

# **Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

## **Area Committee Meeting Minutes**

**December 6, 2014**

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## 1. Opening

Good morning, everyone. Welcome! I'm an alcoholic and my name is Kim. I am your Chair for this term.

Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions: Gord - Incoming Alternate District Committee Member for District 34

12 Concepts (Short Form): Wendy - Alternate District Committee Member for District 50

**Welcome to Quinte West – Welcome to Quinte West** – This is our last Area Committee meeting of this second year in the term. This is your meeting and is an opportunity for you all to share what's happening in your Districts. Remember that this is YOUR Area committee – it is where recommendations to the Assembly are discussed and formulated, where tasks assigned by the Assembly are carried out. It is where your questions are answered and your concerns addressed. So 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 us all to think of our First Tradition - "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity". We are all 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.

I ask for everyone's cooperation that when someone is speaking, please do not speak to those around you. It is important to be courteous to those at the front when they are giving their report, and during motion discussion.

### Some reminders

This is a non-smoking facility. A break will be called sometime around 11:00 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 beep.

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

### Area Committee Officers

On my immediate right, our	Panel 63 Delegate	Mel C
On Mel's right, our	Alternate Delegate	Joyce S
On my immediate left is our	Secretary	Tony A
Beside Tony is our	Treasurer	Rob M
Beside Rob is our	Registrar	Scott M
And I am your	Area 83 Chairperson	Kim S

### Area Committee Chairpersons

Public Information Chairperson	Herb W
Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson	Dan N
Correctional Facilities Chairperson	Gary O
Treatment Chairperson	Ruth F
Grapevine Chairperson	Heather M
Self-Support Chairperson	Jim A
Archives Chairperson	Gary C
Service Information Day Chairperson	Sue B

### Past Delegates, People with Appointed Area Service Positions and Long-time Service Visitors

Panel 51 Past Delegate – Joe D. (currently serving as Class B Trustee of the General Service Boards and Director of AA World Services)

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### Appointed Positions

Area Archivist – David T.  
Area Webmaster – Jim R.

These are your Panel 63 Area Officers and Chairs for 2013 and 2014.

### Notable Guests

Area 86 Alternate Delegate – Freddie  
Area 86 Past District Committee Member – Maureen  
Area 81 Delegate – Dave A.

### Housekeeping

Our meeting schedule up to and including the tentative dates to the end of December 2014 will be included in the minutes. These dates are booked and secured with the hotel and church. They are listed as tentative as the date of the following Assembly/Meeting is approved at the end of each meeting.

Year	Month	Date	What	Where
2014	December	December 6	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
2015	January	January 3	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
	March	March 27, 28, 29	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
pending	June	June 6	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
pending	Sept	Sept 12	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
pending	October	Oct 23, 24, 25	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston

### Food

Lunch has been arranged by our DCM, District 34, Linda D. 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.

### Seating

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

### Who votes?

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

### **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*  
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*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, he or she may make a motion to reconsider.** If this is seconded and passes by a simple majority, we start discussion again on the **original** motion.

### **Calling the Question**

During the discussion on a motion, a member, once recognized by the Chair, may move to "call the question". This is a motion to end discussion and move to the vote. This motion needs to be seconded, is not debatable, and requires a 2/3 majority to pass. If it passes, we go directly to the vote of the motion or amendment we were discussing. I would caution you not to use this privilege too often or too early – many good points and opinions will come out in any discussions, and if discussion is prematurely cut off, we will not get to hear them.

### **Who may address the committee meeting?**

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

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

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

### **Floor Motions**

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

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

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

Moved by: Linda D., District Committee Member of District 34  
Seconded: Louise T., Alternate District Committee Member of District 42  
**Motion: Carried** (unanimous in favour)

## **2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Before calling for motion, are there any items that should be added to today's agenda?

### **OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED UNDER NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM**

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None

May I have a motion to accept the agenda?

Moved by: Gary O., Area Corrections Chair  
Seconded: Michael C., District Committee Member of District 48  
**Motion: Carried** (unanimous in favour)

**3. ROLL CALL**

Scott M. 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 AREA COMMITTEE MEETING September 6, 2014.**

Minutes of the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were distributed by Tony through email and also a hard copy was placed in your folders.

*I would now entertain a motion to accept the September 6, 2014 Area Committee meeting minutes as submitted*

Motion: ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETING September 6, 2014  
Moved by: Pierre B., District Committee Member of District 30  
Seconded: James O., District Committee Member of District 10  
**Motion: Carried** (unanimous in favour)

**5. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS** (Sequence of reports to be 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 Tony our secretary.

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

**District 02 - Malton**

District 02 District Committee Member Rexdale United Group and my name is Robert.

Financially; we are doing better but not rich. Corrections; TWDC is now closed for programs. Ontario Correctional Institute 3 AA meetings a week and a Big Book study. Treatment; Meetings going very well at Brampton detox. We will chair the Gift of life noon meeting for the month of February 2015.

District 2 voted New Table Officers and chairs:

District Committee Member - Ray R.; Alternate District Committee Member - Shane H.; Secretary - Lindsey; Treasurer – Helder; Corrections - Bob E.; Treatment - De R.; Grapevine - Mustafa S.; Archives - Stefan G.; Cooperation with the Professional Community – Carl; Accessibility - Stefan G.; Public Information -Patrick B.

District 2 Service day was very successful thanks to Herb W.

Thank you,  
Robert B., District Committee Member of District 02

**District 06 - Mississauga**

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Good Morning fiends – I am a grateful alcoholic, a member of the Streetsville Group and my name is Elaine. And it has been my honour and privilege to have served District 06, covering Mississauga, and parts of Oakville and Etobicoke as the District Committee Member for the past 2 years. It is good to be here this morning.

All remains well and active in District 6. Attendance at District meetings runs between 60 and 70% of groups and all chair positions and most alternate chair positions have been filled for the term. Group contributions are running ahead of last year, and all our financial commitments to GSO, Area and the activities of our Committees have been met.

Our Committees are active and are participating in Toronto Intergroup and other GTA Committees and meeting all service commitments. Our Treatment service meeting commitments at Cawthra Shelter, Jean Tweed and Gift of Life have been filled by group rotation. Our Treatment Chair has also been active with Bridging the Gap requests as has our Corrections Chair. We are continuing to work with a youth facility that has requested a meeting at their location. Our treatment chair has also focused on ensuring that the literature needs of all treatment and assessment facilities in our District are met.

Once again, District 6 Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee sponsored a Bring A Professional evening – our Delegate Mel carried the message of AA as did representatives from Al Anon and a treatment professional. Once again I was struck by how critical it is to be carrying the message of our program of recovery to the professional community.

District 6 incoming District Committee Member and Alternate District Committee Member are Chris H, current Alternate District Committee Member and David B, now serving as Secretary Treasurer. Nat S is incoming Registrar and Webmaster. Secretary-Treasurer is to be elected at the December meeting – our November meeting was called on account of weather. Both Chris and David have been active since September in the 2015 Info AA Day Committee

The Mississauga Fall Round Up on October 4<sup>th</sup> was another successful event with over 200 in attendance. A District 6 Service Day is planned for January 31 – this event is held at the start of each 2 year term to introduce new General Service Representatives and Alternate General Service Representatives to service and their new roles. More details at the January Area Committee meeting. We continue to be excited about CERAASA – the Host Committee is planning a warm Mississauga welcome.

It has been a privilege and honour to be part of the 2013-2014 Area Committee, to have served as a member of the Service Information Day Committee, to have had so many opportunities to service, to learn and to make new friends. Thanks to every member of this Area Committee for your commitment to service. I wish you all the best in your future journeys and a Happy Holiday season.

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

### **District 10 - Toronto South Central**

My name is James and I am an alcoholic and currently serving as the District Committee Member for District 10 – Toronto South Central.

We have finally finished our revision to the Operating Procedures and was ratified by all voting members of the committee. The final version has now been posted to our website and is in place for the incoming team in 2015.

On Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> District 10 hosted a roundup – Living the 12 Traditions – which featured our own Herb W of the Redwood Group and Joyce S. of The St. Clements Group – who shared their experience, strength and hope around the traditions. It took place at the 519 Community Center.

Our new District Committee Member for the 2015-2016 is Marty M from the Mount Royal Group and Alternate District Committee Member is Lizo from the Love and Tolerance Group. We all wish them well in the upcoming term. Special thanks to Tony A. who presided over the elections. All other positions will be elected at our December meeting.

Service commitments – Sadly we decided as a group to drop the Covenant House meeting. There was little to no response from the clients there and we feel that our resources would be better used elsewhere. We did not, however, leave them high and dry....we are looking at setting up a kind of bridging the gap style program for anyone from Covenant House interested in attending AA meetings and will work closely with TOYPAA and other young people groups to reach out our hand to anyone who asks for our help.



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In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the members of District 10. You have all been such great teachers and friends through the good times and the bad. You have inspired me by your kindness, generosity and love. May the one that brought you here, bless you and keep you...always.

Yours in love and service,  
James O., District Committee Member for District 10

**District 12 - Toronto South West**

*Report read by Sean K. Alternate District Committee Member for District 12*

My name is Greg and I'm an alcoholic. I am unable to attend today due to a family commitment.

District 12 is managing its affairs well and is meeting its 11 monthly service commitments. We are financially sound but as usual there is no extra money so we must be prudent with what we have.

It has been an honour to serve the district as District Committee Member these last 2 years and I leave knowing that the district is in good hands with the incoming district table being both experienced and committed to AA.

It is with mixed feelings that I'm not continuing to serve the area at this time, but the opportunity to repay the gift of time to my family cannot be let go. Sobriety has given me my life back and a chance for living amends. I will continue to serve AA and I look forward to future opportunities.

Yours in service,  
Greg H., District Committee Member for District 12

**District 14 - Toronto North Central**

*Report read by Don M., Alternate District Committee Member for District 14*

I am an alcoholic member of the Aurora group serving as District 14's District Committee Member; my name is Gord. Most Officer and Sub-Committee Chair positions are all filled for the 2015/16 term with some incoming starting to serve immediately.

Our Sub-Committee chairs are attending the meetings at GTA Intergroup and some have kept their positions if they started late in the 2013/14 term. The York Regional Police literature program continues to run well and we fulfilling our other service commitments.

District 14 will start facilitating the service meetings at Southlake Hospital previously being done by a local AA group. We will be determining at our December district meeting what contributions to GSO and Area 83 that we are able to provide. District 14's latest attendance was 72% of our active groups back up after the summer.

Our District 14 Service Workshop was held last November and our Alternate District Committee Member Don chaired an interesting and informative meeting. District 14's Alternate and District Committee Members are both attending the Info AA Day 2015 meetings and have attended the Joint Sharing meetings.

Gord M., District Committee Member for District 14

**District 16 - Distrito Hispano de Toronto**

Good morning everybody. My name is Victor and my home group is Grupo Amistad of Toronto. I am an alcoholic and am the District Committee Member of District 16 – El Distrito Hispano de Toronto.

As the District Committee Member, I would like to report the Spanish district is very alive and it was a very difficult period but there are better times coming.

We have eight active groups in Toronto and the Spanish AA group from Kitchener and the one from Welland, Ontario will be represented at our district table.

We are having the elections for 2015-16 tonight. The Spanish district will participate in the 70 conference of the beginning of AA in Quebec invited by the Spanish District 32 of Area 87.

We are very happy to be a part of Area 83 and La Asamblea de Servicio de AA de la Region Este de el Canada (CERAASA in English).

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Wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you and God bless.

Thank you all of you,  
Victor M., District Committee Member for District 16

**District 18 - Toronto City East**

Good day friends. I am an alcoholic, and have the responsibility and privilege of serving as the District Committee Member for District 18, Toronto City East, and my name is Murray.

Our district is doing well financially and able to send monies along to Area and GSO while meeting our local commitments. We are still average just over 50% group representation at the table which is the historical norm for last several terms. Many of our district groups are small and have never or infrequently sent General Service Representatives. We do have contact for most groups and circulate district minutes and other related communications in hopes that they are getting to the members as required. The groups are still meeting our service meeting commitments for Correctional Facility and Treatment Facility meetings.

The big news is that we have completed the election of our incoming District Officers and for the next term our table will look as follows:

DCM - Katrina E; Alternate District Committee Member - John M; Secretary - Michael A; Registrar - David P; Treasurer - Glenn G

Our committee chairs will be elected in January once the new crop of General Service Representatives find their way there. And last but far from least, we have finally ratified into use our revised Guidelines and Procedures in time for the new committee's use next term. Much thanks again to our ad hoc committee for their efforts on getting this together on time.

It has been a great privilege and joy to have been reporting our district's journey over the last 2 years to this committee. I pray that the new committee is granted open hearts and minds and souls that they may continue to do His work in District 18.

Yours in Love and Service,  
Murray O., District Committee Member for District 18

**District 22 - Scarborough**

I am an alcoholic, a member of the Sunday Scarboro Group my name is Bryan, and I have the privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for District 22.

Our district is functioning well and we are financially sound and able to meet all our commitments. There are 20 groups in our district and about 70% of the groups attend the district meeting. A noon Service Meeting in our district has applied to change their status from a "Service Meeting" to a "Group". This will allow people an option to join a group which meets in the daytime. We should have 21 groups in our district in the near future. We have an eager and enthusiastic group of members at the district table and all our Sub-Committees are functioning well.

Planning for the 10<sup>th</sup> East Toronto Archives Breakfast held with District 18 started in September and the Breakfast is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Elections for the District's Sub-Committee Chairs were held in November, only half the Chair positions were filled. Elections for the Alternate Sub-Committee Chairs and the unfilled Sub-Committee Chairs will be held in January 2015. It is hard to believe that two years have gone by so quickly. It has been an interesting and educational two years. I am grateful to District 22 for the opportunity to serve and for the experience gained.

Our incoming District Committee Member, Eddy is chomping at the bit to get started. I would also like to thank the Area Officers for the help and guidance they provided me with during my term. It certainly made things easier for me to deal with some situations and to function with confidence. Finally I would like to wish all of you a safe and sober Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Yours in Loving Service,  
Bryan D., District Committee Member for District 22

**District 26 - Lakeshore West**

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Good morning friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Ajax Area Group and my name is Kimberley. It has been a privilege of serving as District Committee Member for District 26, Lakeshore West. Also here today is Amy, our incoming District Committee Member, who you know, as well as Dave L, our incoming Alternate District Committee Member.

Our district continues to have good group representation at the table and meet all of our financial responsibilities. Last month the position of secretary was accepted by Jess P of the Ladies Saturday Night Group. The positions that remain open are Cooperation with the Professional Community, Public Information, Self-Support and Alternate Chairperson.

Many groups in our district continue to put on meetings at the Renascent house in Brooklin on a rotating schedule. The Lindsay jail has a new coordinator and the meeting time has changed to Tuesday afternoon, so it has been difficult to find volunteers able to go up at that time.

Our Alkathon is in the process of being coordinate with groups in our District and District 28. It will be held at the Alano club in Oshawa starting at noon on Christmas Eve and running through to noon on Christmas Day. Thank you all for your encouragement and support this term.

Yours in love and service,  
Kimberley M., District Committee Member for District 26

### **District 28 - Lakeshore East**

Hello friends, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Bowmanville Group and my name is Jack. I have the honor and privilege of being your District Committee Member for District 28.

District 28 is doing well with the table still being very active. We had our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Newcastle Round Up and it was very successful. Our Bring a Friend Professional Meeting was well attended and I would like to thank our Alternate Delegate for a great presentation. As for the next term, all of the positions have been filled except for one. The only vacancy we have is Grapevine.

At this time, I would like to introduce our new District Committee Member for District 28, Tom L., I am sure he will do a great job. Personally, I am looking forward to the next two years as the Corrections and Treatment Chair for the District.

I would like to thank this table for all of the support shown for the past 2 years. Here is hoping that you all have a great holiday season, full of love, laughter and sobriety. This is my report and I would like to thank you all for my sobriety.

Yours in Love, Service, and the Fellowship of the Spirit,  
Jack H., District Committee Member for District 28

### **District 30 - Quinte West**

I'm an alcoholic and my name is Pierre and it has indeed been a great experience being the District Committee Member for District 30 Quinte West and I am a member of the Fresh Start Group in Campbellford.

Our district has been doing very well and we recently invited Dot, former Area 83 Delegate, to chair our district elections in October. We are missing a couple of positions but mostly we have a full slate of table officers. We have our Incoming District Committee Member (Myles) and Alternate District Committee Member (Ian) with us here today and we even have 2 members here today from my home group visiting us. It is definitely time for me to rotate out.

Recently, the Astra Group celebrated 47 years as a group and is one of the oldest groups in the district.

I believe that things are in good hands for the future and I would like to thank you all for your support and looking forward to going to the Assemblies as a visitor. Thank you for my sobriety.

Pierre B., District Committee Member for District 30

### **District 34 - Quinte East**

Good morning everyone, my name is Linda, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Tweed group, and it is my privilege to have been able to service District 34 as District Committee Member. It is hard to believe that two years has gone by already.

District 34 is looking forward to our meeting on December 18 as it will be the last meeting for the current executive and time to turn the reins over to the newly elected members of the table. The spirit of rotation is alive and well in Quinte East. As for our current

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district table we are doing great, we have all but 3 of our service positions filled. I am confident that these positions will be filled at the next table meeting or in the New Year

When I first joined the District table in early sobriety there were many times when a committee chair would get up and say "nothing to report", this no longer happens at the monthly meetings. The committee chairs always have something new to tell us. I hope that the enthusiasm they have shown will continue to grow in their new positions.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone in District 34 for their love, support, patients and yes their passions, over the last two years. It has been an amazing journey and learning experience for me.

Yours in service,

Linda D., District Committee Member for District 34

### **District 36 – Kingston & The Islands**

*Report read by Mac, incoming District Committee Member for District 36*

Good morning I am an alcoholic my name is Lynne. It is my privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for Kingston and the Islands.

Our District elections for 2015-16 were held at our September 17th meeting. I am happy to report that all positions are now filled. Congratulations to the Kingston members demonstrating the desire to serve AA and give away that which was so freely given to them. Remember that rotation is the key to service and one reason for AA longevity. Those currently sitting in positions may want to share their experience with others and encourage them into service.

I would like to thank the outgoing Officers, Chairs and General Service Representatives for their service in 2013 and 2014. Many of you chose to continue in service at the District. Your experience will be appreciated by those new to the table. To those leaving the table my hope is that your enthusiasm to serve will continue in your group.

I thank all of District 36 for the privilege of serving. At times my work schedule and health impeded my potential and your patience is appreciated. My experience as District Committee Member clearly illustrated that no matter where we may be in our service journey no slogan is more applicable than "Alone I cannot. Together we can." All the best to the incoming District 36 and Area 83 Officers and Chairs. Thank you for the privilege to serve. I wish you a lifetime of sobriety.

Lynne H., District Committee Member for District 36

### **District 38 - Thousand Islands**

Absent and no report submitted

### **District 42 - St. Lawrence International**

Good morning everyone. My name is Louise and I am an alcoholic. I serve as the Alternate District Committee Member for District 42, St. Lawrence International and I'm a member of the Wed. Night ODAAT Group.

We have, on average, 20-25% of our groups attending our district meetings. Since our Fall Assembly, we have had one district meeting and here is the status of service positions:

District Committee Member and Alternate District Committee Member positions still vacant (Allan C. our current District Committee Member has agreed to stay on for 3 months, but it is his hope that these positions will be filled soon.) Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Archives, Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community, Corrections, Treatment Facilities are filled.

A special note of thanks to Milner G. who plans to submit our first-ever draft of District 42 Operating Procedures at our next district meeting.

Our next District Meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and Milner G. and I, both past District Committee Members, are contemplating and praying on which one of us will stand, since no one else at our district table willing or able to serve at this level. As our Big Book states...more will be revealed!

Yours in gratitude for sobriety and service,

Louise T., Alternate District Committee Member for District 42

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**District 48 - Seaway Valley North**

At the November meeting of the district table the elections were held for the district officers and sub-committee chairs. We had a very large turnout of General Service Representatives and visitors including a couple of new General Service Representatives and their alternates it was great to see some new faces at the district table.

I am pleased to report that only four sub-chair positions were vacant after the elections; all positions were filled by acclamation. Our new District Committee Member is Bryan McL. Our new Alternate District Committee member is Pam Y. The four vacant sub-committee positions are Corrections /Treatment Facilities chair, Literature, Grapevine and Self-Support.

At our December district meeting one of our new General Service Representatives stepped forward and was acclaimed the district new Self- Support Chairperson. Leaving only three vacancies at the district table God willing these will soon be filled as well.

Well it is that time of year again and while many of you may be thinking of attending CERAASA in Mississauga February 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> District 48 will be holding its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Round-Up Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> at Matilda Hall in Dixon Corners once again it will be a day filled with AA and Al-Anon speakers, panel's fellowship and food. We have placed fliers in your mail slots, looking forward to seeing you at both events. The Theme for this year's Round-Up is "You Are Never Alone" The Chair and CO-Chair for the 2015 round-up are Bryan McL. and Pam Y.

Just before the Area 83 Fall Assembly while I was on vacation our then Alternate District Committee Member Greg D. to step down for health reasons I am happy to say Greg has been told by his doctor that if he takes it easy and slows down he will be okay.

As this will be my last report to the Area Committee I just want to thank you all and my district for your help and support these last two years. It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve AA as the District Committee member for District 48. May God continue to bless and guide you as we all trudge the road of happy destiny in the fellowship of AA.

Yours in love and Service

Michael C., District Committee Member for District 48

**District 50 - Cornwall**

Good morning friends, alcoholic named Dave. I am a member of the Beginners Group which meets in Cornwall on Saturday mornings and I currently serve as the District Committee Member for District 50.

Our Cornwall conference was held November 7 & 8 and thanks to all who attended it was a success. We had to empty the banquet hall 20 minutes before the meal as it was filling full of smoke from a smoldering fire outside the front entrance of the hotel. Everyone left and re-entered in an orderly fashion both the meal and the speaker were awesome.

On December 24 we will have meetings, fellowship, and food from 1pm to 10pm at the local Knight's Hall. Everyone is welcome. The dinner is Pot Luck but this is a well supported event so please just come spend some time with us and charge your spirit for the Holiday Season.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service, stay sober & safe over this Holiday Season.

Yours in service,

Dave S., District Committee Member for District 50

**District 54 - Ottawa Rideau**

Good morning, my name is Bob, serving as the District Committee Member for District 54, a member of the Beacon Hill Group, and I am an alcoholic.

Our monthly district meetings continue to be well attended by our General Service Representatives and District Committee Members. We held our District elections for the 2015-2016 term on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to our new District Committee Member, Darlene K., from the Beacon Hill group in Ottawa. She is currently the Alternate District Committee Member. All other table positions were filled except for Secretary, Registrar and Self-Support. We will continue to actively seek potential candidates for those positions over the next four weeks.

We are meeting our financial obligations and service commitments, which include three treatment facilities and a number of correctional facilities, the main commitments being at the Ottawa Correctional Detention Centre on Innes Road.

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We completed our District Inventory on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, which was facilitated by Sandy S., Past Delegate – Panel 59. 15 members attended the District Inventory. The minutes of meeting were distributed to all General Service Representatives and will serve as a guideline for the next term.

Finally, the Ottawa Area Alkathon is being held in December on Dec 24-25<sup>th</sup> and Dec 31<sup>st</sup> – Jan 1<sup>st</sup> at the Bronson Centre. All are welcome!

Yours in love and service,  
Bob B., District Committee Member for District 54

### **District 58 - Ottawa Bytown**

*Absent and no report submitted.*

### **District 62 - Ottawa West**

I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Parkwood Hills Group in Ottawa, and am currently serving District 62, Ottawa West, as their District Committee Member. My name is Sue.

Things have been quiet in District 62 since the Fall Assembly and all is going well. Our finances are in great shape, and the meetings are well attended.

I had mentioned in my last report that after our elections held in October, that we still required a Treasurer. As of our November 10<sup>th</sup> District meeting, I am happy to report that all positions in District 62 for the 2015 – 2016 term have now been filled.

We held a Group Inventory on November 8<sup>th</sup>, where both the new incoming District Committee Member, Patrick G, and the new Alternate District Committee Member, Michael B, were in attendance.

The District will continue to meet an hour early in the new term and each month will read and discuss one of the concepts. All members are welcome to attend.

This is my last report as District Committee Member for Ottawa West, District 62. It has been an honor and privilege to have been of service to this wonderful District, and I wish them always only the best.

Yours in love and service,  
Sue B., District Committee Member for District 62

### **District 66 - Golden Triangle**

Good morning friends I am an alcoholic, a grateful member of the Sharbot Lake Land-O-Lakes group and my name is Rod. My sobriety date is March 22, 1991. It has been an honour and privilege to serve as District Committee Member for the Golden Triangle Group District 66.

I am truly blessed to have been given the opportunity to serve District 66 as their District Committee Member. I will forever cherish the memories of the past two years and I know that in the spirit of rotation a new District Committee Member will have a chance to live the same dream. Terry K and Jenny C are both looking forward to starting in January as District Committee Member and Alternate District Committee Member.

Elections were held in September and most positions were filled the next term. I know from experience in AA that the New Year will bring new members to fill the vacant positions. Successful roundups, alcatheons and a multitude of group celebrations provided a lot of fellowship opportunities for all to enjoy.

The district is in a good financial position exceeding our prudent reserve and the new table will distribute excess funds in accordance to our financial guidelines in the new year.

All outgoing committee chairs have done a wonderful job in carrying the message of alcoholics anonymous in district 66 and I bid them all a warm thank you for their humble service.

District 66 is currently reviewing and updating the district guidelines which are resulting in a lot of participation and discussion by members at the table. I feel this task will extend into the next years business.

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At this time on behalf of everyone in the Golden Triangle District I want to wish you a happy and joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in love and service,  
Rod D., District Committee Member for District 66

### **District 70 - Renfrew Pontiac**

All goes well in District 70. We recently held our fall round-up on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> it was very well attended lots of friends were there. Our General Service Representatives did a great job and they should feel proud of doing a great job.

I have been re-elected and look forward to 2 more wonderful years in service to our wonderful fellowship. Once again thank you for my sobriety.

Yours in love and service,  
Dave P., District Committee Member for District 70

### **District 74 - Pembroke**

*Report read by Tony A., Area 83 Secretary*

Good morning everyone. Unfortunately I could not attend our last Area Meeting of the year but work commitments have kept me in the Ottawa Valley today. We have only had one District Meeting since my last report, so there is not too much to share.

We held our elections following our last District Meeting in November and some positions were filled and some still remain vacant. The following people will be taking over various positions in our District:

District Committee Member – Brian D; Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community - Jane S; Event Chair – Wayne C; Treatment – Pat E; Alternate District Committee Member – Vacant; Treasurer - Vacant

Hopefully we will be able to fill these vacant positions at our December Meeting.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me along my journey in service and good luck to everyone who is assuming new roles in the upcoming year.

Yours in service,  
Pat E., District Committee Member for District 74

### **District 78 - Madawaska Valley**

Hi everyone, I am Irvine and I am an alcoholic and Incoming District Committee Member for District 78.

Our district, small in number though it is, we are alive and well and growing. I am expecting some new faces as well as some new-old faces to the table. Hopefully we will be able to fill some of the chair positions and have some good news for the January 2015 Area Committee Meeting. I have been canvassing the groups in the district.

I am looking forward to being of service to District 78 and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Irvin W., Incoming District Committee Member for District 78

### **District 82 – Victoria-Haliburton**

Hello friends. I am an alcoholic and a member of the Little Oak Group and my name is Kim. This month of December is a high point in my sobriety. I love this month of the year and the AA Gratitude Meetings.

On Wednesday November 5 was District 82's Bring a Professional Night. The chair for Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information did amazing work and putting all of this together. There were about 60 people in attendance and at 12 or maybe more were from outside our membership. The speakers were great and carried the messages of what AA can and cannot do. Joyce S. spoke on the topic of AA as a whole and the background of AA. Sheldon S. gave a talk about coming in to AA as a Bay St. lawyer and Mildred F. was the final speaker on the benefits of turning our will and life over on a daily basis. The Bring a Professional Day was a successful night for the good of AA on the whole.

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At our district table the news was brought to us that Telecare, our answering service for our district, is closing on December 31, 2014. A motion was put on the table to form an ad hoc committee to address the issue of getting an answering service. Jim S. put together and ad hoc committee has contacted Page Communications in Peterborough. This information will be presented to the table for its approval.

District elections were chaired by Rob M and Jim S. is our elected District Committee Member and is here with us today. All of our district positions with the exception of Corrections and Alternate Corrections Chair are filled. This is a sad thing for our district as the Lindsay Jail is right in our district. We are still carrying the message inside of the walls in for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of this month on Tuesday afternoon.

The coming of the new year, I am confident that District 82 will stay united with the focus of singleness of purpose.

Yours in love and service,

Kim M. District Committee Member for District 82

### **District 86 - Kawartha**

Good morning friends. I am a alcoholic my name is Margaret a member of the Coffee Club Group in Peterborough. I am the Alt District Committee Member currently serving as District Committee Member until Jan 1, 2015

We have 21 registered groups in our area and attendance at the district meetings over the last 6 months have been 85 %, very well attended. All of our positions have been filled for the next term 2015 – 2016 and financially we are doing well and all our bills are paid.

We cover the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at Lindsay Central East Correctional Centre. The month of December most groups are having gratitude meetings which are very helpful to the recovering alcoholics. Best wishes to everyone over the holiday season and may you have a safe and sober one.

Yours in Service,

Margaret T., Alternate 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 Tony, our Secretary. I would ask the committee members to stay at the front after their reports to answer any questions, if any.

### **a) Public Information Report**

***Herb W.***

Hello everyone. My name is Herb and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the Sunday Morning Redwood Group in Trenton, in District 30 Quinte West and I have had the privilege and honour to serve as your Public Information Chairperson for Area 83 for the 2013-2014 term.

Since the Assembly on October I attended the Belleville, District 34 Roundup on November 15<sup>th</sup> and indeed what a great day of food fellowship and sharing it was! On November 22<sup>nd</sup> I attended the District 10 Roundup and had the opportunity to share on Tradition 1, 2, and 3. I would like to thank Marty M. the District 10 Alternate District Committee Member for inviting me, and all those who were so welcoming! After we had lunch it was off to District 2 in to speak on my service journey with public information. Thanks to Ray R. the Alternate District Committee Member for the privilege to attend and a special thanks to Deadre and Robert B. for the burger and fellowship after.

I have received a request for three Public Service Announcements from Teresa K. the host for Living Clean-Living Well, a Canadian talk show about addictions and substance abuse to be aired during her show. I have sent her the tapes and will confirm this week that they arrived.

I also have had a request again from Gusto TV for Public Service announcements. The person I previously sent them to is not with the station anymore and the traffic manager is looking into locating them and I will pass the progress on to the new Public



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Information Chairperson. She has said that perhaps the possibility that they are not in digital format is a factor and they could be on a shelf.

The new Public Service Announcement being produce by the General Service Office in digital format will be welcomed by the media as that is the standard format being requested by stations today.

Well the time has arrived to pass on this position to another member and I wish them the very best for the next term and will offer my help to them in any way if requested. I want to wish you all the best in your service journey, and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!! Thank you all for your love, tolerance, hope and the opportunity to serve such a great area!

With gratitude, in service,

Herb W., Public Information Chairperson - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

### **b) Cooperation with the Professional Community Report**

**Dan N.**

Hello friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Royal York Group and my name is Dan. It is my privilege to serve you as your Area 83 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair.

As I mentioned when giving my report at the Fall Area Assembly, it has been a wonderful experience being your Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair. I've met some amazing people who have taken an active part in Cooperation with the Professional Community service work throughout our area. What I've found during this two year term is that we have an extensive amount of very good quality literature to help us speak at professional associations and events. We also have great examples in the Cooperation with the Professional Community workbook for sending out letters of introduction to professional associations and groups. And overall, the professional community is very grateful for our Cooperation with the Professional Community work and when we present to professionals, we 'demystify' what AA is and does.

One excellent way of demystifying AA is through Bring a Professional evenings and I wanted to highlight the excellent work that was done in the preparation and organization in putting together a number of Bring a Professional events in October and November in our Area.

I attended 3 Bring a Professional evenings, one in Lindsay put on by District 82 Victoria-Haliburton, another put on by District 6 Mississauga and a third one put on Oct. 6th by District 86 Kawartha. There was also one other Bring a Professional evening put on by District 28 on November 11th. My comments are the same for a large city like Mississauga or a small town like Lindsay- professionals of all walks of life are very thankful in hearing what we are about and how we stay sober. Many professionals are not aware that Alcoholism is recognized by the American Medical Association and the American Psychiatric Association as a disease. And the feedback received is that they are impressed with how AA is a fellowship with a 12 step program of recovery that has been successful in keeping currently over 2 million alcoholics from drinking 'one day at a time'. I just want to emphasize as Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair that I have seen the hard work that has been put into these evenings and I know that it is very worthwhile as part of the Cooperation with the Professional Community service work in Area 83.

In closing, being Area 83 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair has been an extremely rewarding experience and I want to thank all those taking part in this very important service in Area 83. I will always remember the hard work and dedication given.

Yours in love and service,

Dan N., Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson – Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

### **c) Corrections Report**

**Gary O.**

Good Morning Area 83 Officers, past and present Delegates, District Committee Members and guests. My name is Gary and I am a member of the Living Sober group Newmarket Ontario.

Well two year has passed by since I took on this service position with the Area. This will be my last report to the area for this term. We the district Correction Committee chairs have accomplished a lot of good work in the past two years. We put on 4 workshop ranging from having a member speak from a Federal institutions to a delegate from Area 81 speak on what goes on in his area.

We also had a workshop on our Bridging the Gap process and two of our correction chairs spoke on what they do in their local jails and institutions. All workshops were will attended and a lot of sharing was passed on and all questions were answered. I would like

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to thank District 14 and The Get a Grip meeting in new market police station for their donation of 200 soft covered big books to all the intuition in our area.

At this time I would like to read a update on the Correctional Correspondence Initiative This report drafted by Peter N. and David T.

*In July 2012 at the Eastern Canada Regional Forum held in St Catherine's Ontario, it was discovered that we do not have an active correctional correspondence program in Canada. At that time, it was discovered that on the General Service Office computer list, 11 Canadian inmates were listed as having written to GSO requesting an outside correspondent. This figure was later amended to 15 Canadians who, since 2005 had written to GSO requesting an outside correspondent. This does not necessarily mean that someone had written to them. We have no way of knowing how many are currently active but we are trying to find out.*

*For those of you not familiar with the program, Corrections Correspondence is not a pen pal service but is vital 12 Step work, where an AA on the outside writes to an AA member on the inside, functioning as a sponsor, taking the inside member through the 12 Steps, the book, the AA program. GSO can receive as many as fifty to sixty requests per week from all across North America from AA members on the inside.*

*Try to image being an AA member on the inside, looking at a two to twenty-five year term or more, with one meeting a week which is frequently cancelled, or being in an institution which doesn't have meetings at all, such as when Collins Bay was closed to AA for two years. Try to imagine staying sober on your own, incarcerated.*

*An initiative was started by several members in July, 2012, working with Tracey O. of the GSO Corrections Desk, determined to find a remedy to this Canadian problem and to try to find a way to get the support of Correctional Services Canada for this important project.*

*Several approaches have been made to Correctional Services Canada, at the national and regional level to find the right contact that has the willingness and authority to say yes. We have been informed that many people can and will say no, particularly if there is no precedent or existing program which has already been approved.*

*At the Eastern Canada Regional Forum held in Laval in August, David T., Dave A., Panel 64 Delegate for Area 81 New Brunswick/Prince Edward Island, and I met with Phyllis H., General Manager of the General Service Office to update GSO on their progress.*

*We had been told by a contact within Corrections Canada, during the summer to try and find some references, people who had, or were currently participating in the Correctional Correspondence program, that this would greatly enhance our chances of success.*

*By the time of the October, 2014 Area 81 Fall Assembly we began to make some real progress. Kim S., GIR for the Warkworth Institution Group found a former inmate who had used the Correctional Correspondence program while incarcerated at Warkworth, Collins Bay and Kingston Pen and who was willing to let us use his name and FPS number as a reference. David T. was continuing to contact Corrections Canada at the national office in Ottawa to follow up presentations he had made to various changing bureaucrats. Dave A., Area 81 Delegate had been asked by Corrections Canada to sit on a Volunteers Advisory Panel and was looking to make inroads through that panel. Clement C., new at GSO and newly responsible for the Corrections Desk had been in contact with me so that we could try and find out who in Canada was actively using the correspondence program. By mid November Clement had received two responses, one in English and one in French and these are being actively followed up.*

*We will use all this information to make a breakthrough with the Correctional Service of Canada. Those involved are committed to staying with this project until we make the correctional correspondence program a success in Canada.*

In closing I would like to thank all of the members of the area for allowing me to be part the Correction Committee for the term 2013 2014.

Yours in service,

Gary O., Corrections Chairperson – Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

### **d) Treatment Report**

**Ruth F.**

Good morning, my name is Ruth and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Agincourt Acorn group in District 22, Scarborough. I am currently serving as your Area 83 Treatment Chair.

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The Area 83 Treatment Committees are looking after the treatment facilities commitments in their districts. They are doing a great job. Treatment Facilities in Area 83 are in good hands! Let me know if I can be of any service to your District Treatment Committee.

Bridging the Gap is alive and active in the Districts. Thank you to the Treatment Chairs who have always found a contact for the Bridging the Gap request. The individuals may not always be ready to come to a meeting, but we have completed the bridge, put out our hand, and opened the door.

At the Spring Assembly, we discussed the pamphlet titled "Bridging the Gap" to possibly include Corrections. The conference took no action on this proposal. Their reasoning was while some Area combine Treatment and Corrections, in some Area they are separate and they have developed service material "tailored specifically to explain their local programs".

"Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous" was recently added to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). Type in "Hope DVD" in the search box, or go to the Treatment Committees section of the website. I have enjoyed my term as Treatment Chair. I have learned tons. I may be rotating out as Area Chair, but I will remain involved in Bridging the Gap in my District. Please send me your District minutes. I enjoy reading about what is happening in your Districts. I can be contacted at [www.area83aa.org](http://www.area83aa.org) or at [tjbruth7395@aol.com](mailto:tjbruth7395@aol.com). Thank you for allowing me to serve! Sober sure is better!!

Ruth F., Treatment Chairperson - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

### **e) Grapevine Report**

**Ruth F.**

The Grapevine has great items for that hard to buy for Sponsor/Sponsee! The Grapevine is offering free shipping November 1 to December 31. You still have time to order from Grapevine without shipping charges! There are: Over 21 books and 18 e-book titles; Wall calendars and pocket planners; Gift certificates; Gift subscriptions: 2 for \$42.00

Why not encourage your group to have a Grapevine Representative? Sign up on the website at [www.aagrapevine.org/gvr](http://www.aagrapevine.org/gvr). "It is a great way to carry the message of AA and to stay sober."

Call for stories...Upcoming topics include: Young and sober, sponsorship, How I found my Higher Power and Double digit sobriety. See [www.grapevine.org/share](http://www.grapevine.org/share) for the full calendar and guidelines.

Share your story!! Grapevine is always looking for stories on special topics such as Emotional sobriety, Sponsorship, Newcomers, Youth enjoying sobriety, Old timers, Home group, Twelve S, and Twelve Traditions.

I am the newly elected Grapevine Representative of my home group. My display is up, and I am ready to be the best Grapevine representative I can be! What about you?

Finally, I want to thank Heather M for her work as this terms' Area 83 Grapevine Chairperson!! All the best Heather! Sober sure is better.

Yours in Service,

Ruth F., Grapevine Chairperson - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

### **f) Self-Support Report**

**Jim A.**

Hi friends, it's great to be here with you again. I am an alcoholic, a member of the East York Group in District 18. My name is Jim. Thank you for the honour and pleasure of serving you as the Area 83 Self-Support Chair during this past term. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with and getting to know each of you.

There hasn't been a lot going on during the last 41 days: District 18 Self-Support Chair Glenn G attended the District 2 Service day on November 22nd. Two nights ago I visited a new group in District 18 along with incoming District Committee Member Katrina E. What a great response we received! This group wants to get active and did not know where to start. Sometimes having two small groups share a service commitment works well. Every little contribution can yield big returns. This committee is the silent partner to all other committees. Self-Support is everybody's business.

The key message of Self-Support is connecting spirituality and service. The right amount of the right type of resources at the right place at the right time. I am preaching to the choir, everyone here know that service rocks. Please carry the message of service back to your district tables. It's the participation that is important, not the amount on the check. People matter those serving and those being served.

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The birthday program for those that don't know is for members who might be feeling grateful for having another AA birthday to share their gratitude with GSO. Self-Support is about the 12th Step too. There is so much that could be done, there is probably something for everyone. Please promote the merits of service. It may attract some new blood.

Recent observation: I was asked why AA is not more like MADD by aggressively promoting ourselves. Answer: our traditions and concept suggest....that falls into Public Information and or Cooperation with the Professional Community. Other observations are use of service sponsors is being mentioned more; a real desire for more light shed on the 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition and 12<sup>th</sup> Concept. Without unity - there can be no service. Without service - there is definitely no recovery. And without recovery! There is nothing.

As always I encourage comments and questions from you and especially from the 17 Self-Support Chairs and those covering this position. Please contact me at [selfsupport@area83aa.org](mailto:selfsupport@area83aa.org).

Yours in love and service,

James A., Self Support Chairperson - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

### **g) Archives Report**

**Gary C.**

Hi, Everyone. I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Stonewall Group in Peterborough in Kawartha District 86 and my name is Gary. I'd like to use this moment to say how much I've appreciated the opportunity to serve Area 83 over the past 2 years as Archives Chair. It's truly been a rewarding experience and I hope I've added just a small amount to the cause of Archives in the Area.

Looking back, our Area Archives team conducted an Annual Workshop in 2013 in Toronto followed by a tour of the CNE Archives and again in Peterborough in 2014 followed by a tour of the Trent University Archives. We conducted workshops at the Assembly Service Information Days followed by Area Archive Committee meetings. My Thanks to all Districts that brought their archives displays to the Ambassador. Well done! There was also participation in various Districts Service days. Looking forward, the next Area Archives Annual Workshop is slated for Kingston in 2015 and Ottawa in 2016.

Per a report to be made today under new business by Jim, our Area Webmaster, I would caution all users of the Area website to make sure that they have all emails that they deem important either copied or downloaded from the area site. As of Jan. 8 the site will be redesigned and set up on a new host so all emails on the old server will be lost.

In closing, I hope everyone here celebrates a serene and sober holiday season. For 2015 I trust you will Let Gratitude Be Your Attitude.

Gary C., Archives Chairperson - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

### **h) Service Information Day Report**

**Sue B.**

Good morning; I am an alcoholic, a member of the Parkwood Hills group, currently serving as Ottawa West District 62's District Committee Member, and serving as Chairperson on the Service Information Day Committee. My name is Sue.

I would like to introduce to you once again your Service Information Day Committee: Robert B., District Committee Member, District 02 – Malton, Elaine H., District Committee Member, District 06 - Mississauga, Murray O., District Committee Member, District 18 – Toronto City East, Kimberley M., District Committee Member, District 26 – Lakeshore West, and Linda D., District Committee Member, District 34 – Quinte East. As I said at the Fall Assembly, I wish to take this moment to thank each and every one of you for a job well done, and being so easy to work with. I can honestly say that I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you. I wish you all the very best on your continued journey.

There were 51 Surveys completed from the Assembly. All Workshop Chairperson's have received their results. Being part of the Service Information Day Committee has been amazing. To any of you that will be a new District Committee Member come January, let your name stand for this Committee at this Januarys Area Meeting. You will not be disappointed.

Yours in Love and Service,

Sue B., Service Information Day Chair - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

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**7. REGISTRAR REPORT**

**Scott M.**

Greetings to all and a happy start to another Canadian winter! I'm alcoholic, a member of the Bloordale Group in District 06 and my name is Scott. Hi! It continues to be an honour and privilege to serve the fellowship in this manner as your Panel 63 Area Registrar.

The roll call for today is 15 Area Officers (including Area Archivist, Area Webmaster and Service Information Day Chair), no Immediate Past Delegate, 1 Past Delegate, 17 District Committee Members, 16 Alternate District Committee Members and 20 Visitors. For voting purposes there are: 11 Area Officers eligible to vote (no Immediate Past Delegate) and 22 District Committee Members for a total of 33 votes. Total delegation for this meeting is 68.

Work relating to this position was fairly quiet just after the Assembly, but it has picked up again now that elections have taken place in Groups that align themselves with our two year term. A task that will continue into the next term will be to obtain accurate group membership counts so that our Area can do our part for AA as a whole and the next membership survey. Also, in order to not have as many unknown groups, it will be up to the incoming District Committee Members and their Alternates, to attempt to contact or visit your District's unknown groups to investigate and report whether they are active or inactive. If they are still meeting, all we need is a contact name and they can have an active group status. As I've requested throughout the term, I ask that we continue to work together to continue to reduce the number of unknown groups of which there are now 90. At the beginning of the term my goal was to reduce these unknown groups to zero...ha. I didn't realize how large a task this would be. At our first Spring Assembly I reported we had 95 unknown groups, so there was some progress. I have found many groups that did not have a type of meeting listed in the database as they were listed as unknown, so the latest version of the Group Information Change Form that has been modified by Sue and I, complete with her address, will have a spot to add the type of meeting as well as the time. These forms are ready to be placed on your Area website and will be available soon. They will be found at [www.area83aa.org](http://www.area83aa.org) under Resources and District Resources.

Sue and I will be conducting our extensive training session on Dec 27<sup>th</sup> and shortly after I would think that our Webmaster would then be able to transfer the [registrar@area83aa.org](mailto:registrar@area83aa.org) email to her. A copy of the current 2014-15 Canadian A.A. Directory is here with me today should anyone wish to borrow it. I expect by now all District Committee Members received their copies as well. The other U.S. directories are here too. Thank you to those Districts that send minutes. I do read them. For those that do not, I'd love to be added to your distribution list, as I'm certain all of the Area Committee would.

As a rotating Registrar I would like to express my gratitude to all of you and your Districts' Group members for your hard work, patience, love and tolerance as I continued to trudge the road of Registrar destiny. I have met an unbelievable amount of new friends in the fellowship, learned a vast amount of Area 83's geography and wish you all the best wherever your service journey takes you. Again, thanks for the trust you provided me with and the opportunity to serve.

Yours, in love and service,

Scott M., Registrar - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

**8. TREASURER REPORT**

**Rob M.**

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

In the District Committee Members mail folders I've placed some Area 83 contribution envelopes. Please remind your Groups and Districts that after December 31, 2014 contributions for Area 83 should be sent to our incoming Treasurer - Kimberley M. Also in the District Committee Member mail folders, as well as the Area Committee Members folders I placed copies of the financial statement for the period ending December 3, 2014. Copies of these are available on the side table and I would like to 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<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Total income for the period is \$52,110.69 and total expenses for the period are \$60,633.35. To date expenses are \$8,522.66 higher than income. Thank you to the 143 Groups and 17 Districts that have made financial contributions to Area 83 this year. As of December 3, 2014 all cheques received were deposited and receipts along with return contribution envelopes were sent out.

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The bank opening balance on January 1, 2014 was \$30,433.87. Total income of \$52,110.69 less expenses of \$60,633.35 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$21,911.21 as of December 3, 2014. The bank reconciliation has been done and the balance in the operating account is accurate.

Page 2 shows details of expenses. Here we see an itemized breakdown of expenses for the period. The top section lists Committee Members expenses to date, and the bottom section lists all other expenses to date. Because there was not an Area Committee Meeting in December last year there is no financial statement for this period of 2013 to compare this one too. The bank balance on December 3, 2013 was \$22,560.46, \$649.25 higher than this year.

Page 3 shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from the District, as well as Groups within the District. The 7th Tradition today was \$ 279. Thank for your generous contributions. It's been a pleasure getting to know most of you this term and I look forward to continuing to be of service to Area 83.

Rob M., Treasurer - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

[See Appendix A - Financial Statements]

### **9. SECRETARY REPORT**

***Tony A.***

Good day members of the Area 83 Committee, Past Delegate, friends and guests. I am an alcoholic, a member of the St. Clements Group in District 10 and currently serve as your Panel 63 Secretary for Area 83 International and my name is Tony. I am delighted to be here with you for our final Area Committee Meeting of our term.

As we near the end of our term, please ensure that you send to me the district change forms with your district's incoming member information. I have printed blank forms over by the file bins and I have sent out through email this form to the current District Committee Members and Alternates.

Thank you to those districts that have already submitted your changes. These changes will get updated near the end of December. It is very important that you get this information to me as soon as possible and these can be emailed to [secretary@area83aa.org](mailto:secretary@area83aa.org). The next Area Committee Meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2015. Please get your report from today's area committee meeting emailed to me fairly quickly so I can have the meeting minutes transcribed and ready for this date. Thank you to those of you who have already sent your report to me. This is much appreciated. These minutes will get emailed to the incoming area secretary for printing for the January Area Committee Meeting.

I have with me today all of the Area Secretary bins and related supplies to be turned over to our incoming Area Secretary. I will also ensure that all meeting minutes, agendas and other related information from this past term will get copied for our Area Archivist.

For those of you attending CERAASA in February, see you there and a very happy holiday season to you. Thank you for the trust and confidence that you have placed in me and for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous and I wish you all of the very best in your future endeavors and sobriety. God bless you all and for all that you do for Alcoholics Anonymous.

In grateful and loving service,

Tony A., Secretary - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

### **10. ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT**

***Joyce S.***

Hello everyone, I am an alcoholic, a member of the St. Clements Group in District 10 and my name is Joyce. It is also my honour to serve Area 83 as Panel 63 Alternate Delegate.

It is so amazing to me how quickly these past two years have gone. It is my belief that Area 83 has been in good hands and I am confident those incoming will continue to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. I look forward to continuing this journey with you in keeping Area 83 alive and well.

On November 5<sup>th</sup> I participated in the Bring a Professional Night hosted by District 82 Cooperation with The Professional Community committee. I spoke on What AA Does and What AA Does not do and there were quite a few positive comments after. A Lawyer whose name is Sheldon gave a talk on being a professional and an alcoholic. Mildred F. spoke about the spiritual aspect of our program. The committee did a fantastic job and I thought the turnout was great for such a small community.

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Then again, on November 11<sup>th</sup>, I spoke at the Professional Night hosted by District 28. I basically spoke on what I did at the Lindsay night. At this one there was an Al-Anon member who shared her story and a speaker from the professional community. This event was well attended with approximately 100 people. I was not hard to see all the hard work that went on to prepare for this night. It is so encouraging to see these events take place for the simple reason Bill W. said "We should be friendly with our friends".

District 10 hosted a Traditions Round up on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. I was asked to speak on Traditions 10, 11 & 12. I love the Traditions and would like to see more of these days. The committee was well prepared and did fantastic job. They always have good attendance to these days.

The only event on my calendar is the Spanish Intergroup Christmas part next Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. I attended the one last year and had such a great time. I look forward to this one, a well.

At this time, I would like to thank all those dedicated District Secretaries for sending out the monthly minutes. I enjoy reading them and it has been a pleasure to meet some of these Secretaries. Please continue to have them sent out.

As you know, we will be having our elections today for the Committee Chairs. If you have the time and are committed, please let your name stand. When I finished my term as District Committee Member, I told myself that was the end of my service journey at this level. I let my name stand for Public Information and my Higher Power knew what was best for me and I was elected. I recall saying when I was a General Service Representative that I would never be caught at the front of the room. Goes to show me how little I know.

I wish everyone luck today during the elections and if you do not get elected, your Higher Power has other plans for you. Many wishes and blessing to everyone for the holiday seasons. I hope you have a great Christmas. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83. I look forward to seeing you all at the Spring Assembly where we start a new term.

Yours in Love and Service,  
Joyce S. Alternate Delegate - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

### **11. DELEGATE REPORT**

***Mel C.***

Hello I'm Mel, your Panel 63 Area 83 Delegate. Good to be here, good to be sober. This is my final report so I'll be brief - I'll need some help at the end of this meeting to kick me to the curb, so for those that want to volunteer :).

CERAASA is on track, we are progressing along at the right speed and it is somewhat in the hands of God and / or fate. Dan N. has asked me to one more time to ask your help. It is OUR Area, which is like OUR family that is asking the other families to come. I hope you will all do your part.

On an administrative note, I have done the necessary things a Delegate needs to do to inform New York of our incoming executive and also passed along in good time Robb's resume for the Trustee at large election that will be conducted at the next Conference. We are looked after that way.

Done many things over these last two years: Group Inventories; District Inventories; Meet a Professional Days; Traditions Workshops; Concepts Workshops; Assemblies; Area Committee Meetings; Attended Other Area elections;

Participated in Forums at the Delegate Level on topics such as: Delegate Election procedures; Web services employed and the Cloud; American Sign Language issues; Groups paying property taxes; Area Unity Concerns; Translation issues into Spanish; Member mileage compensation; Area Guidelines; Accepting electronic 7th traditions; 3rd Legacy voting procedures; Putting area financial information on websites; Special Needs Accessibilities issues; The Face Book issue; The role and powers of past Delegate's - what should they be and help for an Oklahoma Delegate whose home was destroyed in a tornado 2 weeks after he was diagnosed with terminal cancer

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It's been a rich and incredible time for me and I thank you all for the opportunity and for at times, your patience with me. Area spent a lot of time and money training me up, my job is now to give back to suit up and show up and pass along the experience you have allowed me. I promise to do that.

Wish everyone good luck and fortune on the happy road to destiny we all travel, I'm sure I'll meet many of you along the way. I couldn't be a luckier guy.

Yours in love and service,  
Mel C., Delegate - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

## **12. CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

Hi everyone, my name is Kim and I am an alcoholic. Well what a fabulous 2 years!! I would not have changed a second of it. It has been my pleasure and a privilege to serve as your Chairperson. It has given me the opportunity to work the steps, traditions and the principles of AA. It has changed me beyond what I thought possible.

The Area Committee has done a fantastic job of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Everyone has worked together and whether I am at the front or quietly watching, I have been proud to be a part of Area 83 and the Committee.

The Chair usually makes a recommendation at this time going forward. I have thought about my 2 years and what was important. To me new people are important and necessary. I know when I arrived at my first Assembly; I was nervous and had no idea who was new, what to do or what was expected of me. New people do not always arrive at the beginning of the term. I didn't.

All group and district inventories always have the same theme. How do we get new people involved? So my recommendation is to try and keep new GSRs and others when they arrive at our Assemblies. Maybe have a newcomer's room on Friday night to help make them feel welcome? Maybe a meet and greet time for newcomers? A forum where they do not feel alone. I am not sure but I think it is worth thinking about.

For the elections today; if you can, please let your name stand. You open yourself to another world and if you are unsure, let your higher power decide. As Jeryl said, God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called. I am really grateful for my journey and look forward to continuing. I hope everyone is called either here at the Area or another service journey.

Yours in loving service,  
Kim S, Chairperson - Panel 63 - Area 83 Eastern Ontario, International

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

Moved by: James O., District Committee Member of District 10  
Seconded: Gary O., Area Corrections Chair  
Discussion: None  
**Motion: Carried - All in favour unanimously**

## **13. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **14. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) Report from Website Ad Hoc Committee**

**Jim R., Area Website Chair**

Good afternoon. My name is Jim and I am alcoholic. I am the General Service Representative for the 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel Group in Mississauga and I have the honour of serving Area 83 as your Webmaster.



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On November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the Area Chair, Kim S., struck an Ad Hoc committee comprising of myself, Gary C., Area83 Archives chair, and Robb W., Area83 Past Delegate to investigate moving or creating a new website, and finding a new web host for Area83.

First, some background information. Currently, our website is hosted by Georgina Hosting Services. They have advised us that upon completion of our current contract that expires on 08Jan2015, Georgina Hosting will no longer provide hosting services for our site. Further, our website is out of date. Area83aa.org operates on a piece of software called Joomla! We are running on version 1.5. It reached its end of life in September 2012. There are security vulnerabilities that exist with our site being on this version. The current, most up to date version is 3.3.

Our committee has identified several issues that need to be addressed:

1. Find a new host for Area83aa.org
  2. Do we load the current version of our site onto a new host and upgrade to v3.3 or do we create an entire new website from scratch using v3.3
  3. What do to about the existing email accounts
- 
1. Our committee looked at several hosting companies. Currently we pay \$15/yr to rent the domain name area83aa.org and \$83.40/yr for the hosting. Here are some comparisons:
    - District 30 is currently paying \$165/yr.
    - The company that hosts Area 84 quoted me \$150/yr
    - A web designer I contacted, is offering \$500/yr + \$5 per email account
    - PowWeb.com is offering hosting services for 3.88/month on a 2 year contract for a total of \$93.12 for 2 years = \$46.56/yr. There are several optional add-ins available that might be required at additional cost (approx. \$50/yr).

Our past delegate Robb W. is using PowWeb and recommends their services. PowWeb also mentioned that they can support our existing web site with its Joomla version. The Ad Hoc committee recommends to the Area that we engage PowWeb to be our host.

2. We have spoken to 4 web designers and they all have stated that they are not willing to upgrade our site on a new host from v1.5 to v3.3. I have looked into the feasibility of this and it is not an easy task. One designer even doubted if it was possible. Not only does the website shell have to be upgraded, once done, all the plug-ins we have such as calendar, captcha, backup utility and many more would not work. They would have to be installed and configured. I reached out to Todd and he confirms it would be very laborious and time consuming. All recommendations are to build a new site. We have received the following quotes:
  - The company that built Area 84 quoted \$4000 - \$5000
  - A private web designer quoted \$2500 - \$3000, another quoted \$3500
  - EB Media Solutions in Hamilton, was contacted by Robb W. I have a written quote from them that includes creating a new website design in Joomla!, using current content and will be developed to respond to multiple sizes (Mobile, Tablet, PC) Their price is \$1200 + tax = \$1356. They require 30% (360 +46.80 = \$406.80) upfront and the balance due upon completion.

The Ad Hoc committee recommends to the Area that we engage EB Media Solutions to build a new website with the latest version of Joomla!

3. The existing emails exist on Georgina Hosting servers. It would be an exercise to port them over to PowWeb. Currently we have 17 email accounts comprising 5.6GB of data. 12 of the 17 email accounts currently are forwarded to someone's personal email account. That is literally thousands of emails.

As I look at the emails that exist, there are none that I can see that pre date the existing term of 2013-2014. This was before my time, but the Area appears to have removed them for the new term. I spoke to Todd about this and he advised me of the following: Before he created the website and the accounts, Rodney brought the issue up at the Area Committee Meeting about whether we were going to save emails and the space and cost difference or are we going to delete them and let each member decide for themselves if they want to save them. It was agreed on by the Area (Sandy as the Delegate) with a general show of hands that the emails will not be saved, and to let each member save their own email before they rotate out if they want.

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The Ad Hoc committee recommends to the Area that prior term emails should be removed by the Webmaster from the server at the end of January of each new term.

The Area Archivist can assist each Committee position with guidelines on what to save from each term and how to archive it. Once we get the website, either new or old up on the new host I will create the 17 email accounts and reach out to the Committee members to ask their preference, either to use webmail or to create forwarders to their personal email accounts. As 08Jan15 is fast approaching and it will take time to engage the new host and get a site ported over, to avoid an interruption in our web presence, we are asking the Area to advance us the monies as necessary.

On behalf of Robb, Gary and myself, I would like to thank Area 83 for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Jim R., Robb W. and Gary C.

It was further clarified to the Area Committee that all emails from the previous term would be deleted from anything dated from 2013-14. All future emails would be forwarded as what has been normal practice. Also, it would not be a problem if we decided down the road to go in the direction of implementing online contributions.

**Move that the area follow the recommendations of the ad hoc committee regarding the website and give them the money requested.**

Moved by: Linda D., District Committee Member for District 34

Seconded by: Jim S.; Alternate District Committee Member for District 66

Discussion: Would there be any backlash from the Assembly if we, as a committee went ahead with this motion and it was decided that we are voted in as trusted servants and should go ahead with it. A concern was raised whether we can go ahead financially and it was agreed from the treasurer that we do have the money to move forward with this. Concept 10 gives us the authority to make financial decisions as needed being the steering committee of the assembly. It was noted that we get at least 2000 hits per month on our website and hits from countries from all around the world.

Vote: 28 - In Favour; 0 - Opposed; 1 - Abstained

**Motion: Carried**

### **b) Discussion: How did we do at our Election Assembly? Comments for 2016**

Many agreed that the Fall Assembly was really well done and the format followed was great for a voting assembly. There was a concern raised about the qualifying over and over again and would there be some alternative to this? Many people did not stick around for the full Sunday and perhaps it might be better to have the voting Assembly on the Saturday rather than the Sunday.

### **c) Jim R. Incoming Webmaster for disapproval**

**Kim S., Area Chairperson**

On a recommendation to appoint Jim R. as Area webmaster by the Area Chair, it was put forth to the Area Committee for disapproval. As there wasn't any objection to the recommendation, Jim R was officially approved and appointed as Area 83 Webmaster. Congratulations!!

### **d) Election of 2015/2016 Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons by Area Committee - Facilitated by Kim S., Area Chairperson**

Elected Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons:

- (i) Area Public Information Chairperson – Elaine H.
- (ii) Area Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson – Gary C.
- (iii) Area Corrections Chairperson – Robert B.
- (iv) Area Treatment /AccessAbility Chairperson – Herb W.  
Motion to go a 5<sup>th</sup> ballot by Michael C. and seconded by Ruth F and defeated; went to the hat. Herb W. selected.
- (v) Area Grapevine Chairperson – Jim A.  
Motion to go a 5<sup>th</sup> ballot by Michael C. and seconded by Ruth F and defeated; went to the hat. Jim A. selected.
- (vi) Area Self-Support Chairperson – James O.
- (vii) Area Archives Chairperson – Linda D.

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[See Appendix B – Area Sub-Committee Chairperson Position Election Results]

**Motion to destroy the ballots**

Moved by: Dan N., Area Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson  
Seconded by: Bob B.; District Committee Member for District 54  
Vote: Unanimously In Favour  
**Motion: Carried** (ballots destroyed)

**15. ROTATION OF AREA 83 CHAIRPERSON**

Kim S. stated – Before I hand everything over to the incoming Chairperson Rob M., I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to be the Area 83 Chairperson. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me when I was elected and for the last 2 years. I really truly hope that Rob had as much fun as I did. This is the only job that I have handed over that I am sorry to be leaving.

Gavel was officially passed over to Rob M. and he resumed with the rest of the meeting. Rob reminded us that the term is not over until December 31, 2014 and congratulated everyone who was elected today and looks forward to serving with everyone.

**16. SHARING – WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?**

St. Clements will be holding their holiday gratitude meeting this coming Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup> and everyone is welcome. There was a reminder for the upcoming CERAASA and business cards are available. Louise T will be celebrating a medallion.

**17. NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Rob M., Area Chairperson**

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on **January 3, 2015**. Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?

Moved: Irvin W., Incoming District Committee Member for District 78  
Seconded: Jim A., Area Self-Support Chair  
**Motion: Carried** (unanimously in favour)

**18. CLOSING**

It is now 4:40 pm and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you all a safe drive home. May I have a motion to end this meeting?

Motioned: Michael C., District Committee Member for District 48  
Seconded: Herb W., Area Public Information Chair  
**Motion: Carried** (unanimously in favour)

**Meeting officially closed with THE RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION**

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

## **Appendix A – Financial Statements**

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**EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83  
AS OF: DECEMBER 3, 2014**

<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>		Actual	Guideline	+/-
January 1, 2014 Opening Balance	20,000.00	20,000.00		0.00
Interest	936.13	936.13		0.00
Transfer to Operating Account	(936.13)			
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>			<b>0.00</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
7th Tradition	5,408.51	5,480.72		(72.21)
Cost Recoveries	226.00	500.00		(274.00)
Flow Through to GSO	865.00	1,500.00		(635.00)
Grapevine Seasonals	4,274.60	4,000.00		274.60
Group & District Contributions	40,400.45	51,176.56		(10,776.11)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>51,174.56</b>	<b>62,657.28</b>		<b>(11,482.72)</b>
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	936.13	936.13		0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; TRANSFERS</b>	<b>52,110.69</b>	<b>63,593.41</b>		<b>(11,482.72)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Accommodations	8,920.12	8,090.00		830.12
Meals	11,786.63	12,270.00		(483.37)
Travel	14,238.82	16,000.00		(1,761.18)
Long Distance	48.80	40.00		8.80
Postage	274.28	400.00		(125.72)
Printing	2,353.41	2,100.00		253.41
Literature	528.28	1,320.00		(791.72)
Stationery	119.78	360.00		(240.22)
Miscellaneous	3,528.08	3,170.00		358.08
Area Web Site	98.39			98.39
<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<b>41,896.59</b>	<b>43,750.00</b>		<b>(1,853.41)</b>
Ad Hoc Committees	0.00	15.00		(15.00)
Area Contribution to GSO	0.00			0.00
Area Committee Meetings	1,017.11	900.00		117.11
General Service Conf. Assessment	6,558.48	6,558.48		0.00
Bank Service Charges	229.30	250.00		(20.70)
Forums	726.47	1,840.00		(1,113.53)
CERAASA	0.00			
Grapevine Seasonal	4,680.47	4,000.00		680.47
GSO Flow Through	865.00	1,500.00		(635.00)
Ontario Delegate's Conference	4,659.93	4,779.93		(120.00)
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>18,736.76</b>	<b>19,843.41</b>		<b>(1,106.65)</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>60,633.35</b>	<b>63,593.41</b>		<b>(2,960.06)</b>
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>				
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2014	30,433.87	30,433.87		
Total Income & Transfers	52,110.69	63,593.41		(11,482.72)
Total Expenses	(60,633.35)	(63,593.41)		2,960.06
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<b>21,911.21</b>	<b>30,433.87</b>		<b>(8,522.66)</b>

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Area 83 Eastern Ontario International  
Details of Expenditures  
as of December 3, 2014

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Annual Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	185.29	402.01	1529.95	0.00	57.52	2.03	0.00	0.00	43.64	2220.44	3590.00	1369.56	61.85%
Alt. Delegate	0.00	214.05	529.55	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	783.60	2080.00	1296.40	37.57%
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	61.00	979.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	82.72	0.00	0.00	1123.02	970.00	-153.02	115.78%
Chairperson	0.00	132.99	557.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	690.39	1070.00	379.61	64.52%
Secretary	0.00	261.57	601.30	0.00	0.00	1389.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	2252.22	2090.00	-162.22	107.76%
Treasurer	0.00	203.08	589.40	0.00	207.76	365.78	0.00	30.99	6.78	1403.79	1540.00	136.21	91.16%
Registrar	0.00	200.72	513.15	0.00	0.00	58.24	0.00	69.29	89.29	910.69	1390.00	479.31	65.52%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	456.24	192.51	841.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	98.39	1588.54	1710.00	121.46	92.90%
Archives	0.00	142.87	1095.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	251.61	1489.98	1640.00	150.02	90.85%
Archivist	596.36	198.22	824.30	0.00	0.00	172.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	1791.21	2060.00	268.79	86.95%
Cooperation with the P.C.	67.06	268.17	249.70	0.00	0.00	32.54	48.67	19.50	0.00	685.64	1310.00	624.36	52.34%
Corrections Facilities	139.04	258.02	1360.80	8.80	0.00	65.07	44.84	0.00	0.00	1885.57	1530.00	-355.57	123.24%
Grapevine	279.33	244.44	1048.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1572.37	1010.00	-562.37	155.68%
Public Information	0.00	226.60	856.00	0.00	0.00	123.80	177.35	0.00	0.00	1383.75	1360.00	-23.75	101.75%
Self Support	211.92	255.89	1232.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1699.81	1310.00	-389.81	129.76%
Treatment Facilities	0.00	155.89	503.45	0.00	0.00	32.88	174.70	0.00	0.00	866.72	1260.00	393.28	68.79%
Service Info Day Cmte	1966.24	1168.80	927.02	0.00	0.00	111.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	4173.45	3230.00	-943.45	129.21%
Spring Assembly	2509.32	3600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1216.54	7325.86	7300.00	-25.86	100.35%
Fall Assembly	2509.32	3600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1940.22	8049.54	7300.00	-749.54	110.27%
<b>COMMITTEE EXP.</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.12</b>	<b>\$ 11,786.63</b>	<b>\$ 14,238.82</b>	<b>\$ 48.80</b>	<b>\$ 274.28</b>	<b>\$ 2,363.41</b>	<b>\$ 528.28</b>	<b>\$ 119.78</b>	<b>\$ 3,626.47</b>	<b>\$ 41,896.59</b>	<b>\$ 43,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,853.41</b>	<b>95.76%</b>
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	15.00	0.00%
Area Committee	-	-	137.34	-	-	-	-	-	879.77	1,017.11	900.00	-117.11	113.01%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	-	-	336.76	-	-	-	-	-	-	229.30	250.00	20.70	91.72%
Forums	305.52	84.19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	726.47	1,840.00	1,113.53	39.48%
CERAASA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,680.47	4,000.00	-680.47	117.01%
GSC Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,558.48	6,558.48	0.00	100.00%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	865.00	1,500.00	635.00	57.67%
Ont Delegates Conf.	2,303.59	856.24	964.21	-	-	20.00	-	88.57	425.32	4,659.93	4,779.93	120.00	97.49%
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 2,609.11</b>	<b>\$ 942.43</b>	<b>\$ 1,438.31</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 88.57</b>	<b>\$ 1,305.09</b>	<b>\$ 18,736.76</b>	<b>\$ 19,843.41</b>	<b>\$ 1,106.65</b>	<b>94.42%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 11,529.23</b>	<b>\$ 12,729.06</b>	<b>\$ 15,677.13</b>	<b>\$ 48.80</b>	<b>\$ 274.28</b>	<b>\$ 2,373.41</b>	<b>\$ 528.28</b>	<b>\$ 208.35</b>	<b>\$ 4,931.56</b>	<b>\$ 60,633.35</b>	<b>\$ 63,593.41</b>	<b>\$ 2,960.06</b>	<b>95.35%</b>



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<b>GROUP &amp; DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF DECEMBER 3 , 2014</b>
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District	00	Unspecified	\$1,000.00
District	02	Malton	\$1,510.53
District	06	Mississauga	\$2,650.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$5,722.50
District	12	Toronto South West	\$1,066.66
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$2,349.06
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$145.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$2,755.33
District	22	Scarborough	\$1,764.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$1,362.26
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$898.26
District	30	Quinte West	\$350.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$1,990.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$3,790.00
District	38	Thousand Islands	\$32.15
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$221.69
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$750.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$1,552.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$600.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$240.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$2,590.03
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$1,390.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$920.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$910.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$990.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$825.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$2,025.98

Total Contributions YTD: \$40,400.45

Total from Groups	\$32,036.96	143	Groups Contributing
Total from Districts	\$8,363.49	17	Districts Contributing

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## Appendix B – Sub-Committee Chairperson Position Election Results

**AREA 83 – EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL  
ELECTION RESULTS**

FOR THE POSITION OF AREA PUBLIC INFORMATION CHAIR

	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	KIM McQ.	4	1				
2	LINDA D.	6	1				
3	ELAINE H.	12	17	20	21	20	X
4	GARY C.	10	13	12	11	12	
	<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>	32	32	32	32	32	
	<b>2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>	22	22	22	22	22	
	<b>1/5 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>		6	6	6	6	

**AREA 83 – EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL  
ELECTION RESULTS**

FOR THE POSITION OF AREA COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY CHAIR

	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	GARY C.	14	17	17	19	20	X
2	LINDA D.	6	1				
3	JIM A.	11	13	14	12	11	
	<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>	31	31	31	31		
	<b>2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>	21	21	21	21	22	
	<b>1/5 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>		6	6	6		

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ELECTION RESULTS

FOR THE POSITION OF AREA CORRECTIONS CHAIR

	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	HERB W.	4	1				
2	ROBERT B.	19	22				
3	JAMES O.	5	5				
4	KIM M.	3	1				
<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>		31	29				
<b>2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>		21	20				

**AREA 83 – EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL**  
ELECTION RESULTS

FOR THE POSITION OF AREA TREATMENT/ACCESSABILITY CHAIR

	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	HERB W.	11	13	17	19	19	X
2	GARY C.	7	8	5			
3	LINDA D.	10	9	9	12	11	
4	KIM M.	3	1				
<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>		31	31	31	31	30	
<b>2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>		21	21	21	21	21	
<b>1/5 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>			6	6	6	6	

**AREA 83 – EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL**  
ELECTION RESULTS

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FOR THE POSITION OF AREA GRAPEVINE CHAIR

	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	GARY O.	2	1				
2	JIM A.	13	14	16	15	15	X
3	JAMES O.	9	13	15	16	16	
4	LINDA D.	3	1				
5	KIM M.	4	2				
	<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>	31	31	31	31		
	<b>2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>		21	21	21		
	<b>1/5 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>		6	6	6		

**AREA 83 – EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL  
ELECTION RESULTS**

FOR THE POSITION OF AREA SELF-SUPPORT CHAIR

	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	GARY O.	4	3				
2	JAMES O.	12	19	26			
3	LINDA D.	5	1				
4	DAVE S.	7	7	5			
5	KIM M.	3	1				
	<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>	31	31	31			
	<b>2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>		21	21			
	<b>1/5 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>		6	6			

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ELECTION RESULTS

FOR THE POSITION OF AREA ARCHIVES CHAIR

	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	GARY O.	6					
2	LINDA D.	25					
<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>		31					
<b>2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>		21					