

# **Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

## **Area Committee Meeting Minutes**

**June 7, 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. I hope that everyone is now enjoying much nicer weather.

Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions: Frank K., Alternate District Committee Member of District 58

12 Concepts (Short Form): Amanda M., Alternate District Committee Member of District 86

**Welcome to Quinte West** – This is our fifth Area Committee meeting of this term and our second for 2014. This is your meeting and is an opportunity for you to share what is happening in your Districts and Committees. 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 or concern and it always 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." If we work together in a spirit of cooperation, the next 6 months will provide continued strength and direction to A.A. in Area 83. 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. We have a discussion scheduled on the agenda and it is important to hear everyone.

**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
Across the way, our Panel 61	Immediate Past Delegate	Rob W
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 49 Past Delegate – Barry W.  
Panel 51 Past Delegate – Joe D. (currently serving as Class B Trustee of the General Service Board)  
Panel 57 Past Delegate – Dot D.  
Panel 59 Past Delegate – Sandy S.

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## Appointed Positions

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

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

## 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	June	June 07	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
	September	September 06	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
	October	October 24, 25, 26	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
(pending approval)	December	December 06	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church

## Food

Lunch has been arranged by our DCM, District 34, Linda D. at a cost of \$5.00, per serving. Tickets will be sold 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 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

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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: Michael C., District Committee Member of District 48  
Seconded: Bob B., District Committee Member of District 54  
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**

13-d) “That Area 83 Eastern Ontario International conduct an Area Inventory.” Joyce S., Alternate Delegate

13-e) Informal Discussion of CERAASA 2015. Mel C., Delegate

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

Moved: Linda D., District Committee Member of District 34  
Seconded: Louise T., Alternate District Committee Member of District 42  
**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 January 4, 2014.**

Minutes of the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were distributed by Tony through email and also a hard copy was placed in your folders at the Spring Assembly.

*I would now entertain a motion to accept the January 4, 2014 Area Committee meeting minutes as submitted*

Motion: ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETING January 4, 2014  
Moved: Pierre B., District Committee Member of District 30  
Seconded: Sandra B., District Committee Member of District 86  
**Motion: Carried**

**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 Robert B. of the Rexdale United Group. We looked into setting up a District Web site and received some very helpful advice and information from Todd and Jim S., but at this time we cannot afford it. Financially, we are not in great shape.

Corrections - TWDC still open Ontario Correctional Institute 3 AA meetings a week and a Big Book study will start in July.

Treatment - Meetings going very well at Brampton detox. We will chair the Gift of life noon meeting for the month of August and November. Addictions Canada Treatment Centre in Caledon is being run by Area 86 District 25 and they have asked us (District 2) if we can help. The Recovery Group our most northern group has offered support. A treatment Center in Woodbridge has also expressed an interest in AA and our treatment chair Glenn has met with them (more to come).

Public Information has had no progress in putting AA literature in existing police racks. Cooperation with the Professional Community is currently at People in Motion. District 2 voted not to meet for July and August. Next District meeting September 14 District 2 Service Day should be in November 2014. I don't know who will be the main speaker, but I do know we will have the world best Samosa's.

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

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**District 06 - Mississauga**

Good Morning fiends – I am a grateful alcoholic, a member of the Streetsville Group and it is an honour and privilege to serve as the District Committee Member in District 06. My name is Elaine and it is good to be here this morning.

Our District is in excellent shape in terms of attendance at the District table, the support received from groups in the District and our financial commitments to Area, General Service Office and our District Committees. Group contributions are about 30% ahead of last year. And although we have had a couple of resignations, all 17 Committee chair and alternate chair plus Intergroup Liaison positions except one alternate are filled!

Attendance at Spring Assembly was up and we had a number of new General Service Representatives and Alternate General Service Representatives attend – it was good to see the enthusiasm for service that attendance at Assembly generates.

Our Committees are active and are participating in Toronto Intergroup and other Great Toronto Area Committees and meeting all service commitments. Our Treatment service meeting commitments were filled by group rotation for the year with commitments covered well into 2014. Our Treatment Chair has also been active with Bridging the Gap requests as has our Corrections Chair. Our Treatment Chair is working with a youth facility that has requested a meeting at their location. And our Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair and her committee are already working on the second annual Bring A Friend meeting scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> of this year.

Our Operating Procedures require that we conduct a District inventory in the second year of each term. We thank Joyce, our Alternate Delegate for joining us on May 21 for the inventory – it was a positive evening and a learning experience for a number of those at the table who had never participated in any inventory before.

And our District is excited about hosting CERAASA 2015 – our Host City Committee is busy with activities to ensure that all those attending enjoy their experience at CERAASA and in Mississauga.

You can follow what's going on in our District on our website – [www.aamississauga.org](http://www.aamississauga.org).

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. Here is the state of the nation report for District 10....

1. We are planning a group inventory for the District in the next three months to review how our term has been so far as a group and to smooth out any challenges that surface for the new team that will rotate in in 2015.
- 2) We recently elected a new Corrections and Cooperation with the Professional Community chair. The Cooperation with the Professional Community chair just withdrew for personal reasons last week. Please forward all Cooperation with the Professional Community related emails to me.
- 3) Election of new District Committee Member and Alternate District Committee Member to take place in the next few months - date to be selected at our June meeting this Tuesday.
- 4) District 10 provided lasagnas, condiments, a kitchen volunteer and a meeting chair for the well orchestrated Information AA Day.
- 5) We attempted to comply with the Area Registrar's request for updated information for the Canadian Directory – deadline was May 9<sup>th</sup> - unsure how effective our response was.
- 6) Jim, our Area Self Support Chair, came to our May District meeting and gave an informative 10 minute talk. We now have a Self-Support Chair!!!!
- 7) Service commitments – all are being fulfilled.

Special notes – Covenant House – took us years to get in and now that we are there seems to be little interest. We are discussing time slot with the coordinator to see if we can be of more service to their organization.

Seaton House – We discussed at our last meeting if we should continue or not as the attendance has been low or perhaps not always addressing people who have the desire to stop drinking. It was decided that as we have been asked to be there we will

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continue to show up. Group conscience decided that it was not our place to judge who does or does not have a desire to stop drinking. If they are showing up – so will we!

8) Financially we are sound.

James O., District Committee Member for District 10

**District 12 - Toronto South West**

I'm Greg and I'm an alcoholic. District 12 is doing very well and is meeting all of its service commitments due to the support of the active groups at the table.

Our finances are modest but stable and meeting our needs at this point. The Group participation in District 12 is good and our sub-committee positions are in much better shape.

Our district has the most service meetings, Detox centers half way houses in Area 83, and we want to take on more. We have taken on a new service meeting at Bathurst & Queen Streets - The Friendly Place on Wednesday night at 7 pm. We haven't been down there since the 501 detox closed and that is great.

Maija the Hill Group General Service Representative had an idea on a month that the Hill didn't get a service commitment. She started a literature donation box for used literature to give to the treatment centers. Well the response from the Hill was so good that I proposed to expand the idea to all groups in the District. Our treatment chair Kevin is spearheading the plan and we will be giving support to our service meetings this way.

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 and my name is Gord.

All Officer and all Sub-Committee Chair positions are presently filled. Our finances are down to \$100.00 over our prudent reserve with our yearly rent for the 2014-2015-term payable in advance, due by the end of June 2014.

District 14's attendance is back to over 70% of active groups after the winter. Our Sub-Committee Chairs are attending the meetings at GTA Intergroup and are actively serving the district and we are fulfilling all of our service commitments. Recently we donated Big Books to Vanier Institute and pocket Big Books to a TOYPAA event.

We had a strong District 14 turn out at this year's Info AA Day with Don and myself both chairing panels. Moving forward we are having our 2015/2016 District Committee Member and Alternate District Committee Member elections June 2014. We will also be discussing our attendance the upcoming Forum.

District 14's Service Workshop will be the next event...location and dates to follow.

In service,

Gord M., District Committee Member for District 14

**District 16 - Distrito Hispano de Toronto**

Absent and no report submitted.

**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 83 and General Service Office 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

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contact for most groups and circulate District minutes and other related communications in hopes that they are getting to the members as required.

We have all our subcommittee chairs filled save and except Accessibility which is being covered by our ADCM Katrina and Grapevine which is being covered by our past Chair John M. Thank you both of you.

The groups are still meeting our service meeting commitments for Corrections Treatment Facility meetings. Our table voted to support the request to remove the grey pages.

We have had to table the review of our revised Guidelines and Procedures due to other business but hope to get to them again in July. We are holding our elections for District Committee Member and Alternate District Committee Member this Tuesday so we may send the incoming folks to the Regional Forum.

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 able to meet all our financial obligations. We have 20 Groups in our District with about 65 percent of the Groups attending the District meeting. All the Sub-Committee Chair positions have been filled however; most of Alternate Sub-Committee Chairs positions are still open.

Our District in cooperation with District 18 held the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual East Toronto Archives Breakfast on Sunday, May 4, 2014. Attendance was down but the event was quite successful and enjoyed by all. The keynote speaker was Peter N of the Bayview Group and he gave a very informative and interesting talk. District 22 actively participated in Information AA Day held on Saturday, May 24, 2014.

Election of District Officers for the 2015 – 2016 term, will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> and our Alternate Delegate Joyce S has kindly agreed to facilitate the elections.

Planning is in progress for our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Service Day and Dance scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Service Day is free but the Dance will cost you \$10.00 per person. There will be free Coffee & Pot Luck lunch, 2 great Speakers, Service Panels and Fellowship. There will also be a Special presentation of the Twelve Traditions skit for your light entertainment.

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

### **District 26 - Lakeshore West**

Good morning friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Ajax Area Group and my name is Kimberley. It is my privilege of serving as District Committee Member for District 26, Lakeshore West.

Our monthly district meetings are well attended with 65-75% of groups regularly. All our positions are currently filled. We are meeting our financial needs and service commitments.

Over the past couple months, we have been working on updating our operating procedures to reflect the decision to have the District Committee Member chair the District meetings next term.

Our Public Information Committee and CPC committees continue to be quite active in our district. Our grapevine chair is doing a fantastic job of sharing information with our table.

We continue to enjoy hearing a concept read each month at the district table. Tamara is doing a great job sharing ways to bring the concepts into our daily lives.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lakeshore Districts Conference will be held on AUGUST 15th, 16th & 17th, 2014 at Sikorski Polish Veterans Hall in Oshawa.

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

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**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 DCM for District 28.

Now that summer is finally here (we think), District 28 is doing fairly well. We are financially holding our own at the moment. All of the committees are working to full capacity.

Our Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee is well on their way to organizing our Bring a Friend or Bring a Professional meeting to be held in November of this year. I think it is November 11, 2014 but I am not 100% positive of that date. Also a reminder of our 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lakeshore Conference held from Aug 15-17, 2014 at the General Sikorski Hall in Oshawa again this year.

We did some have some resignations on our Table, our prior Archives Chair had to resign due to moving. We have been unable at this time, to find a replacement for her. The second person to resign has been our Secretary, due to an extreme illness, and we were working without a secretary for approximately two months, but, we have found a replacement, in the person of Elaine S., from our Gratitude Group. She is very much appreciated and welcomed.

Our attendance is still between 70-75% at the Table. This is my report, 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 am an alcoholic and my name is Pierre. I am a member of the Fresh Start Group and is an honour to serve one of the best districts in the area – District 30. I too do not have a written report today.

I wanted to report on our roundup which is no tickets but 7<sup>th</sup> tradition and there is a potluck. We made so much money this year that it is scary. This will be something else for the district table to fight out and they will work it out one way or another. They wanted me to express their thanks to Kim our chairperson for coming out and sharing on this day and it was a very good day.

In our district, our district meetings are well looked after. Unfortunately the Brookside Detention Centre kind of fell away for about a year and a half. Thanks to our new corrections chair and alternate this service commitment has been opened back up.

We've had Jean the General Service Representative from Trinity Group in Cobourg show up in a wheel chair in our meeting. We are very fortunate that the church where we meet for our district meeting added on a million dollar addition and is totally wheel chair accessible. We welcome Jean to the district table.

The district chairpersons are doing an excellent job and things are really moving along. We don't have an archives chair. We also do not have an Alternate District Committee member but the district is doing quite well. Things are still being looked after. I just got my District Committee Member kit yesterday.

Thank you,  
Pierre B., District Committee Member for District 30

**District 34 - Quinte East**

Good morning, my name is Linda, I am a member of the Tweed Group and it is my privilege to have been selected to be the District Committee Member for District 34 Quinte East.

As I look around the room this morning I realize that I, like most of you, have now served  $\frac{3}{4}$  of my term and I remember the first report I gave. I was so nervous I thought I was going to throw up on Tony but as you can see I did survive. I look around this room now and see an extension of my A.A family and it gives me great pleasure.

So how are things going in District 34? Our monthly meetings are well attended and we continue to bring the message of A.A to those who still suffer. There are times when passions run high but we manage to keep things in perspective and do what is right for our District.

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Our new Alternate District Committee Member Les M, is proving to be a great asset. Last month I was unable to attend the District meeting and even though it was his first official meeting as alternate he stepped right up and did an amazing job. I am sure that if he chooses to stand for the District Committee Member position our District will be in great hands.

Our Secretary Mary Ellen, is keeping our minutes up to date and ensure that they are being emailed and mailed to all of our General Service Representatives and officers in a timely manner. Margaret F, our treasurer, keeps a tight rein on our finances and makes sure that all of our obligations are met. Financial District 34 is in very good shape.

Sue M., our corrections chair has managed to get approval to go back in to Millhaven pen once a month, we would like to be able to offer more meetings but it is a start. There has only been one meeting due to weather, lock down and other incidentals. Sue told our table last month that the institution contacted her to say that they will not allowing us to hold meetings during the summer months but we will be back in the fall. Our other corrections obligations are being met but we are always looking for volunteers.

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community chair Odie M. is working nights and does not get the chance to attend the monthly meetings but sends in her report and spends her days reaching out to our community.

Ian, the Grapevine chair, is amazing. Not only is he ensuring that we know what is going on with Grapevine he has a great display that he uses for district events and has been travelling to other districts who do not have a Grapevine chair or display and helping them out.

Our Self Support chair Laurie C is always coming up with new ideas to promote Self-Support in our area. Her month news letters are a hit and she is working on a board game which we will bring to area if it goes well. Les M is also our Treatment Chair and he is doing amazing things in our district, he ensures that all of the hospitals and other facilities have literature and that the treatment centre in our district has all of its Bridging the Gap requests sent out right away.

Our Archives Chair Carol P has compiled a good number of group history forms and continues to look for new ways to dig into the past history of District 34.

David S the Webmaster is keeping this updated and running smoothly. Wilf P is heading up our new accessibility position, we are hoping to start by bringing meetings in to hospital rooms, nursing homes and homes of our members who are not well enough to come out and see us. It is still in the planning stages but I will keep you informed as to how it is going.

Yours in service,

Linda D., District Committee Member for District 34

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

Good morning, I am an alcoholic and a member of the Frontenac Group in Kingston, my name is Lynne. It is an honour and privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for District 36.

Our District Table is enjoying healthy attendance by General Service Representatives and Committee Chairs. We have enjoyed a few lively discussions and have escaped unscathed. All positions are filled, save one- Archives Chair.

We now have four Correctional Facilities meetings each week. Volunteers have continued to attend these meetings and support members inside. We are appreciative of our volunteers' good relations with CSC in Kingston. Treatment Facilities continues to support three meetings a week in two different facilities and a local hospital.

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Committee Chair volunteered at the Continuing Education Centre in Sydenham and continues to contact medical centres and other professionals. Our Telephone Link Committee is operating smoothly. A number of telephone and 12 step volunteers make this possible.

The Grapevine has been on display with books for sale at birthdays around the district. Today marks District 36's first official Founder's Day. I hope for a large attendance and will join them once our business here is done. Looking forward to the months to come. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Wishing you a lifetime of sobriety.

In service and in gratitude,

Lynne H., District Committee Member for District 36

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**District 38 - Thousand Islands**

Absent and no report submitted

**District 42 - St. Lawrence International**

*Report read by Louise T., Alternate District Committee Member for District 42*

My name is Allan and I am an Alcoholic. I serve as the District Committee Member for District 42 and am exceedingly grateful to Louise for her continued willingness to represent our district on my behalf.

We had our District Day of Sharing on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. As always, Mel did a great job and we are all appreciative of the time and effort he continues to devote to our wonderful fellowship. The turnout was good. Folks from all over our district showed up for a day of fellowship and service. We were also pleased to welcome representatives from both District 48 and 50. Our theme this year was "Young at Heart in AA". In addition to the usual panel discussions focusing on service, we also had a chance to hear from both a sampling from both young people in AA as well as folks with many years who began their journey in Sobriety at a young age. The day was filled with heartwarming testimonials; reminding us all once again how lucky we are to have found this fellowship.

At the district table we are still in need of a treatment chair. Our treasurer has stepped down and we have a replacement that we will vote on at the June meeting. Aside from that, all of the roles are filled enthusiastically.

I have decided not to peruse any change of Area during my time as District Committee Member. Although there does seem to be some support for such a move, I do not think it would have a substantial impact on participation at the district level. I respect and appreciate the idea of having a fellowship without borders and District 42's relationship with Area 83 has a historical and symbolic significance that, in my opinion, far outweighs any benefit that might be had by moving to a stateside Area. Someday soon I will be able to travel cross border and am looking forward to finally being there in person. Again, I am thankful for those that are able and willing to represent our district across the border. Thanks all of you for your service and God Bless.

Allan C., District Committee Member for District 42

**District 48 - Seaway Valley North**

District 48 has been quite sense the Spring Area 83 Assembly which can be a good thing. We continue to meet all of our A.A service and financial commitments. We also recently updated our meeting list and I am working slowly but steadily to correct and update our web site meeting list.

I would like to thank our Area Registrar Scott M. For his help and patience while helping me to update all of our groups contact information in District 48 it was and is very much appreciated.

At our last district meeting it was decided to hold a district inventory in mid to late September and to ask a pass Delegate to chair the event to take place on a Wednesday night. It was also decided to support bring the issue of the Grapevine Grey pages to Area 83 Fall Assembly as an agenda item for discussion and vote.

The District purchased 40 of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary Big Books and as of last Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> all but two had been sold. District 48 also help support this year's Eastern Ontario Spring Conference by contributing to the coffee fund and the donation of one case of Big Books to be used at meeting during the conference a good number of groups and individual members purchased tickets to the conference.

As we continue to have three service chair vacancy's including Secretary /Registrar. Greg D. Our Alternate District Committee Member and myself have offered to speak at group business meeting on the benefits of service in sobriety if invited to do so. Only one group has so far asked me to attend their July business meeting. The district decided in a split vote to recess for the summer and resume meeting in September.

God bless. Yours in love and service,  
Michael C., District Committee Member for District 48

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### **District 50 - Cornwall**

Good morning friends I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of District 50 to thank you all for your service. I am an alcoholic and my name is Dave.

We have a new Alternate District Committee Member and her name is Wendy E. Unfortunately she could not join us today but some of you may have met her at different District Service Days or the Kingston Assembly's. She chaired our District meeting this month as I was out of town and apparently people have concluded that everything will be fine when my term is done and I can wander off into the wilderness.

The District has added another active group as well as a new weekly meditation meeting so the state of our District is strong. We still have open committee positions but the service work is all getting done. Preparation for our annual conference being held November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> is well on its way and I have put flyers in your district mail boxes. I will bring tickets to the next area meeting and all pertinent information is on the District 50 website if you wish to make reservations. Stay safe and stay sober we need you.

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. Our Grapevine chair remains vacant even though our General Service Representatives are mentioning it at their home group meetings. Our Alternate District Committee Member has been attending the monthly Ottawa Cooperation with the Professional Community on behalf of the District.

We are meeting our financial obligations and service commitments. The District has taken on a new commitment at the Inuit Treatment Centre in Ottawa. We have worked very closely with our Area Registrar to update our group records over the past few months. Vanier Early Birds and Oasis groups conducted group inventories in May and early June with the participation of the District Committee Member and the Alternate District Committee Member. It was an honest, open and willing experience by all attending members.

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern Ontario Spring Conference was held April 26-27<sup>th</sup>, at the Ottawa Marriott Hotel. The event was well attended. The annual one-day Vanier Round-Up is being held today, Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Richelieu-Vanier Community Centre in Ottawa.

Finally, the Ottawa 2014 Service in Recovery day is scheduled for Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, and our Delegate will be in attendance. The three Ottawa Districts host this event. All are welcomed.

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

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

Good morning everyone, my name is John and I am a grateful recovering alcoholic. I am currently serving District 58 Ottawa Bytown as District Committee Member and I am a member of the Laurier Sandy Hill group. I am pleased to welcome my alternate, Frank K. to our table for the first time.

District 58 is doing very well financially and we are pleased to have Rick H. join our table as the new treasurer. We recently were able to provide Cooperation with the Professional Community and Archives with additional funding as requested. We were also able to provide our Spring Conference with both service volunteers and financial support. Maurice and the Conference staff put on a fantastic event with near 300 attending the banquet and over 600 paying attendees over the weekend. Maurice also secured two outstanding speakers with Clancy K. from LA and Tom K from Boston being very well received.

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We still have a topped up prudent reserve and all of our 2014 financial commitments have been met as well as all of our service commitments. We have a new group in our District on Fridays at 7pm which has been formed by OOYPAA. It is a discussion/meditation format meeting.

There are a couple of new General Service Representatives at our table and we are averaging 13-16 people at our meeting. At my home group, we will be voting on a move to St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Laurier Ave. as our current location will be closing. ST. Joe is where our group originally began in February 1960.

On Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>, there is a Service in Recovery Day at the Hintonburg Community Centre from 10-4. Lunch and service info all for the low price of \$5!

Yours in loving service,  
John V. District Committee Member for District 58

### **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 and my name is Sue.

We are in the process of bringing back the "Awareness Package", which had been done a few years ago, and then fell by the wayside as the original member who brought this in to fruition is no longer with our District. The Awareness Packages are for members to take to their Doctor's office and clergy etc. It is a two sided pamphlet which asks "Do You Think You Have a Drinking Problem?" and sits in a cardboard holder. Our members are excited with this project and hopefully we will have the packages in hand by the beginning of September.

At our last District Meeting, we held a vote for the new District Committee Member for the 2015 – 2016 term. Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, our Alternate District Committee Member, Rod D., was not able to let his name stand. The District has voted in Patrick G., who passes along his regrets for not being with us today. Patrick will attend all future Area Meetings so as to familiarize himself with his new role.

We are still meeting for an hour before our regular District Meeting to read over the Service Manual. Members are still attending, and are finding this workshop helpful in deepening our knowledge in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Rod and I continue to be busy with Group Inventories. It is a pleasure to visit each Group and to meet the members.

District's 54, 58 and 62 will be hosting the "Service in Recovery Day" next Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate those of you who will be attending and speaking at this event.

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

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

Good morning my name is Jim S. and I am an Alcoholic, I have the honour of representing District 66 Golden Triangle as Alternate District Committee Member.

Our District is doing well, we are financial stable. The district table runs at about 70% of group participation. All positions are currently full and active. The annual roundup was a success thanks to all the members of the committee.

Because we are a rural district and will experience an increase in meeting attendance as people visit our area throughout the summer. We at District 66 wish all of you a great summer, stay safe and will see you in the fall.

Yours in love and service,  
Jim S., Alternate District Committee Member for District 66

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**District 70 - Renfrew Pontiac**

Good Morning my name is Dave and I am an alcoholic. I have the honour of serving District 70 Renfrew/Pontiac as District Committee Member. Things are going well for District 70. We have recovered financially and we look forward to a wonderful sober summer.

We will be having our fall round up on November 1, and we are looking forward to once again working with our friends from Pembroke and Madawaska for our service day. Not much else to report. Once again thank you for my sobriety and the chance to give back to the fellowship that has saved so many.

Yours in grateful service,  
David P., District Committee Member for District 70

**District 74 - Pembroke**

Good morning everyone! I'm an alcoholic and my name is Pat. I'm a member of the Windsor-New Freedom Group and I have the privilege of serving as District Committee Member for District 74 – Pembroke and Area.

Attendance has been great at our monthly District Meetings and we average about 90% attendance at the table. I find this group very easy to deal with and very cooperative on all levels. It seems to me that we are all there for the betterment of AA in our District. Unfortunately we now have two vacancies at District being Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information and Self-Support. Hopefully, these will be filled during our June District Meeting.

Our web-site continues to see a lot of action with over 50% new visitors each month. George updates the web-site continually and he is a great asset to our District. Our Help Line also continues to get a lot of calls and even though it is quite costly to maintain, we believe it is serving its purpose of reaching out to the still suffering alcoholic. We still continue to get a few Bridging the Gap requests each month and they are forwarded along to the correct individuals.

Our Mother's Day Round Up was a great success. It was amazing to see the hall almost completely full in the middle of the afternoon. I found that most people who came early stayed till the end which was great to see. Our Event Chair did a fantastic job and had a great committee to help him out. Even though he only has a few years sobriety he was so enthusiastic and made everyone around him excited about the Event.

It is District 74's turn to host the Tri-District Service Information Day. I will be meeting with the other two District Committee Members today to hopefully select a date in the Fall. We're going to try this time of year in hopes that it may get AA member's interested and excited about being involved in service. I find so many are afraid of service just because they're not too sure what it involves and the time commitment it takes. Hopefully, we can generate some new faces with new ideas.

AA is alive and well in the Ottawa Valley. We have a wide range of meetings – open and closed discussion, speaker meetings and study groups. If you happen to find yourself up in our neck of the woods over the summer, please feel free to drop in to one of our meetings. I hope everyone has a safe and sober summer.

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

**District 78 - Madawaska Valley**

I do not have a written report to submit.

We want to thank everyone who came out to support our Bring a Friend – Bring a Professional last week. I want to announce about our upcoming Festival of Colours Roundup that is coming up on October 4<sup>th</sup> in Combermere ON. I have put some flyers on the table and I do have dinner tickets here with me if you are interested.

Thank you for your support.

Irvine W., Alternate District Committee Member for District 78

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**District 82 – Victoria-Haliburton**

Good morning. I am an alcoholic and my name is Kim. I am very grateful to be sober to share at this area meeting. In our district, we had a fantastic conference in May. The theme was "No Longer Alone" and no one was alone. There was a great crowd, fellowship, speakers and the spirit of AA.

Our Public Information chair, Cathy M., and the committee are working together for AA Information Day working with the professional people. This conference is scheduled for the fall.

The District 82 table is well attended with the General Service Representatives and Sub-Committee Chairs. I still have faith that someone will come forward as an alternate district committee person. Financially, we are not wealthy and the contributions come in then a motion is made to send the funds out.

I'm proud to be the District Committee Member for District 82 that is growing in fellowship and groups. May God keep you in sobriety and enjoy the rest of your day.

Yours in love and service,  
Kim M. District Committee Member for District 82

**District 86 - Kawartha**

Thank you Kim, Panel 63 Area 83 Eastern Ontario International and everyone here today. Greetings from Peterborough, I am an alcoholic, member of Friendly Friday and District Committee Member for District 86, my name is Sandra.

Peterborough and district continues to work hard to share their great sense of unity and recovery and service. Attendance is excellent at the district table with normally an 85 percent turnout. We have a position open for Archives Sub-Committee chair. The power of action is represented in all our sub-committees.

We hosted the Area 83 Archives Workshop on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Intergroup. Everyone enjoyed the great information provided - a special thank you to our archives committee for a super day.

Our Service Information Day went well on May 10, 2014. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to our delegate Mel and alternate delegate Joyce for coming and bringing us really splendid reports. The district also wishes to thank our alternate DCM Amanda and volunteers who worked hard to put this day on.

Excitement is rising with the 53<sup>rd</sup> Kawartha District Conference, Let Gratitude Be Your Attitude, approaching on the weekend of June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The flyer is on our website.

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community is holding a Bring a Professional day on October 6, 2014, at our Peterborough Public Library. It is always an honour to serve as District Committee Member for our district, in this area, and to help carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Yours in love and service,  
Sandra B., District Committee Member for District 86

**6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

**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, District 30 Quinte West and I have the privilege to serve as your Public Information Chairperson for Area 83.

Since the last assembly in March I was invited to set up our Public Information display at the District 30 Round-up on May 17<sup>th</sup>. What a great day of speakers and fellowship it was and I would like to thank District 30 for the opportunity to be a part of their annual event.

On May 27<sup>th</sup> I was off to the land of no Tim Horton's, Barry's Bay to present at District 78 Madawaska Valley at their Bring a Friend event held at the Ash Grove Inn. It was coordinated by Barbara C. their Public Information /Cooperation with the Professional

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Community district chair. What an outstanding job she did. There were 18 in attendance and 3 or 4 were professionals. Al-anon also had their Public Information Area 86 Coordinator to give a great presentation.

It was a long drive there and back but I was so filled with gratitude realizing how dedicated and committed everyone in District 78 was to have such a well-planned evening - my very special thank you for the invitation.

On June 14<sup>th</sup> I will be in Ottawa at their Service in Recovery Day to give a Public Information presentation with Randy H. I am really looking forward to seeing you all!

Gusto TV has been sent three of our videos, A Force of Nature, Living in Chaos and We Know What It's Like as per their request. [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) has a new website and I recommend everyone to familiarize yourselves with it. One new feature is that the videos can now be viewed in full screen. I think you will find it very user friendly.

I would like to thank Kim S. our Chairperson for the opportunity to serve on the ad-hoc committee reviewing the Service Information Day operating procedures with Robb W our immediate past delegate and Rob M our treasurer. I learned a lot about keeping it simple !

One final note, Keep sending your minutes and please do not hesitate to invite me to any of your events, I would be glad to help you carry the message of recovery. My email is [area83aa.org](mailto:area83aa.org) and my phone number is 613-868-7787.

Gratefully, in service, one Day at a time,  
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 the Area 83 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson and my name is Dan.

There has been a lot of really good work done in the Cooperation with the Professional Community since our Spring Assembly. Here are some highlights:

- Toronto Intergroup Cooperation with the Professional Community participated in the Primary Care Medical Convention that was held May 7- 10 at the Metro Convention Centre. This was our first interaction with this event and there were over 3,000 attendees from all parts of the Care continuum. We spoke with a variety of individuals and there were several follow up meetings planned. For example, the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment asked that we set up a meeting with their members; a medical clinic for Person-Centred Psychotherapy asked for us to meet with them and several doctor clinic offices asked for follow up visits. We are looking to come back to the conference next year as it was a very exciting and engaging conference for us.
- The Cooperation with the Professional Community participated at information AA Day in Toronto May 24th with their display and presentation on how we interact with and position AA with the professional community.
- Members of the Cooperation with the Professional Community are working this weekend along with GSO sponsorship at the People in Motion Conference taking place in Toronto. This is Canada's largest exhibition for disabilities and they are coordinating support at the booth with Toronto District Accessibility AA teams and Public Information. We have been part of this conference for many years.
- There is activity throughout Area in Cooperation with the Professional Community. We were present at the Spring Conference in Ottawa in April and plan to be part of the Ottawa Service Day next Saturday. There are some districts focusing on putting in holders and Beginner pamphlets in doctor offices and dropping off AA business cards in medical offices. District 26 continues to do their work at Durham College and presenting to various students in professional medical programs. And District 6 and District 28 are planning for their Bring a Professional for the fall.

I continue to be amazed at the dedication and effort being done in presenting to the professional community and I would like to offer my assistance with any Cooperation with the Professional Community initiative that your District may be planning. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you require any help on my end.

Yours in love and service,  
Dan N., Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson – Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

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**c) Corrections Report**

**Gary O.**

Good Morning Area 83 Officers, Past and Present Delegates, District Committee Members and Guest. It is great to be here and my name is Gary. I am a member of the Living Sober group New market Ontario.

I attended I. A. A. Day in Toronto what a great day. I was asked to share a little bit about what we do in the area. Will from Toronto Intergroup and I shared what we do in our District and Area and had a few people come and want to help go into the jails. I also have been working a lot with Will and his committee trying to set up a Bridging the Gap in the Toronto East Detention Center I was asked to try and set up a meeting with the coordinator. We have not been able to get together but Tom S from the Correction Committee has met with her and able to get it started. This request is still ongoing. I would like to thank the District for the invite to be there.

To date with our Bridging the Gap program we have completed 10 women's contacts for Milton District 2 for Area 85 and 1 for Area 84.

On a said note since Grace K. retired from the Lindsey jail we have not been able to put meeting on in the intuition the jail is trying find a new coordinator it has been a slow process. Just before Grace left I received an email from Grace asking if we could send a letter to the warden regarding the lock downs. I explained to her that we do not provide letters of reference to parole boards, lawyers, courts officials, social agencies, employers, etc. This has been hard on the dedicated members that go into this intuition they are waiting to do what they do best that is putting meeting on.

In March at the Spring Assembly, we were asked to put on a pre conference workshop the questions that were asked.

1. Consider request for revisions to the section "What A.A. Dose not do" in the pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals" to be consistent with similar text in Public Information literature.
2. Consider the development of a new video to replace "It sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."
3. Review contents of Correction Kit and Workbook.

The workshop was well attended with some feedback for Mel and Joyce to take back to New York.

We brought in a Delegate from Area 81 N/B Prince Edward Island - Dave A, Dave talked a little bit on what goes on in his area the message he portrayed was well received.

I thank the Ottawa and District for the invite to their service day June 14<sup>th</sup> 2014 I will be attending

In closing I ask all the District Committee Members to please email me your minutes as I look forward to reading them and keeping up to date with the events taking place in all our districts. I am available, with notice to attend your district service days, round-ups or address any correction concerns. Please send them to [cf@area83aa.org](mailto:cf@area83aa.org) and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours in service,

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

A question was raised on how we will apply when the Canadian Correspondence is up and running? This will be facilitated through Toronto Intergroup and not sure how this will be done through the Area level. There is an issue with Corrections Canada currently.

A question was asked if Corrections correspondence was still working through New York's General Service Office. Yes, it is working on both sides.

**d) Treatment Report**

**Ruth F.**

My name is Ruth, and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Agincourt Acorn group, and I am currently serving as your Area 83 Treatment Chairperson.

Treatment facilities are being looked after within the districts, by some of the most committed, enthusiastic people around. Service! At the fall assembly, it was great to see district treatment chairs sharing with each other and being interested in what is happening in other districts. Unity!

Bridging the Gap is alive and well in Area 83. The districts continue to find temporary contacts for individuals in their district who come through the Bridging the Gap process. I get to be involved often, when a Bridging the Gap request comes to our area from another area. It is amazing to be involved in this basic twelve step work! Recovery!

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I had the opportunity to attend the Area 86 assembly back in March. I attended both the Treatment, and the Bridging the Gap workshops. It was interesting to see how another area operates. I have had a request from the Area 86 Treatment Chair. He would like to know if he can have a copy of the Treatment Chairs/District Committee Members for the districts in Area 83. I told him that I would bring up his request at this Area Committee Meeting, and get back to him.

I attended Info AA Day to do a short Treatment presentation. I was happy to talk with quite a few people afterward about Treatment stuff. Thank you to Intergroup who set up their Treatment display. Thank you to the districts who send me their minutes.

There have been a couple people who say that an email going through the Area website to me has been bouncing back. I am getting district minutes and have received other emails daily. This is a concern for me because the Bridging the Gap requests come through the Area Treatment email. Ideally, Bridging the Gap requests would have weeks or longer before release. The truth, however, is that many requests come through as urgent, because they are time sensitive... the individual is coming home that day or the next. It is imperative that the requests get passed on immediately. The members in Area 83 are quick to respond. I am just concerned that if any emails are not getting through, that a request might be one of them. That would be awful! I have checked everything that I know... and all seems well on my end. I thought I would bring it up here. I have not contacted our Webmaster yet, as it was a recent discovery.

That is my report for now. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve. Sober sure is better!

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

### **e) Grapevine Report**

***Heather M.***

I'm an alcoholic member of Prince Edward, currently serving as Area Grapevine Chair, my name is Heather. Since the Spring Assembly I went to the Spring Conference in Ottawa with my Grapevine display. I also attended Information AA Day with my display and presented in a workshop. Next weekend I'll be back in Ottawa for the Service in Recovery Day.

In conjunction with Jeff at the Grapevine office I've set the prices for the pocket planners and wall calendars. Order forms have been sent to the Grapevine Representatives and I sent them to the area secretary to distribute to District Committee Members. Copies are in all of the District Committee Members folders. There are extras printed by the bins if your district runs on paper - 1 order per district, one cheque to area from each district, to be given to me at the September Area Committee Meeting. I will place the order shortly after, for pickup on Saturday in Kingston.

I also ask that the District Committee Members thank their active Grapevine Representatives for their service. They all do a phenomenal job. If your district doesn't have a Grapevine Representative please get in contact with your neighboring districts' Grapevine Representatives. I'm certain they will help you. The June Grapevine lunch has been cancelled as our District 22 Grapevine Representative Peter lost his wife last month.

Yours in Service,

Heather M., Grapevine Chairperson - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

A question was asked about the financial performance of Grapevine Inc. and do these numbers include all aspects of Grapevine Inc. and the answer is yes. This also included the newly implemented E-Book products.

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

***Jim A.***

Hi friends, it's great to be here with you again. I am an alcoholic member of the East York Group in D18. My name is Jim. Thank you for the pleasure of serving you as the Area 83 Self-Support Chair.

Since we last met in Kingston not that long ago, there has been a flurry of activity:

Rod from District 62 and the Area Display appeared at the Ottawa Spring Conference in April. Thank you sir! Look forward to working with you soon. Thank you too Heather.

In April I participated in the traditions skit at the East York annual Round-up. I did that as a group member, set up the display as your Area Chair. The focus on the traditions appears to have twiggged interest in the AA way/structure, so much so that an invitation for a Self-Support presentation may be coming from a district in Cambridge this summer. I know that is in Area 86 - don't worry Rob that one is on me.

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I accepted the gracious invitation of District 10 to give a ten minute presentation at their May District meeting. Thanks James for asking, and to Melissa for suggesting the idea.

I was invited to present at the recent Greater Toronto Area Info Day. I have been to lots of these but I have never felt such energy in the room, or seen as many new faces. Thanks Gord. I met the newest Self-Support chair, Caitlin from District 12. Again energy and enthusiasm and the icing was to have a member volunteer to be involved with Self-Support. So District 10 may have a new Self-Support chair. That would make 17 of 26 districts having a dedicated chair which just might be the high water mark for this position.

In May I attended Joint Sharing and the finance committee meeting. I have asked for and am waiting on a final decision regarding the use of the boardroom for a Zone 1 Self-Support meeting to be held quarterly, with or without GTAAI participation. Apparently this has triggered a conversation about resurrecting Self-Support as a committee, since it was eliminated in the 2008 reorganization.

I received an inquiry a bequest which resulted in opportunity to inform about our principle of corporate poverty. Having too much is a greater problem than not having enough. I am looking forward to next Saturday's Tri district service day in Ottawa. Good things will be happening in Hintonberg.

The Lakeshore conference is being held in mid-August. I have accepted an invitation on behalf of Self-Support. But that will be finalized down the road. I have placed an order for another 500 birthday envelopes and for 200 Self-Support kits. Hopefully they arrive this week.

The message of connecting spirituality and acts of service, at whatever level or situation, and in whatever form (time, talent, or treasure) generates its own rewards is moving the perspective away from money. The serving gains as well. But I am preaching to the choir, everyone here knows that service rocks. Please carry the message of service back to your district tables. Encourage the General Service Representatives to inform their respective groups and if they experience difficulty in getting the time they need to do their job to remind their groups.

Today financial reports are most encouraging. 80 groups so far this year is an awesome display of support of Area 83. Please thank your groups. It's the participation that is important, not the amount on the check.

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 have the honour and privilege of serving as your Area Archives Chair.

The Archives Service Information Day Workshop at the Spring Assembly featured an Oral History Interview. Thanks to David T., Gord H. and Eddy G. for their part in that. The Spring Assembly also featured a new edition of the Area 83 Archives Newsletter, including part 2 of the History of A.A. in Area 83 by Tom Hills.

The Annual Archives Workshop was held in Peterborough in April. Thanks to Peter N. for his part in that.

If you have a specific request for a workshop topic, please let either David T. or myself know. The same applies for any article you may suggest for our newsletter.

I took part in the recent Info AA Day at Thornhill and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

The Area Archivist was involved in having archives display at the Ottawa Spring Conference and also at the Belleville Conference.

In closing, David T. and I continue to be available for District Service Days and will certainly do our best to answer any archival questions you may have. We can be contacted through the area website.

Let gratitude be your attitude,

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

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**h) Service Information Day Report**

***Sue B.***

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.

I'd like to introduce the committee: Robert B., DCM, District 02 – Malton, Elaine H., DCM, District 06 – Mississauga, Murray O., DCM, District 18 – Toronto City East, Kimberley M., DCM, District 26 – Lakeshore West, and Linda D., DCM, District 34 – Quinte East.

This Spring Assembly saw 59 surveys completed.

I would like to thank Bryan D. of District 22, Rod D. of Dist 66, and Pierre B. of District 30, for their interpretation of Traditions 7, 8, and 9, respectively.

This Fall Assembly will be an election Assembly. Please remind your District's how important their presence and voice will be at determining our new Executive for the 2015 – 2016 term. There will be a workshop on the "Third Legacy", along our traditional workshops and a couple of other interesting ones.

Please remind everyone in your District and Groups to book their rooms for Kingston soon, if they have not already done so.

Yours in Love and Service,

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

**7. REGISTRAR REPORT**

***Scott M.***

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

The roll call for today is 16 Area Officers (including Alternate Webmaster & Area Archivist), 1 Immediate Past Delegate, 4 Past Delegates, 20 District Committee Members, 15 Alternate District Committee Members and 5 Visitors. Total delegation for this meeting is 60 people.

For voting purposes there are: 13 Area Officers eligible to vote (including 1 Immediate Past Delegate) and 24 District Committee Members or Alternate District Committee Members for a total of 37 votes.

There continues to be no shortage of work relating to this position, as there are always changes and updates to be completed. Mirroring my last report in January, it is still a task 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 you, here, 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 require, is a contact name and they can have an active group status. Perhaps some of you wish to be that Group contact in order to continue to have more active groups. Some groups may still be meeting and wish to be a service meeting instead. I ask that we work together to continue to reduce the number of unknown groups.

As you know, this terms' New Group forms and Group Information Change forms, updated with my address and the same registrar contact email (registrar@area83aa.org) have been posted on our Area website (www.area83aa.org) under Resources + District Resources. As there have been some District Registrar position changes, please pass on to those new Registrars that these forms can be sent to me via email, fax or snail mail. My Fax number is the same as my home number - 905-454-5008.

There are some Group Information Change forms, New Group forms and District Change forms at the back of the room here today.

As reported during our spring Area Assembly, our new 2014-15 Canadian Directory had a deadline for submissions on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all of you and your District Secretaries and Registrars for doing your part and sending updates and confirming names of General Service Representatives and their Alternates so that we did our best to be ready for print. As always, the current 2012-13 Canadian A.A. Directory is here with me today should anyone wish to borrow it.

I attended the Area 86 Spring Assembly in London the weekend before our Assembly, the joint District 30, 82 and 86 Service Day and Information AA Day in Thornhill.

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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.

I continue to trudge the road of Registrar destiny. Again, thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Yours, in love and service,

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

A question was raised if it was thought of placing the regional directories online as opposed to printing? The registrar was unaware of any reasons as to why this has not been done other than perhaps as last names are used.

### **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 placed 2 Area 83 contribution envelopes. Please share these with your District and Group Treasurers for future contributions. Several of the envelopes are available on the side table, please help yourselves. 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 June 4, 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 1.5% interest maturing September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Total income for the period is \$20,079.65 and total expenses for the period are \$30,223.53. To date expenses are \$10,143.88 higher than income. Thank you to the 80 Groups and 10 Districts that have made financial contributions to Area 83 this year. As of June 4, 2014 all cheques received were deposited and receipts along with return contribution envelopes were sent out.

The bank opening balance on January 1, 2013 was \$33,114.26. Total income of \$20,079.65 less expenses of \$30,223.53 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$20,289.99 as of June 4, 2014. The bank reconciliation has been done and the balance in the operating account is accurate.

The second page shows details of expenses. Here we see an itemized breakdown of expenses for the period. The top section lists Committee Members expenses to date, and the bottom section lists all other expenses to date. The summary box's at the bottom of page 2 show that income, expenses, and the number of Groups and Districts contributing are all up slightly from the same period last 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 \$198.75. Thank for your generous contributions.

Yours in Love and Service

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 83 Assembly, Past Delegates, 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 5<sup>th</sup> Area Committee Meeting of our term.

I recently attended Information AA Day which is held in the Toronto area on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The main purpose of this day is to gather the districts in the metropolitan Toronto area to come and hear our Delegate report fresh from the General Service Conference held in April. Joyce and Mel did a fabulous job presenting as a team on this day and reporting on some key items discussed at the General Service Conference. Thank you both Mel and Joyce for your passion, dedication and example.

As I have mentioned previously, the secretary and registrar are the "information hubs" of the area and in order to do our work effectively, we really depend on receiving your timely information. Whenever there is a change in the composition of the district table officers, the area secretary needs to be updated of this so that the General Service Office has the most recent and up to date information.

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I have placed a copy of each district roster into their respective district folders for you to see what I have. If there is any data that needs editing, advise me as soon as possible by sending an updated district change form or an email. I would also like to give a gentle reminder that a complete mailing address is needed in order to have this information inputted into the General Service Office FNV database. The FNV database will not accept incomplete information. It is also very helpful to include an email address and phone number when submitting these changes.

As a gentle reminder, district change forms can be obtained by visiting our area website and is located under the district resources tab and is a downloadable Word document. There are also some of these blank change forms sitting on the table beside the district bins if you need. It is best to send your information and changes to me through email and Word documents whenever possible. Also please highlight or bold the changes to draw them to my attention.

I look forward to receiving your emailed report for this Area Committee Meeting if you have not already submitted one and thank you to those who have already sent your report. I will make myself available to you should you need me for any service related functions and please continue to send me your district's minutes and changes through email to [secretary@area83aa.org](mailto:secretary@area83aa.org). Thank you for the trust and confidence that you have placed in me and for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

In grateful and loving service,  
Tony A., Secretary - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

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

**Joyce S.**

Good afternoon, everyone. I am an alcoholic, a member of the Hill Group in District 12 and my name is Joyce. It is also my honour to serve Area 83 as the Panel 63 – Alternate Delegate.

Since we last met at the Spring Assembly, I have participated in the following:

- 1) Spoke at the District 18 – East York Roundup on April 12th
- 2) Attended the 64<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference from April 26<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Some of you have already heard the report which I have passed on to our Delegate, Mel. At this time, all I can say is that it was such an honour to be there and a wonderful, learning experience. The rest of you will hear what happened at the Conference from Mel.
- 3) Participated in the District 86 Service Day on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 4) Facilitated the District 06 - Mississauga inventory on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

For upcoming events I have scheduled the following:

- Will be facilitating the District 22 – Scarborough elections tomorrow
- Ask to facilitate a group inventory at the Anniversary Group on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

Joyce S. Alternate Delegate - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

### **11. DELEGATE REPORT**

**Mel C.**

Hello everyone, my name is Mel. I am an alcoholic, a member of The Hill Group in District 12, Toronto Southwest and I currently serve the fellowship as Delegate for Area 83, Eastern Ontario International. Good to be here, good to be sober!

On Feb 28 - Mar 2 we hosted the Ontario Delegates Conference in Toronto and it was a great success. We can all be proud that we did a stellar job hosting our turn

On Apr 14 I attended the District 66 Golden Triangle Round-up in Smith Falls, On. It was another huge success. I was quite surprised at the size of the event. On May 10, Joyce and I attended the District 82 Service Information Day in Peterborough giving a joint Delegate's report. On May 24 I participated in Information A.A. Day in Toronto. On May 31, I went to the Service Day hosted by District 42, 48, 50 that was held in Ogdensburg, NY.

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Upcoming, I will be attending on June 14 - Ottawa Service Information Day and in August - The GSO Forum in Laval, PQ

Announcements: The new Eastern Canada Regional Trustee is Richard B. from Area 90 NW Quebec; Joe D. has formally been elected to The Board of Directors of Alcoholics Anonymous; New AA Website - really great, look at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org); I am a part of the team working on the new Alcoholics Anonymous Membership Survey through Public Information; CERAASA is full steam ahead and an update will be given.

Mel C., Delegate - 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.

Motioned: Jim S., Alternate District Committee Member of District 66

Seconded: Greg H., District Committee Member of District 12

Discussion: None

**Motion:** Carried - All in favour with 1 opposed

### 12. OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business to be brought forward.

### 13. NEW BUSINESS

#### a) Service Information Day Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee Report

**Robb W., Immediate Past Delegate**

Good afternoon, I am an alcoholic and my name is Robb. I am a member of the Harmony Group in Hamilton and I have had the honour of serving Area 83 as its Panel 61 Delegate.

On November 19th, 2013 the Area Chair, Kim S., struck an ad hoc committee to review the Area Service Information Day Guidelines. The committee consisted of Herb W., Area Public Information Chair; Rob M., Area Treasurer; and myself as chair. The scope of the committee, as outlined in the November 17th email from the Area Chair was: "To make an assessment of and recommendations around Area 83 Eastern Ontario International Service Information Day Guidelines as they apply to our Service Information Day at our Area Assemblies"

The term "Guideline" as defined by Merriam Webster is "a rule or instruction that shows or tells how something should be done". Concept X (10) states that "Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority". It is this concept that gives the Service Information Day Committee the authority to suggest and schedule the workshops and/or presentations for the Service Information Day. This authority is vested in the committee of 6 District Committee Members when elected in at the first January Area Committee Meeting of each term.

Your Ad Hoc Committee reviewed the current Guidelines for the Service Information Day Committee with these two ideas in mind. The Committee reviewed the current guidelines and felt that, on the whole, they provide excellent direction for a new Committee just beginning their term as well as continuing guidance over the four Service Days during their term.

While it is expected that District Committee Members who choose to let their name stand for election to the Service Information Day Committee will have a good understanding of the duties and responsibilities of the Service Information Day Committee, *the ad hoc committee suggests to the Area Committee* that the Area Secretary prepare printed copies of the Service Information Day Committee Guidelines for the first Area Committee Meeting of the term in order that the new Service Information Day Committee members receive a copy as soon as they are elected.

These guidelines have been in use in our Area since January 5, 2002. The recommendations in this report are not time sensitive and, if passed today, should be put on the agenda for the Spring Assembly. Your Ad Hoc Committee, after meeting a number of times and discussing the Service Information Day Guidelines, respectfully makes the following three recommendations:

1. The Ad Hoc Committee recommends to the Area Committee that the following line be added to the section "Friday night open meeting" on page 3 of Appendix Two; *"When selecting a speaker for the Friday night open meeting, it is suggested that no sitting*

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*member of the Area Committee be chosen so as not to give any implied advantage to anyone with regards to upcoming elections at the end of the term."*

2. The Ad Hoc Committee recommends to the Area Committee that the following line be added to the first point in the section "Spending Guidelines" on page 6 of Appendix Two; *"As each committee member is also serving as a District Committee Member for his or her District, it is expected that the District will reimburse any other reasonable expenses for attending the Area Assembly."*

3. The Ad Hoc Committee recommends to the Area Committee that the following point be added to the section "Spending Guidelines" on page 6 of Appendix Two; *"The Chairperson of the Service Information Day Committee will be entitled to be reimbursed for their room Friday and Saturday night as well as meals for Friday night and Saturday. The Area Chairperson will manage the room reservation as part of their responsibility."*

Your Ad Hoc Committee would also like to put forth two additional considerations:

1. Should the Area make the decision to officially designate each Spring Assembly as a "Pre-Conference Assembly", the following wording be added to the section "Workshops/Presentations" on page 4 of Appendix Two; *"As the Spring Assembly has been designated a pre-conference assembly, workshops that are presented by the different Area Sub-Committee Chairs shall focus on issues that Alcoholics Anonymous will be addressing at the upcoming General Service Conference. Any "alternate" workshops shall be informational workshops that deal with General Service and/or the General Service Conference specifically."* Or words to that effect.

2. In the interests of passing on shared experience, the Area Committee should explore ways to pass on the shared experience of past Service Information Day Committee members to the incoming Service Information Day Committee. Some suggestions might be a Service Information Day workshop at the last assembly of the term or a portion of the DCM workshop be dedicated to the responsibilities of the Service Information Day Committee.

On behalf of Herb, Rob and myself, I would like to thank our Area Chairperson for the opportunity to serve the Area in this capacity.

Yours in Service,

Robb W, Herb W and Rob M  
Service Information Day Guidelines Ad-Hoc Committee

A question was raised regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> point and does this recommendation regarding the Friday night speaker meeting apply to all assemblies or just the election assembly and the answer was for all assemblies.

**"Moved to table the ad hoc recommendation to the January 2015 Area Committee Meeting."**

Motioned: Jim S., Alternate District Committee Member of District 66  
Seconded: Jack H., District Committee Member of District 28  
Discussion: None  
**Motion: Carried - 23 in Favor; 5 Opposed; 3 Abstained**

**b) Motion tabled from March 30, 2014 Spring Assembly – "For Area 83 to recognize AccessAbility as a standing committee at the Area level."**  
**Ruth F., Area 83 Treatment Chair**

I tried to form an Ad Hoc committee after the assembly to research Access Ability committees within our Area and other Areas. One person said yes and 3 others said no. After consulting with our Delegate, Mel I decided to stay with the person that was not only willing but perfect to do the research. The report was sent out by me through email a week ago. A big thank you to Ruth for her service with this task. I now call on Ruth to give a report on her findings.

Some comments noted from the Area Committee floor were:

- An effective case was not made for this motion by District 02 and the need was not fully established
- many believe they now have enough information to bring back to their districts for discussion
- it would be nice to have a summary from the committee that works with special needs concerning the percentage of resources used by that committee – does the need justify the expense?

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- Is there any evidence that the current Treatment Chair configuration is not working?
- Not sure if it has gone far enough to explain what this new committee will do that is not being done by the Treatment Committee that currently addresses individuals with special needs
- Districts 18, 30 and 54 are overwhelmingly in favour of supporting this endeavor
- How many districts have an AccessAbility chair? It might be a more viable option to place this as part of the Treatment committee. The Treatment Chair did conclude that this would be quite possible to do.

The sense of discussion is that is that we will place this motion under old business at our next area committee meeting. The chair agreed and this discussion is tabled to our September 6<sup>th</sup> Area Committee Meeting.

The chair also clarified that come September's Area Committee Meeting, we can move in one of 2 things that can happen with this particular motion. 1) original motion can be defeated and a new motion can be introduced or 2) an amendment can be added to the original motion.

[See Appendix B – AccessAbility and Special Needs Supplement]

**c) Fall Assembly Elections – How can we do better?**

**Discussion Only**

Some discussion comments brought forward were:

Have more counters to eliminate the time in between votes; Waive the District Committee Reports; Candidates to qualify 1 time only rather than repeatedly giving their qualification for each position running; Possibility of pre-distributing colour coded ballots; Keep it as it has been over the years and don't change the process; Look into some type of electronic voting system for consideration; Have the committee reports read in between the voting; Consider suspending the executive reports along with the District Committee Reports; Have the elections first thing in the morning and then have the reports read after the election

The chair has asked Sandy S., Panel 59 Delegate to facilitate the elections during the 2014 Fall Assembly.

**d) That Area 83 Eastern Ontario International conduct an Area Inventory**  
Seconded by Murray O., District Committee Member for District 18

**Joyce S., Alternate Delegate**

Last time a motion of this nature was done in 2005 and it has been almost 9 years since we did an inventory. Most groups and districts do an inventory on a biennial basis.

The chair would set up a formal ad hoc committee to get the questionnaire sent out to the groups. Another Area had posted their questions on their website and anyone could answer them. This would be a bit of a process for the Area Chair.

John V. District Committee Member of District 58 called the question to end discussion and this was seconded by Michael C. District Committee Member of District 48. The majority was in favour of calling the question and we moved to the vote on the motion.

**Motion: Carried - 28 in Favour; 0 Opposed; 3 Abstained**

***This motion will be placed as an agenda item at the Fall Area Assembly***

**e) Discussion of CERAASA 2015**

**Mel C., Delegate**

Mel C., Area 83 Delegate gave us an overview of what is happening with CERAASA to date. CERAASA is going full steam ahead. The CERAASA website is just about ready to go live. The registration page is done and is also about to go live. The hotel has been secured and contract has been signed for the Novotel in Mississauga.

Flyer cards have been created and are in circulation. In September, the aggressive real promoting will begin. Marketing and plans are all in place. There is going to be a great program and ice cream social and will mirror the General Service Conference in New York City. The agenda will also mirror the agenda of the General Service Conference. This event is going to be great!

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**14. SHARING – WHAT’S ON YOUR MIND?**

David T. Area Archivist will celebrate 43 years of sobriety in July. There are rooms available at the university in Atlanta for the 2015 International Convention - 4 people per dorm and you have your own room for \$50 USD per night – See Area Registrar for more details. There will be a 10 year medallion for Kathy T on July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Kedron Group in Oshawa. There will be a 20 year medallion at the Erin Mills Group for Julie T. Elaine H. will celebrate 20 years at the Streetsville Group on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Toronto Young People’s Conference will be held on July 11-13 at the Steelworkers Hall in Toronto – tickets are \$15 for this event. Wes B., celebrates 35 years at the Long Branch Group on Monday June 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Area Chair announced that the Area Webmaster Call Letter has gone out and please get the word out to those you may think would be interested in this service position.

**15. NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Kim S. – Area Chairperson**

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on **September 6, 2014**. Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?

Moved: James O., District Committee Member of District 10

Seconded: Gary O., Area Corrections Chair

**Motion: Carried** - unanimously in favour

**16. CLOSING**

It is now 3:40 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: Kim M., District Committee Member of District 82

Seconded: Robert B., District Committee Member of District 02

**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.

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## Appendix A – Financial Statements

### ***EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83***

***AS AT: June 4, 2014***

<b><i>RESERVE ACCOUNT</i></b>		<b>Actual</b>
January 1, 2014 Opening Balance		20,000.00
Interest		0.00
Transfer to Operating Account		0.00
<b><i>RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE</i></b>		<b>20,000.00</b>

  

<b><i>INCOME</i></b>		
7th Tradition		2,316.35
Cost Recoveries		189.00
Flow Through to GSO		445.00
Grapevine Seasonals		0.00
Group & District Contributions		17,129.30
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>20,079.65</b>
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE		0.00
<b><i>TOTAL INCOME &amp; TRANSFERS</i></b>		<b>20,079.65</b>

  

<b><i>EXPENSES</i></b>		
Accommodations		4,251.65
Meals		5,837.28
Travel		4,748.50
Long Distance		48.80
Postage		77.29
Printing		1,166.23
Literature		177.35
Stationery		9.82
Miscellaneous		1,544.22
Area Web Site		98.39
	<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<b>17,959.53</b>
Ad Hoc Committees		0.00
Area Contribution to GSO		0.00
Area Committee Meetings		318.64
General Service Conf. Assessment		6,558.48
Bank Service Charges		161.95
Forums		0.00
CERAASA		0.00
Grapevine Seasonal		0.00
GSO Flow Through		445.00
Ontario Delegate's Conference		4,779.93
	<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>12,264.00</b>
<b><i>TOTAL EXPENSES</i></b>		<b>30,223.53</b>

  

<b><i>OPERATING ACCOUNT</i></b>		
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2014		30,433.87
Total Income & Transfers		20,079.65
Total Expenses		(30,223.53)
<b><i>OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE</i></b>		<b>20,289.99</b>

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as at June 4, 2014

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Annual Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	0.00	118.62	487.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	616.42	3590.00	2973.58	17.17%
Alt. Delegate	0.00	105.33	182.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	327.33	2080.00	1752.67	15.74%
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	0.00	185.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	185.50	970.00	784.50	19.12%
Chairperson	0.00	132.99	318.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	451.49	1070.00	618.51	42.20%
Secretary	0.00	133.51	178.50	0.00	0.00	619.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	931.22	2090.00	1158.78	44.56%
Treasurer	0.00	95.08	246.40	0.00	77.29	202.80	0.00	9.82	6.78	463.17	1540.00	901.83	41.44%
Registrar	0.00	111.90	223.70	0.00	0.00	58.24	0.00	0.00	69.29	463.13	1390.00	926.87	33.32%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	228.12	125.00	347.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	98.39	799.41	1710.00	910.59	46.75%
Archives	0.00	53.63	406.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	251.61	711.24	1640.00	928.76	43.37%
Archivist	228.12	121.71	133.00	0.00	0.00	103.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	586.23	2060.00	1473.77	28.46%
Cooperation with the P.C.	67.06	79.83	70.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	217.29	1310.00	1092.71	16.59%
Corrections Facilities	0.00	113.32	352.80	8.80	0.00	16.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	491.10	1530.00	1038.90	32.10%
Grapevine	279.33	147.44	536.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	963.67	1010.00	46.33	95.41%
Public Information	0.00	75.00	242.20	0.00	0.00	85.70	177.35	0.00	0.00	590.25	1360.00	779.75	42.67%
Self Support	0.00	99.82	247.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	347.32	1310.00	962.68	26.51%
Treatment Facilities	0.00	81.66	189.50	0.00	0.00	26.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	297.53	1260.00	962.47	23.61%
Service Info Day Cmte	939.70	642.44	389.90	0.00	0.00	54.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	2026.37	3230.00	1203.63	62.74%
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%
Fail Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7300.00	7300.00	0.00%
<b>COMMITTEE EXP.</b>	<b>\$ 4,261.65</b>	<b>\$ 5,837.28</b>	<b>\$ 4,748.50</b>	<b>\$ 48.80</b>	<b>\$ 77.29</b>	<b>\$ 1,166.23</b>	<b>\$ 177.35</b>	<b>\$ 9.82</b>	<b>\$ 1,842.81</b>	<b>\$ 17,989.53</b>	<b>\$ 43,790.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,790.47</b>	<b>41.05%</b>
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	15.00	0.00%
Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	318.64	318.64	900.00	581.36	35.40%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	161.95	250.00	88.05	64.78%
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,840.00	1,840.00	0.00%
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
CERAASA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00%
GSC Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,558.48	6,558.48	100.00%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.00	1,055.00	29.67%
Ont Delegates Conf.	2,303.59	858.24	964.21	-	-	20.00	-	88.57	545.32	4,779.93	4,779.93	0.00	100.00%
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 2,303.59</b>	<b>\$ 858.24</b>	<b>\$ 964.21</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 88.57</b>	<b>\$ 863.96</b>	<b>\$ 12,284.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,843.41</b>	<b>\$ 7,579.41</b>	<b>61.80%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 6,565.24</b>	<b>\$ 6,695.52</b>	<b>\$ 5,712.71</b>	<b>\$ 48.80</b>	<b>\$ 77.29</b>	<b>\$ 1,186.23</b>	<b>\$ 177.35</b>	<b>\$ 98.39</b>	<b>\$ 2,506.57</b>	<b>\$ 30,223.53</b>	<b>\$ 63,593.41</b>	<b>\$ 33,369.88</b>	<b>47.53%</b>

June 4, 2014			
	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	Change
Income To Date	20,079.65	18,180.11	1,899.54
Expenses To Date	30,223.53	28,847.10	1,376.43
Net Change To Operating Account	<b>\$ 10,143.88</b>	<b>\$ 10,666.99</b>	<b>\$ 523.11</b>
Contributions	\$17,129.30	\$14,909.11	\$2,220.19
Contributing Groups	80	68	12
Contributing Districts	10	9	1

Income Summary	
June 4, 2014	
7th Tradition	2,316.35
Bank Interest	-
GSO Flow through	445.00
Contributions	17,129.30
Cost recoveries	189.00
Grapevine Seasonals	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 20,079.65</b>

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**GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL**

**AS AT June 4 , 2014**

			<u>TOTAL</u>
District	00	Unknown	\$0.00
District	02	Malton	\$1,050.00
District	06	Mississauga	\$1,025.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$3,267.50
District	12	Toronto South West	\$665.66
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$1,270.00
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$145.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$755.00
District	22	Scarborough	\$914.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$862.26
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$520.06
District	30	Quinte West	\$150.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$150.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$2,060.00
District	38	Thousand Islands	\$16.22
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$149.22
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$100.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$1,052.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$100.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$0.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$822.82
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$480.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$210.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$380.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$100.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$300.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$584.56
Total Contributions YTD:			<u>\$17,129.30</u>

Total from Groups	\$13,345.81	80	Groups Contributing
Total from Districts	\$3,783.49	10	Districts Contributing

## Appendix B – AccessAbility and Special Needs Supplement

### Introduction

*AA Guidelines, Serving Alcoholics With Special Needs*, state that “While there are no special members, many members have special needs. For the purpose of those Guidelines, we define A.A.s with special needs as persons who are blind or visually impaired; deaf or hard of hearing; chronically ill or housebound, and those who are developmentally disabled.

#### **General Guide For All Special Needs Accommodations**

Respect for the dignity of others is the foundation for all our efforts to carry the message to alcoholics with special needs, with emphasis on identification rather than on how we are different. ... The goal is to include all alcoholics in the wonderful experience of belonging to a group and participating of a full range of benefits of membership.” (*Guidelines- Serving Alcoholics with Special Needs*)

*About AA, A Newsletter to Professionals, Fall 2006* Begins with “Alcoholics Anonymous is dedicated to making its message of recovery from alcoholism available to as many as possible, including those with special needs.”

### History

“ The General Service Office (GSO) supports AA’s helping to surmount these barriers so the AA message is accessible for all who reach out for it. Since the AA’s earliest days, GSO has served alcoholics with special needs. By 1997-98, the volume of activity warranted a special needs assignment. Today, along with Treatment, Special Needs-Accessibilities is under the pervue of one staff member. ... In the late 1970’s AA developed “AA Guidelines on Carrying the Message to the Deaf Alcoholic. Today the Special Needs-Accessibilities Kit references 58 literature items”... *Grapevine May 2014, page 10*

(READ from “Contents of Special Needs Kit” sheet) *Kit includes Special Needs Workbook, pamphlets, A.A. Guidelines (2), Service Material, Publications, Catalogue Order Form.*

“These developments at GSO result from local members active in service at the group, distict and area levels.” *Grapevine May 2014 page 10*

Adrienne Brown, from the General Service Office, provided the following information: Treatment and Special Needs are separate, but share a desk due to workload. Whether to have a Special Needs committee would be “need” to have one.

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The General Service Conference Structure (US and Canada) lists Treatment Facilities/ Special Needs- Accessibilities as a Conference Committee. It lists Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment Facilities/ Special Needs- Accessibilities as a Trustees Committee. *Service Manual page S18*

### **Conference Committees**

“ Treatment/ Special Needs – Accessibilities (trustees’ Committee on C.P.C./Treatment/Special Needs- Accessibilities): Coordinates the work of individual A.A. members and groups who carry the A.A. message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment facilities, and sets up means of bridging the gap from treatment to A.A. In addition, the committee supports the work of individual A.A. members and groups endeavoring to ensure that those with special needs have access to the A.A. message. The committee will review all aspects of service to A.A. groups/meetings in treatment facilities and other noncorrectional institutional environments as well as to A.A.s with special needs-accessibilities issues and make recommendations for changes and/or improvements” *Service Manual page S61*

### **General Service Board Committees**

“Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities (corresponding Conference committees- Cooperation with the Professional Community and Treatment/Special Needs- Accessibilities): Seeks to create mutual understanding and cooperation between the Fellowship and those professional groups and individuals concerned with alcoholism and the still-suffering alcoholic, to further the acceptance of A.A. in hospitals, rehabilitation centres, and similar facilities, and to bring additional help to alcoholics under treatment there. Encourages A.A. members to assume responsibility for providing information about A.A. to alcoholics with special needs.” *Service Manual page S69*

### Us/Canada Area Involvement with Special Needs-Accessibility

There are 66 of the 104 Areas in US/Canada that are represented with Special Needs- Accessibility Chairs. Of these 66 Areas, 58 are Special Needs. 5 combine Treatment/Special Needs. 1 combines Remote Communities/Special Needs. 2 have CEC (Cooperation with the Elder Community) . *Results from Area Special Needs Committee Chairs list, Area websites, email correspondence.*

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## Estimated Financial Information

"It is difficult to estimate accurately what it would cost to add a new Sub Committee Chair. Where the Chair lives would make a big difference to travel cost. Number of events attending also varies from Chair to Chair, year to year. I have attached a spread sheet that lists what each Sub Committee Chair spent last year and what they spent it on. It also shows the average spent for each category, and the average spent per Sub Committee. I would estimate that about 75% of each chairs travel and meals expense is incurred at the Assembly and ACM so the spread sheet shows an estimate of what it might cost to add Special Needs/Accessibility to an existing Sub Committee. These are just averages from 2013 and an estimate of how that average would change to add duties to a Committee." *Rob M. Area 83 Treasurer (Also spread sheet)*

2013 Average Subcommittee Chair Expense											
Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Assembly Room	Misc.	Total
Archives	-	128.29	1,266.30	-	-	-	-	-	437.34	446.40	2,278.33
Cooperation with the P.C.	-	215.22	829.85	-	-	-	-	18.94	437.34	130.31	1,631.66
Corrections Facilities	134.00	265.30	1,285.90	8.86	-	-	120.81	92.13	437.34	-	2,344.34
Grapevine	-	183.97	227.50	-	-	-	-	-	437.34	-	848.81
Public Information	-	167.50	815.48	-	28.36	20.00	530.59	16.52	437.34	-	2,015.79
Self Support	-	171.75	1,219.82	-	2.00	-	86.23	7.91	437.34	-	1,925.05
Treatment Facilities	-	143.75	707.00	-	-	39.57	207.12	-	437.34	6.00	1,540.78
COMMITTEE EXP.	\$ 134.00	\$ 1,275.78	\$ 6,351.85	\$ 8.86	\$ 30.36	\$ 59.57	\$ 944.75	\$ 135.50	\$ 3,061.38	\$ 582.71	\$ 12,584.76
Average/Chair	\$ 19.14	\$ 182.25	\$ 907.41	\$ 1.27	\$ 4.34	\$ 8.51	\$ 134.96	\$ 19.36	\$ 437.34	\$ 83.24	\$ 1,797.82
Add To Existing Committee	19.14	45.57	226.86	1.27	4.34	8.51	134.96	19.36	0	83.24	77.61

## Summary

"Our Big Book says, 'We are people who normally would not mix', and this is especially true when someone is a little 'different' from the others. But the rewards of giving this kind of service to a fellow alcoholic are immense! Group unity grows stronger, the person with special needs is included and respected as a fully-participating member of the group, and everyone's sobriety is strengthened. When faced with the challenges of accommodating a special need, we would do well to remember: 'When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.'" *A.A. Guidelines – Serving Alcoholics With Special Needs.*

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