

# **Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

## **Area Committee Meeting Minutes**

**January 4, 2014**

# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AREA 83 EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL

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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 has had a lovely holiday.

Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions: Heather E., Alternate District Committee Member of District 36

12 Concepts (Short Form): Greg D., Alternate District Committee Member of District 48

**Welcome to Quinte West** – This is our fourth Area Committee meeting of this term and our first 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 12 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 51 Past Delegate - Joe D. (currently serving the fellowship as a Non-Trustee Director of AA World Services)

Panel 57 Past Delegate - Dot D

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## Appointed Positions

Area Archivist – David T.  
Area Webmaster – Todd S.

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	January	January 04	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
	March	March 28, 29, 30	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
	June	June 07	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
(pending approval)	September	September 13	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
(pending approval)	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.

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## Minority Opinion

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

## Calling the Question

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

## Who may address the committee meeting?

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

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

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

## Floor Motions

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

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

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

Moved: Michael C., District Committee Member of District 48  
Seconded: Herb W., Panel 63 Public Information Chair  
Vote: Unanimous in favour  
Result: **Carried**

## **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-c) CERAASA City Location Discussion and Vote – Mel C., Panel 63 Delegate

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

Moved: Gary O., Panel 63 Corrections Chair  
Seconded: James O., District Committee Member of District 10  
Vote: Unanimous in favour  
Motion: **Carried**

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

**4. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETING September 7, 2013.**

Minutes of the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting were distributed by Tony through email and also a hard copy was placed in your folders at the Fall Assembly in October.

*I would now entertain a motion to accept the September 7, 2013 Area Committee meeting minutes as submitted*

Motion: ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETING September 7, 2013  
Moved: Sandra B., District Committee Member of District 86  
Seconded: Robert B., District Committee Member of District 02  
Vote: **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 A 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**

I am the District Committee Member for District 02 and a member of the Rexdale United Group and my name is Robert.

All Chair and all Alternate Chair positions are filled. Financial commitments are being met and money is sent to Area 83 and General Service Office.

Corrections - Ontario Correctional Institute currently has 3 AA meetings a week and a Big books study has just started all going well.

Treatment - Meetings going very well at Brampton detox. We will chair the Gift of Life noon meeting for the month of February.  
Public Information - AA literature is being distributed to individual Police Stations. AccessAbility and Archives is also all going well.

Most AA meetings in District 2 attendance is down and little evidence of South Asian community is present in them. We have only one small Punjabi Meeting.

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

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### **District 06 - Mississauga**

Good Morning and Happy New Year friends – 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. And although we have had a couple of resignations, all 17 Committee chair and alternate chair plus Intergroup Liaison positions are filled!

We have been visiting groups that have not been attending District meetings – and as a result we had 2 new groups present at the table by year end. We also have a new group in District 6 – and the group's General Service Representative is attending District meetings.

We had a number of new General Service Representatives and Alternate General Service Representatives attend the Fall Assembly – it was good to see the enthusiasm for service that generates.

Our Committees are active and are participating in Toronto Intergroup and other Greater Toronto Area Committees and meeting all service commitments. Our Treatment service meeting commitments were filled by group rotation for the year with commitments well into 2014. Our Treatment Chair has also been active with Bridging the Gap requests as has our Corrections chair. Our Corrections Chair is also working with District 18 Corrections and the volunteer coordinator at the Toronto South Detention Centre to ensure volunteer needs are met with the transfer of clients from the Don Jail.

Our Bring a Friend meeting sponsored by our Cooperation with Professional Community Committee on November 11<sup>th</sup> was a very successful evening with excellent speakers and more than 70 people, half of whom were professionals, attending. There has been much positive feedback that the meeting has provided a good base from which to help persons suffering from alcohol problems. Plans are underway for our second annual event.

And our District is excited about the chance to host CERAASA 2015 – we have enthusiastic committee members and volunteers anxiously awaiting the decision on the host city location.

You can follow what's going on in our District on our website – [aamississauga.org](http://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. On the third try we now have an ad hoc committee which is willing to review the guidelines for our district. Gord from District 14 has been kind enough to forward a copy of theirs and it has been circulated to all members for their review and to stimulate ideas.

2. In November District 10 put on a fabulous Round-up discussing the 12 Steps and our own Mel C spoke on steps 10 through 12. Great job Mel! This was our second annual and the turnout was beyond our expectations.

3. It was time last month to bid farewell to Anita who served admirably as Alternate District Committee Member for 2013 but had to withdraw because of life commitments. We thank her for all her efforts made for the district but most importantly how she inspired all those around her.

4. And it is with great enthusiasm that we welcome Marty as our new Alternate District Committee Member. He has been doing an excellent job as our Treatment Chair and the table has decided to allow him to continue in Treatment. This has been a great opportunity for all of us to review the relationship between the spirit of rotation, an informed group conscience and the Concepts.

5. We also had something surprising happen: when we opened the floor to elect a Cooperation with Professional Community Chair four people put their name forward. There seems to be a new enthusiasm and energy in general at the table.

6. Our Treasurer is keeping us strictly adhering to our current guidelines and is keeping us financially lean and the excess money moving on to its final destination.

7. All in all, as a District table we have really come together and seem to be unified in our common goal.

James O., District Committee Member for District 10  
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**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. Our Treatment Chair and his alternate are busy loading up our service meetings with literature & meeting books.

We have been doing a concept a month since November and it's going very well. Our Treasurer Dionne did Concept 11 in November, & Josh of the Friendly Group did Concept 12 in December. Both presented their concept very well and their enthusiasm being so infectious, that Cal from Old School AA has asked to do Concept 1 in January. This practice is a real enhancement to our monthly meetings.

Some of our Sub-Committee positions are still open but we are working on those to get them filled. Over all our district is in good shape.

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

**District 14 - Toronto North Central**

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 with the exception of Grapevine.

Our finances were depleted to \$5.00 over our prudent reserve due to sending \$1,000.00 to the General Service Office and \$1,000.00 to Area 83 in December. Rent is paid in advance until June 2014. District 14's attendance was strong in October/November and lower in December.

Our Sub-Committee Chairs are attending the meetings at Greater Toronto Area Intergroup and are actively serving the district and we are fulfilling all of our service commitments.

In 2013 District 14 spent just under \$3,000.00 on literature to support our various commitments. [Approximately 1/3 for literature in 2014 before the discount was cancelled by Intergroup]. Area 83's Alternate Delegate Joyce S. facilitated our District Inventory on 11 November 2013; the post inventory was positive.

In service,  
Gord M., District Committee Member for District 14

**District 16 - Distrito Hispano de Toronto**

Good morning. My name is Victor and my home group is the Group Amistad. I am the District Committee Member of the Hispanic District (Distrito Hispano de Toronto #16); I am very proud to serve my district. The Spanish District wish all of you a Happy New Year in 2014

First, I would like to thank Area 83 for all of the support we have received especially the Alternate Delegate Joyce S. who attended our Christmas party and spoke about all of the work Area 83 is doing to carry the message to the alcoholics still suffering.

The Hispanic Intergroup's Public Information Committee has an open meeting every Tuesday in the Davenport-Perth Community Centre in Toronto.

The Hispanic channel in Toronto that have covertures all over Canada are still running the Public Information Public Service Announcement in the Hispanic language; plus a couple of ads in the newspapers of our Hispanic community.

The 3 Hispanic channels in Toronto that have covertures all over Canada are running Public Information tape in the Hispanic language, plus a couple of ads in the newspapers of our Hispanic community.

The La Vina Chair ordered every two months 30 editions of the magazine to be distributed to our members.

In love and service,  
Victor M., District Committee Member for District 16

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### **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 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 official vacancies still at Grapevine, which is being covered by past District Committee Member Patrick and Past Chair John M. as required, and Accessibility which is being reported on by Alternate District Committee Member Katrina.

The groups are still meeting our service meeting commitments for Corrections and Treatment meetings. The table voted to bring the Toronto East General Withdrawal Management Centre into our District service meeting rotation list. We offer a big thanks to those members of the Beaches Group who have been servicing this meeting for so long on their own and are graciously agreeing to assist in the coverage still.

We were blessed to have our Alternate Delegate Joyce lead us through a District Inventory in December and the discussion was lively and often veered into attempting to solving the problems at once rather than continue inventory and resolve issues later but it was an enlightening process and I believe undertaken with the best spirit possible by all at the table.

Our newly formed Procedures and Guidelines ad hoc committee has been meeting regularly and has informed us that there is a draft of a complete review of the document ready for submission to the table for review and comment. We are grateful to the committee for taking so much time from their schedules before our meetings to get on with the process in an expedient manner and look forward to seeing the fruits of their labour.

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 not sent any money to General Service Office or Area 83 recently but this is on this month's meeting agenda. 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 Inventory for this term was held on November 10, 2013. It was well attended with a lot of active participation. Our Delegate Mel skillfully facilitated the Inventory and kept things running smoothly. The District was pleased with the outcome and I would like to thanks Mel for his efforts.

Planning is in progress for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual East Toronto Archives Breakfast which will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2014. We are also involved in the planning of Information AA Day which is scheduled for Saturday, May 24, 2014. Stay tuned more to follow.

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.

In November, our Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee was thrilled about the attendance at the Bring a Friend Meeting. The extremely motivated Cooperation with the Professional Community team, the title change and the volume of invitation

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letters sent out likely all contributed to the success of the evening. The speakers all did a fantastic job. One complaint that showed up on a couple of the surveys was that the night was not long enough!!

Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee has been very well received in the Durham College. They have also been taking steps to get AA into the university system as part of the training of professionals who might come into contact with the alcoholic.

The Public Information Committee was contacted in November to participate in a religious instruction day for a grade 9 class in a high school from the Catholic School Board. It went over well and the school said that they would like AA to participate in next year's day of instruction. The 24 hour Alkathon was enjoyed and appreciated by many again this year!

Our Corrections chairperson has been urgently asking for volunteers to go into the Lindsay. The list has gotten shorter and shorter in the last couple of years and he's hoping to draw in some more members to help out.

Christine O has picked up the Grapevine Chair position. She is motivated and is planning to attend some grapevine activities that will help her better promote this resource in our district.

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

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

Hello friends, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Bowmanville Group and my name is Jack. I have the honor and privilege of being your District Committee Member for District 28. Wishing you all a Happy and Sober New Year! (Welcome back!!!)

District 28 is doing well, we are well into our preparations for our Spring Round Up, being held at the General Sikorski Hall. This year's date for this event is March 1, 2014.

I attended our Bring a Friend meeting on November 11, 2013, which was put on by District 26, it was an amazing meeting with great speakers, including our Delegate, Mel. Another well done event and very well attended.

Our Cooperation with Professional Community Committee is working hard on putting on a Bring a Friend Meeting this coming fall, details to come.

Financially, we are in good fiscal shape at this time. Our District Table remains well attended with over 70% consistent attendance and the groups appear to be very active. All of our Sub-Committees continue to work hard, while keeping up their participation as required.

Last fall, we had our Annual Fall Round Up in Newcastle – (actually, this event sold out!!!). Our Alcathon was another successful event in conjunction with District 26. This is my report, I would like to thank all of you 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. It is a pleasure to be the District committee Member of the best district in our area.

We are only lacking one chairperson at the district table if you don't count the email ghosts. Our Public Information, Corrections and Cooperation with Professional Community Committees have and are doing a great job at reaching out to the alcoholic who still suffers. We have recently acquired a Treatment Chairperson at the district meeting.

The Trenton Group held a Mini-Alcathon on Christmas Day which went well. Our women's meeting in Cobourg is growing with 20 to 30 ladies in attendance. Our finances are in good shape.

Yours in love and service,  
Pierre B., District Committee Member for District 30

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**District 34 - Quinte East**

Good morning everyone. My name is Linda. It is my privilege to have been chosen to represent District 34 Quinte East as their District Committee Member and I am an alcoholic.

As the first year of my term drew to an end I am happy to announce the District 34 is in great shape. All of our service positions are filled. The District table meetings are being well attended with groups who were not attending starting to appear.

I was in touch with our registrar as we were having problems with our group change registrations and I am pleased to say after some paperwork and emails with Scott we have managed to get everything fixed and most of the General Service Representatives in our district have received their General Service Representative kits.

The District Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community Representative put together a new format for our meeting list and the groups have received copies. We are also working on getting these meeting lists into the various public offices in our community.

Our Corrections Chair is still working to get volunteers to put meetings on and we have had some members from Kingston offer to assist us as well. Thank you District 36. We would also like to thank Gary O for getting us 12 Big Books for our Corrections Chair to bring into the Correctional Facilities.

Treatment has been doing well with the facility in our District but we are still struggling to get meetings going in the local hospital. Our Self Support Chair is still looking for new ideas to promote Self Support and has recently started a District newsletter. The Grapevine Rep is doing amazing things in our District as well as offering assistance at other district events for those who do not have a Grapevine Rep and display.

The Webmaster is keeping our site up to date and ensures that all of our events are posted as quickly as possible. The Archives Chair is doing great. She has been collecting group history information as well as District information. Financially we are in great shape and have been able to send money to both area and GSO for the last 2 months of 2013. We still maintain a prudent reserve as well. I would like to take this time to thank all of the people in District 34 for all of the help that they have given to our district in this last year. I am looking forward to the New Year in District 34

Yours in service,  
Linda D., District Committee Member for District 34

**District 36 – Kingston & The Islands**

Good morning. It is my privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for Kingston and the Islands. I am an alcoholic my name is Lynne. Our District meetings have been well attended and we are financially sound.

The position of Corrections Chair remains vacant. Our Alternate District Committee Member is filling in. Fortunately during her absence due to illness, some seasoned volunteers have encouraged a few members to attend inside meetings. After the closing of Kingston Penitentiary and shuffling of services, all areas but the Assessment Unit at Joyceville have meetings and all have some outside attendance. The volunteers have received approval and are ready to help set up a Wednesday day time meeting for the assessment unit and need only have the final clearance. There are still no drivers for Pittsburgh Institution.

Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community recently represented AA at the Corrections Health Fair. We were among 25 or so services attending. We also continue to work with the college and have been approached by Sydenham High School for workshops. We need more discussion with Sydenham prior to our involvement as they were mentioning using members as facilitators, which we cannot do. I believe the Chair had been speaking with them and explained we can only share our story or give an outline of what AA is.

Treatment is going well-all three meetings are well attended and the groups participate in charring. We have had 3-4 bridging the gap contracts. All were successfully reached and assisted upon their return. Grapevine has been seen everywhere about Kingston. Enthusiasm is high and sales are great. Our phone line and 12 step volunteer procedures were reviewed once again and the current system was again deemed to be working well.

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As always it is the few that make service part of their program. We have fantastic members in all areas of service, but Corrections and Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community Committee are always in need of more.

In gratitude and service wishing you a lifetime of sobriety.

Lynne H., District Committee Member for District 36

**District 38 - Thousand Islands**

Absent and no report submitted

**District 42 - St. Lawrence International**

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

Since our Fall Assembly, not much has taken place in our district other than the following three items:

- 1.) At our November meeting we agreed to order literature in bulk to save on shipping and handling, to include several Big Books for the correction facilities.
- 2.) Also at this meeting Milner G. announced that the December would be his last meeting as "Temporary Secretary." He hopes that his stepping down will prompt someone to step up and take the job. This means we now have the secretary, treatment, and archives positions open.
- 3.) And, lastly, we had to cancel our December meeting due to, believe it or not, nasty weather.

Yours in gratitude for sobriety and service,

Louise T., Alt. District Committee Member for District 42

**District 48 - Seaway Valley North**

Good Morning, my name is Michael and I have the privilege and pleasure of service district 48 as their District Committee Member. I would like at this time to introduce our new Alternate District Committee Member Greg D.

Greg is also the Co-Chair of our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Round Up which will take place on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 at Matilda Hall in Dixon Corners. Flyers are in your District folders. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. and breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:30 with lunch at noon and a Pot Luck Supper following our main Speaker.

Please come and join us as we celebrate **The Freedom to Choose**, with AA and Al-Anon panels and lots of AA fellowship as this is an open event friends and family are more than welcome. There will also be service displays set up by our Area and District chairs to show how we carry the AA message of HOPE and RECOVERY to the still suffering Alcoholic.

District 48 at this time is financially sound and meeting all of our monetary obligations. While we are also meeting our service commitments along with our neighbour District 42 we are looking for more members willing to help carry AA's message into the two State Correctional Facilities located in Ogdensburg N.Y. The district is also looking to fill three service positions of Secretary, Archives Chair and Self Support Chair.

At our February District Meeting the General Service Representatives will decide if the district will hold a District Inventory in the Spring. Looking forward to seeing you at our Round Up in four weeks.

God bless. Yours in love and service,

Michael C., District Committee Member for District 48

**District 50 - Cornwall**

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

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First of all I want to say how thankful I am to be a member of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous and to daily receive the benefits of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. I regularly have the pleasure of witnessing the power of this program in action as members become interested in being useful to their fellows and also contributing members in their communities. It is awesome.

The District 50 Annual Fall Conference was held on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> and I would like to thank all who attended or participated and of course the people who worked to make it a success. Our next year's conference will be held at the same location on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. We hope to improve the attendance at our conference so you may see us flogging tickets in your District by spring. If neighboring districts need speakers give me a call and I will help you find a speaker and send them with tickets as well.

A Talkathon and meal was held on December 24 from 12pm to 9pm with groups and individuals chairing meetings during the day. We had hoped to stay open till midnight but the level of participation did not justify remaining open as the meeting slots were not filled and it was only the volunteers who were left after 9pm. The people who did come gave generously and all expenses were covered including the start-up money which had been provided by the District.

Our District is financially doing okay but the streets are by no means paved with gold. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone here for all that you do for your own recovery and on behalf of this fellowship. We are all an example of something....

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 and our Cooperation with the Professional Community chair remain vacant even though our General Service Representatives are mentioning it at their home group meetings.

We are meeting our financial obligations and service commitments. We welcomed the Alano Group into District 54 from District 58. This group falls within the boundaries of District 54. We will be visiting this group in early February.

Finally, the Ottawa Alkathon held on Christmas and New Year at the Bronson Centre were well attended by AA and Al-Anon/Alateen Family members.

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 the District Committee Member for District 58 – Ottawa / Bytown. My home group is Laurier / Sandy Hill Open Big Book Discussion.

We have met all service commitments assigned to us since this table last met and District 58 members continue to serve in the 5 District Corrections/Treatment Committee. One of our General Service Representatives, Mike S. has just taken over the 2 year commitment as coordinator for AA of The Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre, affectionately known as 'The Detox'.

All of our financial commitments for 2013 were met and rent on the District meeting room is paid through 2014. Financially we are solid with funds available for service where required and a topped-up prudent reserve. The year-end financial statement is due next week and will reflect this status.

Rick H., a long time District member has stepped up to replace our long-suffering Treasurer - Gabriel P. - this month. All this forthcoming free time has resulted in Gabriel becoming engaged to his partner Susanna A., Congratulations to them both. I attended both nights of the new format Ottawa Area Alkathon and it seems to have been a real success, with very good attendance and excellent food being served. I am looking forward to a happy and Prosperous New Year and wish you all the same –

Yours in loving service,

John V. District Committee Member for District 58

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

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

Our Service Committee's are being kept busy with Health Fairs, Bridging the Gap, and Public Information has a new project under way; placing the Grapevine's "Young and Sober" in each Secondary School's Student Service's Department. Grapevine literature is now also available for sale at the HOPE Group, which is the home group of our Grapevine Liaison.

Our finances in District 62 continue to remain healthy. At our December District Meeting, our new budget for 2014 was presented and passed. Our Alternate District Committee Member, Rod D, is busy attending many of the Group's Business Meetings to give a short presentation on Self-Support. Rod's enthusiasm and knowledge is one of the reasons, I believe, that our finances continue to be healthy.

We are still meeting for an hour before our regular District Meeting to read over the Service Manual. Members are still attending, and like myself, 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.

On February 10, 2014, we will once again be providing a General Service Representative Workshop to be facilitated by Sandy Smith, Past Delegate, Panel 59. Districts 54 and 58 have also been invited to attend. Once again, Ottawa held the Alkathon over Christmas and New Year's. It was a great success and the New Year's Eve dance was enjoyed by many members.

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

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

Good morning friends I am an alcoholic, a grateful member of the Sharbot Lake Land-O-Lakes group and my name is Rod. My sobriety date is March 22, 1991. It is an honour and privilege to serve as District Committee Member for the Golden Triangle Group District 66. I am also fortunate to be accompanied by our Alternate District Committee member Jim S. Service positions in District 66 are not all currently filled and all are working hard to fill the webmaster position. Our attendance at the district table has been good and discussions are usually lively as we manifest our happy, joyous and free attitudes.

Public Information continues to be very active in carrying the message in the community and it is a privilege to be associated with these hard working individuals. The Alkathon held at Christmas and New Year's were well attended.

District 66 continues to be financially healthy due to the generous support of the groups. All funds in excess of our three month prudent reserve are disbursed between Area 83 and General Service Office in an attempt to achieve that elusive goal of self-support. We wish everyone a happy New Year!

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

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

*Report read by Tony A. Area Secretary in District Committee Member's absence.*

Good morning my name is Dave and I am an alcoholic. I have the honour of serving District 70 as District Committee Member. All is going well for district 70.

We have been busy over the holidays. We are presently gearing up for 2014. Our St. Patrick's day round up is approaching on March 15. We will be making improvements to our sound systems to correct echo problems. We continue to have good attendance at our meetings and district table. Not much else to report. We wish you all continued sobriety and happiness. Thank you for my sobriety.

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

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### **District 74 - Pembroke**

Good morning everyone! I'm an alcoholic and my name is Pat. I am 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.

Our District elections have taken place and I am pleased to announce that every chair position has been filled - some with old faces and some with new ones! It has been a rough last few months, but I am confident we will move forward in the upcoming year.

Attendance at District Meetings has been great over the last few months. There is only one group that does not attend and they have only 2 members so we are not too concerned about them. We have tried to encourage them to attend but to no avail. One group has closed but we still have plenty of meetings for everyone to attend. There is at least one every day of the week and include breakfast, lunch and evening meetings. They included both open and closed discussion, speaker meetings and Big Book Studies.

We continue to have over 4500 hits per month on our Website. Our Help Line also continues to get quite a few calls – there were not many in December but I am sure this month the number will rise drastically. Financially we are holding our own. We have encouraged groups to give smaller donations to District more often; rather than a larger sum every six to eight months. This seems to be working better for our District in handling their financial commitments.

Our Event Chair has already made plans to hold our Mother's Day Conference on May 10<sup>th</sup> this year. He has a committee in place and they are moving ahead with lots of input from new members. It's great to see such enthusiasm. Over the past two years it has been hard to even get anyone to chair the event. Overall AA is alive and well in the Ottawa Valley. I wish everyone a Happy New Year and all the Best in 2014.

Yours in service,

Pat E., District Committee Member for District 74

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

Hi. My name is Lois and I am the District Committee Member for District 78. All positions at the district table are filled. The district is doing very well financially and all groups being well attended. Discussion meetings appear to be having better attendance. December Gratitude meetings reminded us that the program has given us a lot to be grateful for. Wishing all a Happy New Year.

Yours in service,

Lois C., District Committee Member for District 78

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

Absent and no report submitted

### **District 86 - Kawartha**

Thank you Kim, Panel 63 and everyone here today. I am an alcoholic, member of Friendly Friday in Peterborough and District Committee Member for District 86, my name is Sandra.

Since we last met Bruce B. has taken on our Grapevine Sub-Committee Chair position. Bruce is also here today. Jan M. is our 2014 Conference chair. All positions are filled.

In the Kawartha District, we still have 21 groups registered and active. Attendance at our district meetings continues to be excellent. Financially our district is in good shape. Again, we are really very blessed with volunteers getting into Central East Correctional Centre in Lindsay.

Wishing you faithfully a safe, blessed and prosperous 2014 and it is 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



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**6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

**a) Public Information Report**

***Herb W.***

My name is Herb and I am an alcoholic. I have the privilege to serve as your Area 83 Public Information Chairperson for Eastern Ontario (International) and I am a member of the Redwood Group In Trenton.

Since the Area assembly In October I had the opportunity to attend the Mental Health Fair November 26<sup>th</sup> in Cobourg at the Lions Hall with Liane C. District 30 Public Information Chairperson. There were about 50 visitors present plus all the various displays. I was surprised at the turnout as there was an admission fee for the presentation on Stress in the Workplace. Quinte West has been very welcoming to Alcoholics Anonymous in the community. Our radio stations are also regularly airing Public Service Announcements.

I have still not seen changes on line and at the kiosks in Indigo book stores regarding A.A. literature and the listing of the wrong publisher.

I have spoken to the publishing department at Hazelden and there seem to be confusion as to who is selling Indigo their Alcoholics Anonymous World Services literature. I am awaiting a reply from A.A.s publishing department to find out more information. I have confidence that we will resolve this issue soon.

Our Telecaster numbers for the Television Public Service Announcements expire this February and hopefully after the revisions New York did to the Canadian Public Service Announcements as there will not be a delay this year.

I will be attending the District 48 Roundup Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 and would like to thank Michael C. for the invitation. Also I would enjoy being a part of any service event that you are having in your Districts.

Thank you and keep sending your minutes. Please do not hesitate to call me if you are having any questions or difficulties, I will do my best to help any way I can. Happy New Year to you all!

Gratefully, Enjoying the Journey,

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

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

***Dan N.***

*Report read by Don M. Alternate District Committee Member and CPC Chair for District 14 in Dan's absence.*

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 N.

There continues to be a lot of activity in Cooperation with the Professional Community since the Fall Area Assembly. There were several Roundup and Service Days over the last few months. In particular, District 2 held their Service Day November 2<sup>nd</sup> and there was good representation with Cooperation with the Professional Community including presentation, literature and the Area 83 Cooperation with the Professional Community display. District 10 held their Service Day Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> and there were about 200 attendees for the day highlighting different AA steps. Our display was also at this event. District 26 continued their good work presenting AA as part of the curriculum at Durham College. They have presented 6 times to Addiction and Counseling students and the Nursing classes in 2013 and there are plans to continue this initiative in 2014.

There were also two major 'Bring a Professional' evenings on November 11<sup>th</sup>, one in Mississauga, the other in Oshawa. District 2 and 6 co-hosted a 'Bring a Friend' professional evening with 60- 70 attendees. The main purpose was to introduce the professional community to AA. The speakers were a husband a wife AA and AI Non team and also a speaker from the Homewood Treatment facility who made presentations. And in Oshawa, also on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, District 26 hosted an AA Professional evening with the AA speaker being our very own Delegate Mel C. and an AI-Anon speaker. More than 130 people from Durham's professional community attended as well as AI-Anon and A.A. members making it one of the most successful in the event's history.

I regularly attended the Toronto Intergroup Cooperation with the Professional Community meetings held monthly and the energy with the eight Districts continues to be high. Plans are underway for presenting to a number of venues this year including a presentation to the Toronto Metro Police senior management and speaking at the Ontario Association for Social Workers

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Conference being held in Toronto. Also, we are working with GSO in New York who has committed to the People in Motion Conference taking place in Toronto June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. This is Canada's largest exhibition for disabilities and we hope to coordinate support at the booth with Toronto District Accessibility AA teams and possibly Public Information during the weekend.

In closing, I would like to offer my assistance with any Cooperation with the Professional Community initiative that your District may be planning this year and to help out wherever I can. Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can be of any help on my end.

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

### **c) Corrections Report**

**Gary O.**

Good Morning Area 83 Officers, past and present Delegates, District Committee Members and guest. It is great to be here and my name is Gary. I am a member of the Living Sober group Newmarket Ontario the best group in District 14.

I was asked to facilitate the Toronto Intergroup election for a new Corrections Chair. The elections were held and the new chair is Will H from District 14 he will do a great job in carry the message to the Intuitions' in the surrounding Greater Toronto Area districts.

To date with our Bridging the Gap program we have done 8 women's contacts for Milton 4 for Area 85 and 1 for Area 84. To close off our 2013 year the number are fantastic for our Area.

Bridging the Gap Contacts:

Milton – 86; Area 85 – 6; Area 84 – 2; Ontario Correctional Institute – 8; General Service Office – 1

Total served - 103

This has been a busy year for all our Corrections Chair. Our Corrections Chairs do their very best to get all the contacts done that we give them some times at very short notice great job.

At our workshop in March we were able to bring to the assembly two members to talk about how they do Bridging the Gap in their districts. They did a great job explaining the process they go threw in getting a contact and getting them to meeting.

In October the workshop we were able to bring in a member from behind the wall of a Federal Intuition to talk to us. Greg K has been incarcerated for the past two years and is still serving his time. Greg talked about his experience trying to get to meeting in the intuition then he was moved around to deference intuition. Greg was very clear that we need to keep up the good work that we do for the Intuitions' in order to carry the message from behind the walls.

To close off this year I would like to thank all who helped our area to achieve the goals we set out to accomplish at the start of the year. I know that I may have been a pain in your side but as the professionals that you are we got through it. Again thank you to all.

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

### **d) Treatment Report**

**Ruth F.**

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

Thank you to the few Districts who have sent me the geographical boundaries of your district. It makes it much easier when finding a Bridging the Gap contact. I would like to make a bonder of maps and District boundaries for my use, and for those after me. It would be a great resource and help. If you have not sent it to me, will you? If you are not sure if you sent your District boundaries, please send it again. I'd rather have it twice rather than not at all. If you know your boundaries off the top of your head, you could jot them down and give them to me today. Thanks so much.

Bridging the Gap is alive and well in Area 83. Thank you to everyone who has been involved with any part of the Bridging the Gap process thus far. I have never been turned down when I have passed on a Bridging the Gap request. Quite the opposite, actually, members have been excited to be involved and reach out the hand of AA!

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I have been working closely with the Area 86 Treatment Chair Pat. Area 86 rotates as of Jan 1, 2014. It has been educational and encouraging to work together to reach out to the suffering alcoholic. Bye Pat, it has been awesome to work with you. I will miss your emails! Welcome to the incoming Area 86 Treatment Chair, I am sure we will form as good a relationship as Pat and I. Welcome also to the new Area 84 treatment Chair, Aurore P. It is so great to share our experience, strength and hope back and forth between areas!

I attended the Greater Toronto Area Intergroup Treatment Committee meeting. Charles and the group there are enthusiastic, and involved in supporting treatment meetings within the GTA districts. I look forward to my next visit to their meeting.

The 2013 Bridging the Gap workshop is reported to have been a great weekend. They have drafted proposed AA guidelines which I will include with this report. I have Area 83 on the mailing list, as this is an amazing resource. For the 2014 workshop, September 5-7th (located in Kansas City), they will be looking at topics such as: ``How to build a Bridging the Gap program from scratch, Building and maintaining contact lists, how to work with the adolescent alcoholic and the facilities that support them, sharing of past Bridging the Gap and Treatment Chairs etc.`` I will continue to participate in this committee/workshop on behalf of Area 83. I would love to participate in this workshop in person, should the Area feel that this is a worthwhile investment; I would be willing to attend. I will include all of the information with my report, in case anyone else is interested in attending. Or email me and I would be happy to email/mail it out to you.

To find Treatment literature, or information, go to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). There is amazing information located there.

Please continue to send me your District minutes. I enjoy reading about what is happening in your Districts. I can be contacted at [www.area83aa.org](http://www.area83aa.org).

Thank you for allowing me to serve! Sober sure is better!!

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

### **e) Grapevine Report**

***Heather M.***

Hi. I am an alcoholic and a member of the Prince Edward Group, currently serving as your Area 83 Grapevine Chair and my name is Heather.

Grapevine had been very quiet since the Fall Assembly. Elaine H., District Committee Member of District 6 and I went to New York City right after the Assembly. We visited the new Grapevine office. Downsizing had definitely occurred.

Jeff from the Grapevine office confirmed the taxes weren't added properly to the pocket planner and wall calendar order. A second corrected bill was sent to our treasurer and it was paid. Our treasurer will have the math details.

With sadness, I report that our annual Grapevine lunch in December was cancelled due to a lack of response from our District Grapevine Chairs. Bulk orders continue to be organized and placed by District 22's Grapevine Representative for a number of districts. He is without electronic communication and is doing it "old school". Call him if you want to participate in getting billed discounts for your Grapevine literature. I have his number.

Looking forward, I have been invited to District 48's workshop and Roundup at the beginning of February. If you would like me to come to your district, please book me in advance so that I can organize my personal schedule and travel arrangements to accommodate.

Update: With the corrected invoice from Grapevine, \$336.62 was overpaid, 762 total units (pocket planners and wall calendars) ordered, using straight division, \$0.44 per unit is the amount overpaid. If your district wants a refund, please let me know. Otherwise, I will simply take the overage into account when pricing is set for this summer for the 2015 calendars and planners.

Yours in Service,

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

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

***Jim A.***

Good morning everyone, I am an alcoholic a member of the East York Group, my name is Jim. I have the honour and privilege of serving as your Area 83 Self Support Chair. Has year gone by already. I hope everyone has had a memorable Christmas. Every day is Christmas and Thanksgiving when you are sober.

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Thank you goes to the district secretaries that have included Self-Support in their distribution lists. I enjoy reading about what goes on in the districts. On all topics, as what happens in one district, while unique and autonomous, may be applicable elsewhere in the Area. This is not Las Vegas. An example was:

- where one district polled its member groups to find out who supported General Service Office, and the result was 46%, a bit higher than the 2012 average for A83 of 46.4%
- Most Self-Support chairs are in mint condition, since they are not used much. Please encourage your member groups to invite them to their respective business meetings.
- District 18 Self-Support chair Glen G, spoke at the District 02 Service day on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, districts working together.
- District 22 has made an inquiry regarding the Greater Toronto Area custom of the Self-Support can program.

I had the privilege to attend the recent Western Ontario General Service Assembly in London. They do things differently in Area 86, but the spirit of friendship and love of Alcoholic Anonymous is the same. This is a direct by product of working together on three Unity days (2007, 2009, and 2011). Seems like a short long time ago for those of us that participated in those events and well worth the effort.

Which leads to the Dec 2013 financial statements which will be presented later in greater detail by our treasurer Rob M. The one number on these reports that peaked my interest was not the SSSS contributed but the level of participation. For 2013 contributions came from 141 groups and 15 districts. This is down by a very significant 20% from 2012 levels (174 groups and 20 districts). So let's ask the question. Why?

It could be the economy. Maybe Rob's letter carrier will leave a big bundle on Monday, now that Holiday rush over. Perhaps Group or District treasurers are waiting for their January business meeting to propose passing the bucks, but not the responsibility. Timing differences, frequency of biz meetings. Perhaps there as many reasons as there are districts and groups.

Please ask "Why?" at your next district meeting? The answer is out there, WE just have to find it, share it and practice it. Supporting AA as a whole at all levels is the aim of Self-Support - time, talent and energy. And that other thing, no one wants to take about money - at whatever level.

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.

First, let me wish everyone here a safe, sober, and serene 2014! The Archives Workshop at the Fall Assembly Service Information Day featured the History of Alcoholics Anonymous in Ontario and Upper New York State. The Fall Assembly also featured a new edition of the Area 83 Archives Newsletter, featuring Part 1 of the History of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83 by Tom H. Look for Part 2 in the upcoming Spring Assembly Newsletter.

Looking forward into 2014, be aware that the Annual Archives Workshop will be held in Peterborough in April. Stay tuned for more information! 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.

It is my intention to be in contact with District Archives Chairs over the next few days to get a feel for where their District history stands and where either I or the Area Archivist might be of assistance.

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., District Committee Member, District 02 – Malton, Elaine H., District Committee Member, District 06 - Mississauga, Murray O., District Committee Member, District 18 – Toronto City East, Kimberley M., District Committee Member, District 26 – Lakeshore West, and Linda D., District Committee Member, District 34 – Quinte East.

Before I get into my report, I would like to apologize on behalf of the Committee for our oversight in not providing a Grapevine Workshop in the Fall. This will not happen again.

The Fall Service Information Day was a great success. As you saw from the Survey Comments which had been sent to you, the majority of AA members who attended thoroughly enjoyed the workshop topics and the day overall. There were 99 completed surveys this time around versus the 58 completed in the spring.

The Service Information Day Committee was notified at the Fall Assembly that both the Ontario East and West rooms are equipped with an Overhead Projector. With the extra Projectors provided by members, and the one already provided for by the Hotel, there will no longer be a need to juggle Chairperson's around in rooms each Assembly.

Three District Committee Members who have yet to participate in the Traditions Workshop are required for Traditions 7, 8, and 9. If you are interested, please see Murray O. before you leave today.

Please inform your District's that we are planning an interesting day for all of you. Whatever the workshop will be, we believe you will find the day informative, interesting and fun. 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 New Year to all! I'm alcoholic, a member of the Bloordale Group in District 06 and my name is Scott Hi! 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 14 Area Officers (including Webmaster & Area Archivist), 1 Immediate Past Delegate, 2 Past Delegates, 22 District Committee Members, 14 Alternate District Committee Members and 13 Visitors. Total delegation for this meeting is 66 people.

For voting purposes there are: 12 Area Officers eligible to vote (including 1 Immediate Past Delegate) and 23 District Committee Members or Alternate District Committee Members for a total of 35 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 September, 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 need 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 a reminder, this terms' New Group forms and Group Information Change forms, updated with my address and contact email (registrar@area83aa.org) have been posted on our Area website (www.area83aa.org) under Resources and then 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.

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I have not heard any further news on whether there will be published directories this year for those that travel throughout United States and Canada. I would think that General Service Office can continue to save costs by not publishing these. A copy of the most current 2012-13 Canadian A.A. Directory is here with me today should anyone wish to borrow it.

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

Yours, in Love & Service,  
Scott M., Registrar - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

### 8. TREASURER REPORT

**Rob M.**

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

There was an error in the Treasurer's report to the Fall 2013 Assembly. Total number of Groups contributing to Area 83 for the period was reported as 151, but should have been 121. I apologize for the mistake.

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 December 31, 2013. 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 \$60,166.95 and total expenses for the period are \$62,847.34. To date expenses are \$2860.39 higher than income. Thank you to the 141 Groups and 15 Districts that made financial contributions to Area 83 in 2013. As of December 31, 2013 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 \$60,166.95 less expenses of \$62,847.34 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$30,433.87 as of December 31, 2013. The bank reconciliation has been done and the balance in the operating account is accurate.

Page 2 shows details of expenses. Here we see an itemized breakdown of expenses for the period. The top section lists Committee Members expenses to date, and the bottom section lists all other expenses to date. Some expenses listed under "Spring Assembly" and "Fall Assembly should have been listed under "Service Info Day Committee. Changes will be made to the Financial Statement and the corrected copy will be included in the minutes of today's meeting. The summary box's at the bottom of Page 2 show that income is down \$1692.84, and expenses are down \$875.59 compared to 2012. The number of Groups and Districts contributing has declined with 173 Groups and 20 Districts contributing in 2012, and 141 Groups and 15 Districts in 2013.

Page 3 shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from the District, as well as Groups within the District. Contributions from Groups and Districts were down over \$3200 in 2013 as compared to 2012. You may have noticed when you checked out of the Ambassador hotel at the fall assembly that the room charges were slightly higher than in the spring. I spoke to the hotel about this and was informed that most hotels in Ontario have started charging a destination marketing fee (DMF) of 3% + HST. This increased to total cost of a room from \$109.61 in the spring to \$112.90 in the fall. I haven't received the room rates from the Ambassador for this year, but will pass on the information when I do. The price quoted by the hotel does not include HST or DMF charges. The 7th Tradition today was **\$231.45**. 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]

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**9. SECRETARY REPORT**

**Tony A.**

Good day members of the Area 83 Committee, 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 truly am delighted to be here with you today and for the fourth area committee meeting of our term.

As your area secretary, I am primarily responsible for recording the minutes of the area committee meetings and assemblies, compiling and updating rosters of committee members and the information on all districts in the area; for forwarding all area assembly, area and district committee information to the General Service Office and holding and maintaining all records and documents of our assemblies.

In the file bins, I have placed a copy of the updated Operating Procedures, today's agenda and the Fall Area 83 Assembly minutes in the district folder that have requested a paper copy only of our printed materials. There are additional copies placed on the table beside the bins should you decide you would like to have a hard copy. I have also placed a copy of the district roster listing in their respective district folder. These documents have all been emailed to you earlier this week.

All roster lists are updated and current according to the information that I have received. Please peruse over your lists to ensure accuracy of the information. A gentle reminder that I need complete mailing addresses for entry into the FNV database in New York otherwise the system will not accept the entry. Also, please send me your district changes as soon as you can so I can ensure this information is getting to the appropriate arms of service that are in need of this.

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. It is best to send your information and changes to me through email and Word documents whenever possible. I also kindly ask that if you are re-sending district changes with edits to me that you 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, before you leave today, please check your district mail folders and take with you information has been received today. I will be taking the bins back with me at the end of our meeting today. 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).

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Spring Area Assembly in Kingston and I invite you to come out to the presentation that the Registrar and I do during the Service Information Day portion of this weekend if you are able to attend. I wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2014 year. God bless you all!!

Yours in love and service,

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

**10. ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT**

**Joyce S.**

Happy New Year, everyone! Time sure goes by quickly, another year gone by. 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 Fall Assembly, I have participated in the following:

- 1) Spoke at the District 02 – Malton service day on November 2, 2013, which was very well organized.
- 2) Attended the Inter-Group Joint Sharing session on November 5<sup>th</sup> where all but one district was in attendance. It's great to see the District Committee Members working together with the chairs at Toronto Intergroup.
- 3) On November 11<sup>th</sup> it was a pleasure to facilitate the inventory for District 14. Lots of participation with those in attendance.
- 4) Facilitated a group inventory for the Silverbirch Group on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Although the turnout was not what those in attendance expected, it was quite productive and rewarding.
- 5) I was invited to attend the Toronto Spanish Intergroup's Christmas party on December 7<sup>th</sup> where I gave a brief talk on Area 83. Being Intergroup Liaison Officer for Area 83 is part of the position description for the Alternate Delegate. I really enjoyed myself and I was welcomed by everyone. Victor the District Committee Member for District 16 was my interpreter and dance partner. Language of the Heart was very evident at this event.
- 6) Was invited to facilitate the District 18 Inventory on December 10<sup>th</sup>. I always enjoy seeing A.A. in action.

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- 7) There has been a breakdown with regards to the Remote Communities. The last scheduled conference calls which were to take place on September 16<sup>th</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup> did not take place. The chair and moderator did not initiate the call, therefore, the rest of us could not communicate. I have tried a couple of times to contact John, the Chairperson, by email and he has not responded. His phone number was never given out and actually there was never a group listing available. As far as the efforts of Area 83 to help with the initiative of Area 85's nothing further is happening either. At least 6 of our members signed up as volunteers and I have been informed that not all of them have been contacted or given any direction as to what to do in order to help with their request. The last response I received from Diane D. from Area 85 was she thanked me for my inquiry and informed me that they have enough names now so I can stop advertising for more help. I will be notified if and when more people are needed to help. On that note, I would like to thank those of you who were willing to help.

On a good note with regards to the Remote Communities, the Alternate Corrections Chair for District 30, Richard F. attended the workshop at the Fall Assembly. I had taped a full meeting format on the wall in Inuit for those attending to see what it looked like. Richard asked me if he could get a copy to bring into the correction facilities he attends and I told him he could have what was in the room. He was so thrilled to receive it. I have since spoken to Richard a couple of times and have been informed that he has been able to take this information into the Workworth Facility. He was able to pass it along to a fellow who understood the language and was completely overwhelmed at what he was reading. Richard mentioned that it brought tears to his eyes to see this happen. He also mentioned that he is going to get a list of literature in various languages which could be used in this facility and the Brookside Youth Facility. He did mention that a client was asking about a Big Book in Serbian. The one thing I asked Richard to do was to take this request back to the district table to see if the groups and/or district can assist him in this. If not, I will formally request that Area 83 see what we can do to help. In the near future, I may put out a call for speaker tapes, CD's and Grapevines to be given to Richard in order for him to continue on the good work he has been doing. I mentioned to him that I also have most of a meeting in Cree, if he finds a need for it. If anyone here could use this information, please let me know and I will gladly pass it on to you.

For upcoming events I have scheduled the following:

- 1) Invited by the Liverpool Group in District 26 to facilitate their Inventory on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) Area 83 is the host for the Ontario Delegate's Committee Meeting on February 28 to March 2<sup>nd</sup>, which I am looking forward to. My topic which I will give a 15 minute talk on is "Recovery, Unity and Service - Our Responsibility". Easy one to do. Mel has done practically all the arranging for this event, so I will let him tell you more about it.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83. I look forward to another year with you as we continue our service journeys. Please continue to have your District Secretaries send me your minutes as I enjoy reading them. Recently, I mentioned to a District Secretary that for some reason I have not been receiving their minutes and was told that he did not know we wanted to see them. I have since received them, which I appreciate. Perhaps, not all Secretaries are aware that the committee members enjoy reading yours minutes.

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!

#### **Recent Activities:**

Like all of us, I have been busy at the usual things:

Sept. 7, 2013, ACM in Belleville

Sept. 28, 2013, SID in Potsdam NY

Oct. 25-27, 2013 Assembly, Kingston, On.

Nov. 2, 2013, Area 86 Election Assembly, London, On.

Nov 10, 2013, facilitated D22 Scarborough Inventory

Nov. 11, 2013, participated in a Professional Symposium in Oshawa, D26

Nov 23, participated in a D10 Service Round-up in Toronto

Dec. 25, spoke at the Winter Season Open House in Toronto

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### Eastern Canada Regional Trustee Vacancy:

I delivered Dot's resume to the Conference Nominating Committee on time and it was a great resume indeed! Ask her to see it! I look forward to speaking to her candidacy at the Conference.

### ODC - Ontario Delegate's Meeting

The ODC is pretty much all arranged. The participants will be staying at the Holiday Inn Bloor-Yorkville and the ODC meetings proper will be held at the U of T's O.I.S.E. building, just a few steps east along Bloor Street.

A formal agenda for the event will be emailed to you sometime in January and hopefully you can pass that along to anyone at your tables that think they might like to attend as observers. Tony has loaded the draft agenda into your boxes today for your personal information. There is ample time built into the agenda for audience participation and it will be a unique experience for those who attend - a great way to gain more insight into the issues and traditions of the Conference in general and the 64th General Service Conference in particular.

### CERAASA – Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

As most know, three locations have been suggested for the 2015 CERAASA event: Ottawa, Mississauga and Toronto. All three are perfectly suited but how to choose? We finally decided that since CERAASA was an AREA event and as this is the steering committee for the Area, this is the appropriate place for the decision to be made. We will hear from advocates of all three places today and vote by secret ballot. How exciting!

### NEWSLETTER

My fourth, Winter Newsletter is in production and ought to be out in mid-January.

As always, thank you for your trust. I look forward with great anticipation to what 2014 will bring us.

Sincerely,

Mel C., Delegate - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

### Question/Comments:

Herb W. asked for clarification regarding the upcoming reproduction of the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of the Big Book if it made any difference of where the book was purchased i.e. by ourselves or through districts? Mel replied that it is available to anyone who wants the publishing singular or by bulk and to note that it is cheaper to purchase in quantity. The book is also currently available online for purchase.

James O. asked for clarification of the dates for the upcoming Ontario Delegates Conference and Mel clarified that the conference does actually start February 28<sup>th</sup>. Anyone can attend any of these meetings, reception and dinner. There is no cost to attend the conference.

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

Motioned: Murray O., District Committee Member of District 18  
Seconded: Jim A., Area 83 Self-Support Chair  
Discussion: None  
**Vote: Carried Unanimously**

## **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**

Progress Report to the Area Committee, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Good Afternoon, I am an alcoholic and currently serve Area 83 as the Immediate Past Delegate, my name is Robb W. In November of last year, our Area Chairperson, Kim S., struck an Ad Hoc Committee to examine the Service Information Day Guidelines. She invited me, Rob M. (Area 83 Treasurer) and Herb W. (Area 83 Public Information Chairperson) to serve as this committee.

The scope of the committee is as follows:

"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." We all agreed to take part and had our first meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013. This meeting was really to just discuss how we would go about the assessment and come to a consensus on our recommendations, should we decide to make any. We had a second meeting on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013. We will be meeting again today before we leave for home and will continue to meet as we assess the guidelines.

At this time, we have nothing more to report. Our hope is to be able to have a more comprehensive report at the June 2014 Area Committee meeting.

Yours in Love and Service,

Robb W., Immediate Past Delegate Panel 61 - Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

#### **b) Discussion: Going forward – The "Three Streams" – Service Information Day Workshops**

At the Fall Assembly there was some concern about the Service Information Day agenda. Sue B. and I met and spoke about these concerns at the Assembly. After our discussion it was felt that this needed to be on the agenda at this Area Committee meeting. It is on the agenda as "going forward". The last Service Information Day is over, so moving forward I would like to discuss any concerns about this pre-conference Spring Assembly.

The Area did commit to a pre-conference assembly by a show of hands. Exact wording from June 2, 2012 ACM minutes: ***No motion is required – when the Service Information Day meet in January 2013 – the Chair and SID Chair will work to implement. Sense of the room was to ensure that this initiative is taken into account.***

As to not conflict with the SID Guideline Ad Hoc Committee, I would ask that the discussion be only about this upcoming Assembly as the Committee will be making their recommendations at the June ACM for future Service Information Days. Does everyone here understand what the Three Streams is?

Kim explained the 3 streams to clarify and their cycle during the Service Information Day portion of the Assembly. Kim opened the floor to discussion. Kim had explained there was a lot of concern that there was going to be the same thing happening during the Spring Assembly as what had happened in the Fall Assembly in that some of the workshops were cut short or some eliminated entirely. Murray O. suggested that we formalize the Pre-conference Assembly.

#### **Motion that the Spring 2014 Assembly be a Pre-Conference Assembly by Louise T., Alternate District Committee Member of District 42.**

Seconded by Ruth F. Area 83 Treatment Chair

Discussion:

It was asked if the 3 Streams would only be during the Pre-Conference Assembly and would we go back to the regular format for the Fall Assembly coming forward and there was some confusion around this. Is this going to happen every time we have a Pre-Conference Assembly? There is no decision at this time for the Fall Assembly at this time. We are only going to decide on this upcoming Spring Assembly. There might be recommendations brought forward by the Service Information Day Ad-hoc committee that may change how this will be. It was further explained by Sue B that she started the 3 stream process during the Fall Assembly as she thought this was supposed to be for all Assembly Service Information Days and this was an error on her part.

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Move to call the question by Jack H., District Committee Member of District 28

Seconded by John V., District Committee Member of District 58

Vote: 30 – In Favour; 3 – Opposed; 0 – Abstained

Discussion ended and we moved to the vote of the original motion by Louise T.

Vote: 31 – In Favour; 1 – Opposed; 1 – Abstained

**Motion: Carried**

### **c) CERASSA City Location - Discussion and Vote**

**Mel C.**

Mel C. gave a brief introduction and explained the process. He reminded us this is not a bid and what is the best decision of city for our area. We will have an informed discussion regarding the host city alternative. For this vote, we will do it by secret ballot.

**Motion to vote by simple majority by Mel C. Area Delegate and seconded by Heather M. Grapevine Chair.  
All were in favour and we moved to a simple majority vote.**

Mel C. presented for Toronto, Ontario as the host city; John V. presented for Ottawa, Ontario and Elaine H. presented for Mississauga, Ontario. All details of these presentations are listed in the attached CERAASA 2015 – Host City Alternatives matrix.

Discussion:

A question was asked about parking in the Ottawa location and it was indicated the facility has free parking.

A question was asked regarding estimated cost of registration – and it was estimated around \$35 to \$40 but then noted to have a more reflective cost, would need a more definite number of attendees.

A comment was made that it was unlikely that we would get 1,000 attendees to this conference and that we need to be more realistic on our selection.

It was asked if we had enough money to book this venue at the elected location and it was noted that we currently have \$2,500.00 in seed money.

A question was asked if the cost of coffee was also factored in to the cost? Elaine noted that the cost of coffee would be \$2 per cup and was not included in the costing.

A question was asked how many of the attendees during the Montreal CERAASA conference were local members of the 476 and it was determined around 333. Also, it was asked what was done with the overage of money that was made during this conference and the money was distributed as per that committee discretion.

It was asked what would happen if CERAASA lost money and would Area 83 be responsible? Joyce explained the guidelines that were used and the guidelines are very clear on how to proceed.

1<sup>st</sup> Vote: 15 – Mississauga; 12 – Ottawa; 6 – Toronto

Final Vote: 24 – Mississauga; 9 – Ottawa

Mississauga, Ontario will be the host city for the 2015 CERAASA.

**[See Appendix B – CERAASA 2015 – Host City Alternatives]**

## **14. SHARING – WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?**

Heather M. noted there will be a refund of 0.44 per unit for the grapevine and pocket planner order. Whatever is overpaid on this order will be discounted on the next order. Murray O. that District 18 is looking at bringing a motion to the area to have the grey pages in the Grapevine removed. It was noted with thanks by the chair for all of the hard work done by Linda D in organizing our meeting and the food.

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**15. NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Kim S. – Area Chairperson**

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on **June 7, 2014**. Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?

Moved: James O., District Committee Member of District 10  
Seconded: Robb W., Immediate Past Delegate  
Vote: Unanimously in favour  
**Motion: Carried**

Reminder: The Spring Assembly is March 28, 29 & 30, 2014. There will be an open meeting on Friday night, great workshops on Saturday and the Area business meeting on Sunday. If you do not have a room booked, may I suggest that you book soon.

**16. CLOSING**

It is now 3:55 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: Gord H., District Committee Member of District 12  
Seconded: Gary O., Area Corrections Chair  
Vote: Unanimously in favour  
**Motion: Carried**

**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: October 23, 2013**

<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>		Actual	Guideline	+/-
January 1, 2013 Opening Balance		20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Interest		0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer to Operating Account		0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>		<b>20,000.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
7th Tradition	5,174.72	5,900.00	(725.28)	
Cost Recoveries	483.70	720.00	(236.30)	
Flow Through to GSO	2,457.00	300.00	2,157.00	
Grapevine Seasonals	4,377.03	4,000.00	377.03	
Group & District Contributions	47,674.50	52,900.00	(5,225.50)	
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>60,166.95</b>	<b>(3,653.05)</b>	
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; TRANSFERS</b>		<b>60,166.95</b>	<b>(3,653.05)</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Accommodations	7,998.50	8,900.00	(901.50)	
Meals	11,551.05	11,260.00	291.05	
Travel	14,944.82	17,050.00	(2,105.18)	
Long Distance	8.86	20.00	(11.14)	
Postage	363.01	720.00	(356.99)	
Printing	2,039.63	2,930.00	(890.37)	
Literature	1,297.28	1,420.00	(122.72)	
Stationery	687.00	1,340.00	(653.00)	
Miscellaneous	3,333.95	2,500.00	833.95	
Area Web Site	98.39	100.00	(1.61)	
	<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<b>42,322.49</b>	<b>(3,917.51)</b>	
Ad Hoc Committees	0.00	50.00	(50.00)	
Area Contribution to GSO	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	
Area Committee Meetings	902.50	700.00	202.50	
General Service Conf. Assessment	6,949.13	6,950.00	(0.87)	
Bank Service Charges	135.06	150.00	(14.94)	
Forums/CERAASA	1,696.95	1,680.00	16.95	
Grapevine Seasonal	4,040.41	4,000.00	40.41	
GSO Flow Through	2,457.00	300.00	2,157.00	
Ontario Delegate's Conference	2,093.80	1,500.00	593.80	
	<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>20,524.85</b>	<b>2,944.85</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>62,847.34</b>	<b>(972.66)</b>	
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>				
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2013	33,114.26	33,114.26		
Total Income & Transfers	60,166.95	63,820.00	(3,653.05)	
Total Expenses	(62,847.34)	(63,820.00)	972.66	
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>		<b>30,433.87</b>	<b>33,114.26</b>	<b>(2,680.39)</b>

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as at Dec.31,2013

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Annual Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	431.67	557.98	2,162.01	-	13.33	30.51	-	-	65.44	3,260.94	2,920.00	-340.94	111.68%
Alt. Delegate	89.27	281.29	1,171.80	-	-	-	100.85	58.75	-	1,701.96	2,310.00	608.04	73.66%
Immediate past Delegate	-	-	689.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	689.50	1,130.00	440.50	61.02%
Chairperson	-	212.94	776.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	989.74	1,420.00	430.26	69.70%
Secretary	-	283.68	301.19	-	95.72	1,204.81	-	367.23	19.20	2,271.83	3,660.00	1,388.17	62.07%
Treasurer	-	193.00	589.40	-	223.60	284.84	-	18.80	4.52	1,314.16	1,800.00	485.84	73.01%
Registrar	-	223.98	777.00	-	-	161.03	-	101.65	-	1,263.66	1,530.00	266.34	82.59%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	438.44	250.00	852.60	-	-	-	-	-	98.39	1,639.43	1,250.00	-389.43	131.15%
Archives	-	128.29	1,266.30	-	-	-	-	-	446.40	1,840.99	1,870.00	29.01	98.45%
Archivist	787.74	302.64	888.65	-	-	206.80	-	-	75.00	2,260.83	1,670.00	-590.83	135.38%
Cooperation with the P.C.	-	215.22	829.85	-	-	-	-	18.94	130.31	1,194.32	1,370.00	175.68	87.18%
Corrections Facilities	134.00	265.30	1,285.90	8.86	-	-	120.81	92.13	-	1,907.00	1,230.00	-677.00	155.04%
Grapevine	-	183.97	227.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	411.47	1,270.00	858.53	32.40%
Public Information	-	167.50	815.48	-	28.36	20.00	530.59	16.52	-	1,578.45	1,370.00	-208.45	115.22%
Self Support	-	171.75	1,219.82	-	2.00	-	86.23	7.91	-	1,487.71	1,270.00	-217.71	117.14%
Treatment Facilities	-	143.75	707.00	-	-	39.57	207.12	-	6.00	1,103.44	1,270.00	166.56	86.89%
Service Info Day Cmte	1,667.18	973.88	384.02	-	-	92.07	251.68	5.07	-	3,373.90	4,500.00	1,126.10	74.98%
Spring Assembly	2,192.20	3,497.63	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,265.60	6,955.43	7,200.00	244.57	96.60%
Fall Assembly	2,268.00	3,498.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,321.48	7,077.73	7,200.00	122.27	98.30%
<b>COMMITTEE EXP.</b>	<b>\$ 7,986.50</b>	<b>\$ 11,551.05</b>	<b>\$ 14,944.82</b>	<b>\$ 8.86</b>	<b>\$ 363.01</b>	<b>\$ 2,039.63</b>	<b>\$ 1,297.28</b>	<b>\$ 687.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,432.34</b>	<b>\$ 42,322.49</b>	<b>\$ 46,240.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,917.51</b>	<b>91.53%</b>
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.00	50.00	0.00%
Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	902.50	902.50	700.00	-202.50	128.93%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	100.00%
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113.80	113.80	150.00	36.20	75.87%
Forums/CERAASA	-	-	775.69	-	-	-	-	-	25.00	1,696.95	1,680.00	-16.95	101.01%
Grapevine Seasonal	755.74	140.52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,745.49	4,000.00	254.51	93.64%
GSO Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,949.13	6,950.00	6,950.00	0.87	99.99%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,457.00	2,457.00	300.00	-2,157.00	819.00%
Ont Delegates Conf.	519.80	181.03	807.63	-	-	-	-	-	585.34	2,093.80	1,500.00	-593.80	139.59%
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,275.54</b>	<b>\$ 321.55</b>	<b>\$ 1,583.32</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,876.64</b>	<b>\$ 20,208.67</b>	<b>\$ 17,580.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,628.67</b>	<b>114.95%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 9,274.04</b>	<b>\$ 11,872.60</b>	<b>\$ 16,528.14</b>	<b>\$ 8.86</b>	<b>\$ 363.01</b>	<b>\$ 2,039.63</b>	<b>\$ 1,297.28</b>	<b>\$ 687.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,308.98</b>	<b>\$ 62,531.16</b>	<b>\$ 63,820.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,288.84</b>	<b>97.98%</b>

Dec.31,2013			
	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	Change
Income Summary			
Dec.31,2013			
7th Tradition	60,166.95	61,859.79	(1,692.84)
Bank Interest	62,847.34	63,722.93	(875.59)
GSO Flow through	2,680.39	1,863.14	817.25
Contributions	\$47,674.50	\$50,938.78	-\$3,264.28
Cost recoveries	141	173	-32
Grapevine Seasonals	15	20	-5
Total Income			

Income Summary			
	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	Change
Dec.31,2013			
7th Tradition	5,174.72		
Bank Interest	-		
GSO Flow through	2,457.00		
Contributions	47,674.50		
Cost recoveries	483.70		
Grapevine Seasonals	4,377.03		
Total Income	\$ 60,166.95		



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**GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL**

**AS AT October 23 , 2013**

			<u>TOTAL</u>		
District	00	Unknown	\$0.00		
District	02	Malton	\$1,476.60		
District	06	Mississauga	\$3,880.00		
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$5,667.32		
District	12	Toronto South West	\$1,138.20		
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$3,645.60		
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$204.31		
District	18	Toronto City East	\$4,546.71		
District	22	Scarborough	\$1,385.00		
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$1,573.75		
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$1,597.48		
District	30	Quinte West	\$1,025.00		
District	34	Quinte East	\$2,340.00		
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$1,780.00		
District	38	Thousand Islands	\$15.03		
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$208.25		
District	46	St. Lawrence Adirondack	\$0.00		
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$900.00		
District	50	Cornwall	\$692.50		
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$3,305.00		
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$240.00		
District	62	Ottawa West	\$1,400.35		
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$4,700.00		
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$400.00		
District	74	Pembroke	\$510.00		
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$600.00		
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$2,050.00		
District	86	Kawartha	\$2,393.40		
Total Contributions YTD:			<u>\$47,674.50</u>		
Total from Groups			\$31,790.65	141	Groups Contributing
Total from Districts			\$15,883.85	15	Districts Contributing

## Appendix B – CERAASA 2015: Host City Alternatives

CERAASA 2015 - HOST CITY ALTERNATIVES			
REQUIREMENTS/CRITERIA	TORONTO	OTTAWA	MISSISSAUGA
<b>A. FACILITY</b>			
1. Convention Facility (Hotel/Other (please provide name of facility(ies), location(s), etc.)	University of Toronto Auditoriums (500+ seating) + break out rooms (as needed - rent by the hour) plus Host Hotel	Ottawa Convention and Event Centre	Novotel Toronto Mississauga Centre Burnhamthorpe & Hurontario, Mississauga
2. Hotel able to provide:			
a. walking distance (with luggage) of transit hub	Yes	less than 1 km	Yes
b. block of 100 rooms at reasonable price (\$125-\$175) (please specify quoted rate)	To be confirmed: Holiday Inn on Bloor will set 50 as a block - 100 more avail \$149.99. Delta Chelsea (1,591 rooms) another option. Would pick one hotel as "Host Hotel"	\$130 single, \$140 double	Block of 100 rooms at \$99.00 (more available)
c. Guarantee event will not be bumped once booked and deposit	No - but told unlikely. Understand from enquiries that this is ALWAYS possible	Yes	Only in event of unforeseen circumstances (i.e., maintenance problems) or minimum room take-up but not without prior consultation.
d. Commitment in writing	Yes	Yes	Yes
e. Parking on/close to site - indicate # of spaces available, and cost per day - hotel guests and visitors	Yes, unlimited	Free parking for all people with booked rooms and paid attendees	9 levels hotel covered parking \$7.50 per day
<b>3. Meeting Rooms - Availability</b>			
a. Access to/from hotel (easy coatless walk preferred)	No - coats & walking required	Yes - all in one facility	In hotel
b. One main meeting hall - 400+	Yes	1000+	Yes - 400 (note 1)
c. 3 Breakaway rooms - 80+	Yes	Yes 100+	Yes
d. Additional breakaway rooms available - provide number and capacity	Yes - currently unlimited	At least 3 others price based on capacity	Yes - smaller capacity
e. Registration Area (need also to accommodate issue of communication equipment/displays)	Yes - need to book space	large reception area	Yes - large area outside main meeting room
f. Lounge/conversation area	Yes	yes 100+	Yes - location of coffee service
g. AV Equipment available (provide details)	Yes - everything imaginable at reasonable prices	Daily rental from separate supplier affiliated with convention centre	Yes - reasonable cost
h. Access - Friday 8 am - Sunday 3 pm	Yes	To be clarified	Yes



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CERAASA 2015 - HOST CITY ALTERNATIVES			
REQUIREMENTS/CRITERIA	TORONTO	OTTAWA	MISSISSAUGA
4. Meeting Rooms - Costs (provide base cost BEFORE discount for room nights)			
a. Main room	Auditorium \$78/hr X 22 hours = \$1,716		
b. Main Breakout rooms - specify cost per room	\$37 & \$49/hr. Say 3 rooms \$42 X 20 hrs = \$2,520		
c. Other breakout rooms - specify cost per room	As many as required - all shapes and sizes		
d. Other costs	none		
f. Total Cost - Meeting Rooms	total space costs approx. \$5,000	\$28,250 (incl tax)	\$8,250 (Note 2)
e. Discount based on room nights booked			
i. Discount	Holiday Inn \$179.99 down to \$149.99	n/a	\$5,775 - 67-133 Room Nights \$2,887 - 134-200 Room Nights
ii. Costs to which discount applies	Other we would have to negotiate	n/a	Meeting Room Costs
f. A/V Equipment	Yes - everything imaginable	AV \$180, Electrician \$250 (per quote)	Yes
g. Payment			
i. Deposit amount and when required	Pay via invoice when booked	at booking	20% of room charges on booking (\$1,650 based on \$8,250)
ii. Date balance due	All paid up front	To be clarified	
h. Other (provide detailed explanation)			
B. SURROUNDING AREA (Accessibility and Amenities)			
1. Public transit for local attendees (provide details)	Yes - Subway access a huge consideration	Yes	Yes - via subway/bus, GO train, Go bus
a. Local - 10-20 km	Yes	City bus to front door, 10 minute walk to Transitway and train station	Yes
b. Surrounding area - 50+ km	Yes	200 metres to 417, airport 10 km	Yes
2. Proximity to airport - out of town guests - include distance, transportation options and costs, etc.	All transport hubs available - very convenient, sophisticated transit system	10 km - Facility is located on route to airport, \$25 cab ride, adjacent to 417 Transitway	15 minutes by car, direct link to Mississauga City Centre expected to be available 2015
3. Accessibility for guests driving, i.e., accessibility to/from major highways)	Yes - very good	Adjacent to 417	Easy access all major highways - 403,401,407, QEW
a. Local	Yes		Yes
b. Out of town	Yes		Yes

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CERAASA 2015 - HOST CITY ALTERNATIVES				
REQUIREMENTS/CRITERIA	TORONTO	OTTAWA	MISSISSAUGA	
4. Eating Establishments (provide details of availability/accessibility)	complete selection		Complete selection	
a. Hotel	Yes	In house restaurant	Yes	
b. Walking distance of facility	Yes	St Laurent Mall 1.5 km, hundreds of restaurants within 10 km	Yes	
c. Other nearby attractions	All of Toronto	Movie Theatre 1.5 km, Byward Market 5-7 km	Square One (2nd largest shopping mall in Canada), Living Arts Centre, Playdium, theatres - walking distance. Other attractions at further distance.	
<b>C. EVENT FOOD</b>				
1. Banquet	Need to find facility			
a. Location	Downtown - central	In house	At hotel	
b... Maximum number	unlimited	500+	280	
c. Cost per person (including tax and gratuity)(criteria \$45 maximum)	Assume yes	45.99 table d'hote plus tax & gratuity	Can be negotiated - assume yes	
d. Accessibility to hotel (i.e., recommend easy, coatless walk)	Assume yes	Connected	In hotel	
2. Ice Cream Social	At Host Hotel or U of T		At hotel	
a. Minimum/maximum numbers	Assume no maximum	500+	\$8.00 per person preliminary - to be confirmed	
b. Cost per person (including tax and gratuity)	Less \$ at U of T, more \$ at Hotel. This location will have to be determined.	To be clarified		
3. Coffee/Beverage Service				
a. Availability	tbd - important	yes	Yes	
b. Cost per beverage	tbd	\$2/cup	TBD - based on beverages to be available	
4. Other Comments	tbd			
Total Cost	n/a	To be clarified	n/a	
<b>D. HOST CITY COMMITMENT</b>				
1. Host Committee commitments	Yes	Yes	Yes	
2. Host Committee local volunteers (40-50 paying volunteers) <sup>1</sup>	Yes - easily	170 signed up	Yes - easily	
3. Commitment for paying attendance - 200 minimum local AA members <sup>1</sup>	Yes - easily	yes	Yes - easily	
4. Ability to provide full library table - set up, supply materials and staffing, take-down	Yes	yes - CFT, CPC, PIC, etc.	Yes	

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REQUIREMENTS/CRITERIA	TORONTO	OTTAWA	MISSISSAUGA
E. OTHER COMMENTS (Add separate page of required)	many, but will make them during the ACM. Please see website: <a href="http://osm.utoronto.ca/bookings/?p=210:1:110">http://osm.utoronto.ca/bookings/?p=210:1:110</a> 4896884057601:::P1_BLDG,P1_ROOM;		<p>Note 1 - If required, live feed to merged breakout rooms to accommodate additional numbers.</p> <p>Note 2 - Maximum - Assumes access to main room 8am-9pm Friday, all rooms 8 am until after speakers on Saturday, break room 8am-1pm Sunday. Costs will be confirmed once final room requirements determined</p> <p>Additional information at ACM Website: <a href="http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-0841-novotel-toronto-mississauga-centre/index.shtml">http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-0841-novotel-toronto-mississauga-centre/index.shtml</a></p>

<sup>1</sup> As for International, ORC in Toronto, ALL attendees, committee members, volunteers or otherwise will be paying attendees - no one receives free admission to event