there will be a shortfall of 10 cents per planner and 20 cents per calendar. Perhaps it will be better

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once the invoice comes in. I will be purchasing a small qty of calendars and some pocket planners. First come first served. When they are gone that's it. I will be delivering your orders at the assembly.

News flash: a new product launched this week called "*Forming True Partnerships*". The Price is \$10.99USD. Stories on all sorts experiences re: friends, family, coworkers, and even pets. I will send the announcement to the DCM/GV chairs, and post to the website

I urge all districts to work together. Pool your orders to get of the \$500USD level. After that there is a 20% volume discount that will help keep books at a reasonable price. Please consider this based on geographical proximity.

Please continue recycling old GV magazines via your GSRs. It matters, it really does. During a lockdown a GV is a meeting in print. Grapevines are a ray of hope especially inside correction facilities. Or at a parole office meeting such as what D18 has.

Thanks to area secretary for recent listing of district GV chairs. We still need a few more district GV chairs. DCM's please continue to ask. I so enjoy reading your district minutes too.

Recent activities: None service related, just lots of life stuff. Rumour has it that Toronto Intergroup is re instating Grapevine and Self Support as full committees again. More detail as they become available. If you require GV at your event ask locally first, but I am available if needed. Contact me at grapevine at area83aa.org

GV subscription drive. Good news bad news. In absolute numbers Ontario is well in the lead with 137 new subscription year-to-date. But since the criteria is percentage change, not so much. N.B. (14%) is leaving us Canadians all in the dust. July had 13 new Ontario subscriptions, Aug was 16. Onward and upward! Well done 83, 84, 85 and 86! I have reached out to Bob B, my counterpart for BC/Yukon Area 78, to ask how they have achieved their 10% increase. Duplicate don't recreate. If all else fails, guilt works. A gift subscription or gift certificate makes a nice festus (you know what I mean) present.

It's grape to be sober.

Yours in service,

Jim A, Grapevine Chair- Panel 65 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

f) Self-Support

James O'D

I am sure that everyone here has read the letter from Richard B. – the Eastern Canada Regional Trustee. His letter to the fellowship has been attached to my report. It outlines the ever-increasing gap between income and expenses we are experiencing not only at the Area level but also at the GSO. If you have not had a chance to read it please do and give your feedback to Richard – his contact info can be found at the bottom.

It is hard to believe that the World Conference in Atlanta happened over two months ago! What an amazing experience! At the Self Support panel discussion I attended (which was excellent) one of the presenters handed out a little green business size card which I would like to duplicate. It will be a great tool for the Self Support chairs at the Districts and will also drive traffic to our Area website. This will expose more people to the amazing information available on our site.

Special note to Mike, ADCM from D62, who in the July District minutes has offered to do Self Support presentations to any group, roundup, etc. Great work!

Out of the 25 Districts there are 13 Self Support chairs. In the absence of a SS chair I have often seen that the ADCM will step in and perform this function.

Downloads/links available on the Area 83 Self Support website are: Traditions Skit, 2012 Price comparisons, Big Book prices over the years, The story of SS, But we do have expenses AND Where Money and Spirituality Mix. Soon we will have available a Traditions Workshop PDF that can be downloaded and shared by anyone and everyone in the Area. Great for working with a sponsee and/or setting up a Traditions study group. Check it out...it is awesome!

I was invited by the ICYPAA to present on Self Support later in October but later the committee decided that it would not lend itself to their purposes and have me speaking on young people in recovery in the work place – an employee/employer's perspective.

Lastly I would like to share the report given from Mark – the SS Chair from D86. It is a heartfelt message which spoke to me and hopefully will to you as well...

"Hi Everyone my name is Mark M I am an alcoholic and serving as your Self Support Chairperson. I am a Grateful member of the Southend Group and AA. This is why my life today is changed and transformed. I no longer think of the summer as a drinking binge. But I focus on the things that AA HAS GIVEN BACK TO ME. Sobriety is everything and without AA there is no contentment.

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How can I ever repay this free gift!! There is a way and it is partly in the 7th tradition. "We are fully self-supporting. This tradition amazes at its wisdom. But also demands our attention. No one else will ever look after us again like the drunks we all were. Looking for easy handouts and never responsible to ourselves.

We have become responsible and reliable members of this God given gift. AA. It is now time for all of us to give back what we can. As the Kingston Assembly in October draws near and summer ends I will make a larger contribution to my groups 7th and ask all to consider the same. We must continue to support the group and the group the district and the district the area. This is how we make sure the suffering Alcoholic receives the gift that you and I both were given. They told me when I had no reason to believe that it would be ok and get better and here I am to say it always has in AA. Please join me in giving a little extra financially or maybe a little extra as volunteer service if money is tight, know you are valued and loved.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve,

Yours in love and service

Mark M."

Yours in love and service,

James O., Self Support Chair - Panel 65 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

g) Archives

Linda D

Good morning/afternoon, my name is Linda D, I am a member of the Land O Lakes group and it is my privilege to be the Area Archives chair for this term. It has been a very quiet summer with a few questions from District archives chairs and great monthly minute reports for the district tables.

I would like to ask the DCM's to please ensure that the Archives chairs for their districts are registered and have received their Archives kits. I would also like you to give them my email archives@area83aa.org

I would also like to take this time to thank Eddy and the team at the Toronto Archives for all of the great work that they have been doing to saving and preserving the Area 83 Archives documents

Also if you want to take a look at something really cool check out: http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/archives-and-history

Yours in service,

Linda D., Archives Chair- Panel 65 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

h) Service Information Day

Ray R

I'm an alcoholic, a member of Last Chance Group and the chair of Service Information Day Committee, my name is Ray R. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce the committee members:

Amy L, District 26; Don MacP, District 14; Bryan McL, District 48; Jim S, District 82 and Les McD, District 34.

Despite some minor hi-cups, the committee regards the Last spring assembly as nothing short of a success. It being our first assembly, it set the tone for what to expect for the next 3 assemblies. It was fun, interactive, and I'm sure the committee will agree, at times it took us right out of our comfort zones. As for the surveys, we've sorted thru and distributed them to the respective chairs, there was 89 surveys in all. Thank you all to those who took the time to fill them out.

As for the upcoming fall assembly, we managed meet our deadline of August 29th, for the submission of the final agenda, and we have implemented the suggestion handed down by the adhoc committee. The fall assembly promises to be as fun and informative as always.

For the rooms, we will be providing both a laptop and overhead projector in the West Ballroom, just an overhead projector in the Ontario East Room, and just a laptop projector in the Ontario West Room. We will do our very best to juggle the time slots to accommodate the presenters with any of their AV needs, but please keep in mind that if you require a laptop projector, you'll need to bring your own laptop. We've not yet confirmed any, but we are hoping to have a tech on hand to assist with the set up and trouble shooting of the equipment, to avoid any unnecessary delays, or last minute mishaps.

I'd like to thank the DCM's and other panelist for accepting the invitation to participate in the work shop, moving forward, if any DCM's are interested in participating in upcoming traditions workshops, please see me at break time and I will gladly add you name to the list.

Yours in Love and Service

Ray R., Service Information Day Chair- Panel 65 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

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7. Registrar 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.

The roll call for today is 14 Area Officers (including Area Archivist, and Area Webmaster), 0 Immediate Past Delegate, 3 Past Delegates, 19 District Committee Members, 10 Alternate District Committee Members and 10 Visitors. For voting purposes, we have: 11 Area Officers eligible to vote (including 0 Immediate Past Delegate), 19 District Committee Members, and 2 Alt/DCM's for a total of 32 votes. Total delegation for this meeting is 56.

I will be emailing out to DCM's and Registrar's/Secretaries of each District, individual Group information for both of you to go over. Should there be any changes, please make the corrections on a Group Information change form. If you could have all changes into me by October 15th, this would greatly help in having correct Group information available at the Fall Assembly for sign-in purposes. Of good news, our Spanish District 16 has had a new Spanish Group join their District, and our Area. This Group meets in Kitchener and was previously with Area 86.

There continues to be no shortage of work relating to this position, as there are always changes and updates to be completed. In order to not have as many unknown groups, 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 are no longer meeting. 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 groups, who are still meeting, may simply wish to be just that, a meeting. I ask that we please work together to continue to reduce the number of unknown groups within your District. As a reminder, this terms' 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 District number and 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.

Thank you to the Districts that send me your minutes; I do read them. For those that do not, I'd love to be added to your distribution list. Once again, thank you for your trust in me, and with the opportunity to serve.

ATTENDANCE:

	VOTING	NON-VOTING
DCM's	<u>19</u>	
ALT. DCM's	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>
AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u> (Chair, appointed positions)
PAST DELEGATES	<u>0</u> (Immed.)	<u>3</u>
VISITORS		<u>10</u>
TOTAL VOTES:	<u>32</u>	
NON VOTING:		<u>24</u>
TOTAL DELEGATION:		<u>56</u>

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

8. Treasurer Report

Kimberley M

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

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. There are more envelopes are available on the side table, please help yourselves.

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 August 31, 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.

Income for the period:

7th tradition collected at the Assembly and Area Committee Meetings (3170.10)

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Cost recoveries from the sale of service manuals at the Assembly (619.10)

Group and District contributions (31680.07)

Total income for the period is \$35 469.27.

Expenses for the period:

Committee expenses are \$21 889.46

Area committee meeting – rent and refreshments (\$616.10)

Assessment – nothing more sent yet

Bank service charges – includes more cheques (\$141.42 +other fees)

Forum – this is for the hospitality suite at the international conference (\$162.54)

Note that there will be a line added for expenses for International Conferences

Total expenses for the period are \$26 221.24.

To date expenses are \$9 248.03 lower than income.

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

Total income of \$35 469.27 less expenses of \$26 221.24 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$28 175.34 as of August 31, 2015.

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

The expenses previously listed under CERAASA were misleading since Area 83 did not finance that event. The expenses were to reimburse the Delegate and Alternate Delegate for attending. In this report those expenses now show under the lines for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate.

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.

Thank you to the 140 Groups and 12 Districts that have made financial contributions to Area 83 this year. As of August 31, 2015 all cheques received were deposited and receipts along with return contribution envelopes were sent out.

The 7th Tradition today was \$267.90 Thank for your generous contributions.

Yours in Love and Service

Kimberley M., Treasurer- Panel 65 Registrar- Eastern Ontario International

9. Secretary 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.

I have updated all lists according the information that I have received since our last meeting in June. A copy of your District detail is included in the bins. It is requested that you go over your district roster to ensure accuracy and all filled positions are in fact correctly represented. Also, whenever a vacant position is filled or if a new person has taken over, 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.

Also in the file bins, for those of you who have requested hard copy, I have placed today's agenda, a copy of the area committee minutes from June 6, 2015 and your district roster as complete as the information that I have received to date. I have asked to speak on the need for copies being made later in this meeting as there may be interest in reducing paper costs going forward.

To remind everyone, the email address to submit changes and secretary related queries is secretary@area83aa.org and the downloadable district change form is available on our area website. 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 sending reports in MS Word.

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.

At this time I want to inform Area Committee that I will be resigning as Secretary Area 83 effective after the Fall Assembly. I want to thank Area for the privilege of serving you as Secretary this term. There have been a number of life events that have happened of

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late and with good health and the potential of going to AA meetings literally around the world, my wife and I are planning a major trip next year that makes it impossible for me to continue as Secretary. An interim election will take place at the Fall Assembly to fill the position of Area 83 Secretary and I intend to make sure that the new elected Secretary gets fully up and running before I leave.

I look forward to seeing you in a few weeks at the Fall Area Assembly. The Registrar and myself as Secretary will be presenting a secretary/registrar workshop at our Service Information Day on the Saturday and for anyone who might be interested in either of these functions, I urge you to attend.

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 Report

Kim S

Hello everyone from wonderful Timmins. I am taking part in the Regional Forum being held this weekend- the same as our Area Committee meeting. I did want to make mention about all the good work you've been helping me with regarding remote communities. In June I sent out an email to all of the area officers and DCMs asking for no more donations. The reason was communication with area 85 had stopped. I was not sure they still wanted our help. I finally received an answer in July and was told yes they still wanted our donations. That said, I have asked numerous times about monetary donations such as who should the cheque be made out to and where should they be sent? These questions have gone unanswered. I was told the remote communities person from area 85 would be here in Timmins attending this forum. I am hoping to speak with him in person. I will also be taking part in the remote communities conference call on Sept 21st. I am hoping to have answers soon. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to collect over 200 books and bags and bags of grapevines and literature. Thank you Area 83 for all your help. I asked and you came through. You all rock! Once I have more information I will pass it on.

Yours in love and service,

Kim S., Alternate Delegate- Panel 65 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

11. Delegate 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. I hope everyone had a great summer. Now that it is over and we are back into a routine, we are back to our position commitments.

It seems like such a long time ago since we last met in June. However, the following have been my activities:

- Attended the Districts 42, 48 & 50 service day on Saturday, June 13th.
- The next day on Sunday, I gave my report in Ottawa to District 54, 58 & 62. Both service days were well attended and it was so inspiring to have members show their interest in service. A huge thank you to all the DCM's and members for taking the time to arrange these days.
- On Saturday, June 20th I facilitated a group inventory for the Twelve Traditions group in Pickering. Amy, District 26 DCM was kind enough to join me and was the note taker.
- Was grateful to attend the 80 International in Atlanta with approximately 57,000 other members. I attended the Delegate's luncheon, which was also a highlight of the weekend. It was so great to meet up with some of the Delegate's I met at the last General Service Conference and of course, all the Trustees
- The month of August was quite except for family visitors from out West.

The only upcoming service event I have scheduled is I was asked to be the main speaker at the District 14 Service Day on Saturday, October 17th.

Our General Service Office sent out a notice informing the Final Conference Reports will now be sent out the week of September 21st. In previous years the reports were here in time to hand out at the ACM. From what I understand they now wait until all 3 languages are printed and ready for distribution. I was hoping to get them so I could hand them out today and this was the reason why I recommended that our Alternate delegate, Kim, attend the Special Forum in Timmons. I may see if I can arrange to meet the District Committee Members close to where I live so I can start handing them out. Otherwise, they will be distributed at the Fall Assembly.

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At our meeting in June, I handed out some information on hosting the 2020 Regional Forum. I have not heard back from any districts as to what, if any, discussion has taken place. I realize not much happens during the summer so I am requesting that this discussion take place so that I may have a sense of whether Area 83 should host this once in a 20-year opportunity. As I mentioned, I attended the Regional Forum as a GSR when Area 83 hosted I 2000 and it was quite the experience as well as any other forum I have attended since. Having said all this, after further investigation, I have found out the schedule for forums is set three years in advance. So this November a memo will go out to Delegates in regions scheduled to have a forum in 2019, and so on. The decision of which area is hosting in each region is usually made during the regional lunch at the 2016 Conference. For Eastern Canada, it will decide which Area hosts for 2020 at the 2017 Conference. At this point the 2017 Delegate can inform Regional Forums whether we would like to host. I will bring this to your attention again next year. In the meantime, please continue to discuss it. The last thing I would like is to see this go by the wayside and we miss the opportunity. 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., Area 83 Delegate - Panel 65- Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Agenda Item 4

(Acceptance of previous minutes deferred from this morning).

*Has everyone had the opportunity to review the minutes of the June 6th, 2015 Area Committee meeting minutes?
Are there any errors or omissions in the minutes?*

I would entertain a motion to accept the June 6th, 2015 ACM minutes as amended

Motioned: Patrick G., District Committee Member for District 62

Seconded: Darlene K., District Committee Member for District 54

Discussion

All those in favour of the motion

All those opposed to the motion

Any abstentions- none

Result: Unanimous, Carried

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

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

Motioned: Herb W., Area 83 Treatment- Special Needs/ Accessibility Chair

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

Discussion None

All those in favour of the motion

All those opposed to the motion

Any abstentions- none

Result: Unanimous, Carried

12. Old Business- None

13. New Business

a) Report from Ad-Hoch Committee on Area Inventory Patrick G., District Committee Member for District 62
Discussion only. The Ad-Hoch Committee report is attached as Appendix B.

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- b) Discuss the need for the position of Area 83 Archivist Linda D., Area 83 Archives Chair
Discussion only. There were questions regarding the role of Archivist. There was general discussion that the position of Area Archivist is needed. There was also discussion the amount of money spent on Archives in general. For Archives reporting to Area, it was highlighted per our operating procedures that the Archivist could submit a report to the Area 83 Archives Chair.
- c) Discuss Area 83 printing (agenda, minutes, etc.) Dan N., Area 83 Secretary
Discussion only. Dan highlighted the cost of printing minutes of Area Committee, Area Assembly, agendas for Area Committee and Area Assembly (including Information Service Day) and the operating procedures stating that up to 3 copies were to be made available per District of any minutes, procedures and guidelines. There was discussion on Area 83 Secretary having the flexibility of asking members their preference of hard copy or electronic copies for Area Committee and Area Assembly.
- d) Discuss use of projectors at Service Information Day Amy L., District Committee Member for District 26
Discussion only. There was discussion on renting the overhead projectors and the rental costs versus the feasibility of owning, storing and transporting an overhead projector. No motion was made.
- e) Motion "to add under Operating Procedures for the Area Archivist, total term length not to exceed 6 years"

Motioned: Gary C., Area 83 Cooperation for the Professional Community Chair
Seconded: Milner G., District Committee Member for District 42

Discussion Motion being presented for clarity of the position

All those in favour of the motion: 6
All those opposed to the motion: 21
Any abstentions: 3
Is there anyone who would like to speak to the minority?

Result: Motion defeated

14. Sharing - what's on your mind?

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

15. Next Area Committee Meeting

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on January 2nd, 2016. Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?

Motioned: Linda D., Area 83 Archives Chair
Seconded: Les MacD., District Committee Member for District 34
All those in favour of the motion
Result: Carried

Reminder: The Fall Assembly will be held at the Ambassador Conference Centre in Kingston October 23-25.

16. Closing

It is now 3:25 p.m. and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you all a safe drive home. I look forward to seeing you again in January.

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May I have a motion to end this meeting?

Motioned: Wendy E., District Committee Member for District 50

Seconded: Jim S., Area 83 Webmaster

All those in favour of the motion

All those opposed to the motion

Any abstentions

Result: Carried

CLOSE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

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

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Appendix- Financial Statements

EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83

AS OF: August 31 , 2015

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

INCOME	
7th Tradition	3,170.10
Cost Recoveries	619.10
Flow Through to GSO	0.00
Grapevine Seasonals	0.00
Group & District Contributions	31,680.07
TOTAL INCOME	35,469.27
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	0.00
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS	35,469.27

EXPENSES	
Accommodations	4,277.36
Meals	6,368.05
Travel	5,953.55
Long Distance	0.00
Postage	140.78
Printing	1,411.03
Literature	845.31
Stationery	36.93
Miscellaneous	2,856.45
Area Web Site	0.00
Total Committee Expenses	21,889.46
Ad Hoc Committees	15.00
Area Contribution to GSO	0.00
Area Committee Meetings	616.10
General Service Conf. Assessment	2,557.50
Bank Service Charges	150.46
Forums	162.54
	0.00
Grapevine Seasonal	0.00
GSO Flow Through	0.00
Ontario Delegate's Conference	830.18
Total Other Expenses	4,331.78
TOTAL EXPENSES	26,221.24

OPERATING ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2015	18,927.31
Total Income & Transfers	35,469.27
Total Expenses	-26,221.24
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE	28,175.34

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Position	Aocomodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Annual Outlay	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	388.18	276.91	364.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00	1264.84	3090.00	1825.16	40.93%
Alt. Delegate	267.26	83.55	241.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	592.31	1685.00	1092.69	35.15%
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	0.00	134.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	134.40	970.00	835.60	13.86%
Chairperson	0.00	100.00	343.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	198.35	641.35	920.00	278.65	69.71%
Secretary	0.00	129.82	202.60	0.00	0.00	718.12	0.00	0.00	3.50	1054.04	2640.00	1585.96	39.93%
Treasurer	0.00	76.01	307.70	0.00	140.78	425.18	0.00	9.93	0.00	959.60	1360.00	400.40	70.56%
Registrar	0.00	63.33	70.00	0.00	0.00	77.28	0.00	0.00	152.29	362.90	1190.00	827.10	30.50%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	232.78	88.97	345.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	667.55	1710.00	1042.45	39.04%
Archives	96.62	109.51	363.30	0.00	0.00	9.04	331.79	20.00	318.70	1248.96	1725.00	476.04	72.40%
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	803.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	844.82	1395.00	550.18	60.56%
Corrections Facilities	0.00	50.00	752.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	218.43	0.00	0.00	1020.93	1615.00	594.07	63.22%
Grapevine	0.00	112.75	287.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.25	1095.00	694.75	36.53%
Public Information	0.00	98.50	480.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	295.09	0.00	0.00	874.49	1445.00	570.51	60.52%
Self Support	0.00	93.17	469.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.25	566.82	1395.00	828.18	40.63%
Treatment Facilities	0.00	96.00	243.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.00	0.00	346.60	1245.00	898.40	27.84%
Service Info Day Cmte	732.09	442.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	181.41	0.00	0.00	834.69	2190.75	3730.00	1539.25	38.73%
Spring Assembly	2327.65	4397.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1309.67	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	0.00	0.00	8940.00	8940.00	0.00%
COMMITTEE EXP.	\$ 4,277.38	\$ 8,888.06	\$ 8,863.66	\$ -	\$ 140.78	\$ 1,411.03	\$ 846.31	\$ 38.83	\$ 2,868.46	\$ 21,888.48	\$ 47,130.00	\$ 26,240.64	46.44%
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	-	-	-	15.00	300.00	285.00	5.00%
Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	616.10	616.10	950.00	333.90	64.83%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150.46	250.00	99.54	60.18%
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	162.54	162.54	-	-162.54	#Div/0!
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	689.51	689.51	0.00%
CERAASA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,557.50	9,562.50	7,005.00	26.75%
GSC Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.00	18.00	909.98	79.80	91.23%
Ont Delegates Conf.	601.16	99.02	112.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	830.18	909.98	79.80	91.23%
OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 801.18	\$ 88.02	\$ 112.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 788.84	\$ 4,351.78	\$ 18,161.88	\$ 13,830.21	23.86%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,878.52	\$ 8,487.07	\$ 8,063.66	\$ -	\$ 140.78	\$ 1,426.03	\$ 846.31	\$ 38.83	\$ 3,658.00	\$ 26,221.24	\$ 66,291.88	\$ 39,070.76	40.16%

Income Summary	
August 31, 2016	
7th Tradition	3,170.10
Bank Interest	-
GSO Flow through	-
Contributions	31,680.07
Cost recoveries	619.10
Grapevine Seasonal	-
Total Income	\$ 36,489.27

August 31, 2016	YTD 2016	YTD 2014	Change
Income To Date	35,469.27	31,490.11	3,979.16
Expenses To Date	26,221.24	36,692.81	(10,471.57)
Net Change To Operating Account	\$ 9,248.03	\$ 5,202.70	\$ 14,460.73
Contributions	\$31,680.07	\$28,001.01	\$3,679.06
Contributing Groups	140	114	26
Contributing Districts	12	14	-2

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GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF August 31 , 2015
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District	00	Unspecified	\$0.00
District	02	Malton	\$2,121.43
District	06	Mississauga	\$1,025.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$2,097.10
District	12	Toronto South West	\$475.65
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$3,175.00
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$160.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$3,544.63
District	22	Scarborough	\$1,060.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$1,709.60
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$1,612.77
District	30	Quinte West	\$910.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$1,090.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$1,025.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$415.06
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$350.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$1,140.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$756.87
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$398.15
District	62	Ottawa West	\$2,649.29
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$3,100.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$300.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$470.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$270.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$850.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$974.52

Total Contributions YTD: \$31,680.07

140	Groups Contributing	Total from Groups	\$24,371.02
12	Districts Contributing	Total from Districts	\$7,309.05

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Appendix B- Area 83 Inventory – Ad-Hoch committee report

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.

I have been asked to step into the role of chair for this committee as Sandy S. had to step down for personal reasons. As far as planned, Sandy will be attending the fall assembly and will join myself and the other members of this committee, Katrina E., district 18 and Jim S., district 82, as we meet to go over the results to date.

So how are things going so far? A database has been created and results have started to get entered. Not a lot of work to do so far though, for as of September 11th a grand total of 21 surveys has been sent in. That is by mail, email, and by hand.

I know that as many people like to do, they are possibly leaving it to the last minute. The submission deadline is September 30th.

We will accept late entries at the fall assembly if you want to deliver them by hand.

There have been questions concerning “who” is to fill out this survey. I hope that it has been made clear to everyone that this is for **all** members in Area 83. There are three options to check off at the top of the page to let us know what level of service the survey is coming from. A group member who attends their group meeting and group business meeting checks off “group”. A member who attends the district meetings (GSR, alternate, and committee reps) would check off “district”, and members who attend the Area meetings such as this one (DCM, alternates, committee chairs, etc.) would check off “area”.

There may be many who think that filling out the survey will take up a lot of time, so I tested it. As I filled out my own survey, I set up a stop watch and hit start. I made sure to read at a steady pace. Not too fast or too slow. I read a few of the questions over again to make sure I understood them. I thought about my answers so that I wouldn't just check items off all loosey goosey. I made comments when asked to. Not too long but long enough to make my points clear. When I was satisfied with my results I stopped the clock.... 9 minutes and 22 seconds. Is that a long time?

I ask that you take these comments back to your districts and groups and try to have as many surveys filled out as possible. This is important and we would love to have as much information as possible from all levels of service.

You may send them to me via email at pgarden67@gmail.com or via Canada Post. My address is 31 Virgil Road, Nepean, Ontario, K2H 6B6.

Yours in service, *Patrick G*