

# **Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

## **Area Committee Meeting Minutes**

**January 7, 2012**

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	a) Final report from Ad-Hoc Committee Chair with regards to Ambassador Hotel proposed increase in charges for services.	Joe D.
	b) Motion to add the following 2 sentences to Area 83 Guidelines, Page 2, Sub-Section 1, Item A, end of paragraph, <u>Formal Motions</u> : "Motions sent to the Assembly from the Area Committee for vote at the Assembly are automatically treated as motions on the floor of the Assembly and do not need to be moved or seconded. Attribution should be disclosed and recorded in Assembly minutes"	Mel C
	c) Motion to add the following sentence to Area 83 Guidelines, page 4, item 7, end of first paragraph, <u>Secretary</u> : "Minutes of each Area Committee Meeting or Assembly ought to be distributed to the fellowship no later than six weeks after said meeting	Mel C
	d) Motion to the Area Committee from Alternate Delegate - "I move that we have the Secretary remove specific page references to the A.A. Service Manual from our guidelines and replace simply with "as stated in the Service Manual".	Mel C
	e) For discussion, Unity Day and the involvement of Area 83	Rob M.
	f) Motion that the Area 83 Operating Procedures be amended. Motion that Section 4 Subsection A(II) Area Committee item #3 on Page 10 "Nominations Shall be made by a member of the Outgoing Committee" be replaced with " <i>All Committee Chairs to be elected by Third Legacy Procedure</i> "	Herb W.
	g) Motion: I move that Area 83 adopt the Eastern Ontario International Area 83 pins that were produced by the Area 83 Treatment Facilities Chairperson.	Carolina C.
	h) Motion to amend Appendix 3 of the Operating Procedures, under the section Procedure, the wording "Nominations from the floor" be replaced with " <b>nomination by roll call of eligible members</b> ".	Vince R
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**Area Committee Meeting – September 10, 2011**

**1. Opening**

Area Chairperson, Joyce S. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions Read By Kimberley M. Alternate District Committee Member, District 26.

12 Concepts (Short Form) Read By Barb B. Secretary, District 86

**Welcome to Quinte West** – This is our fourth Area Committee meeting of this two year term – only one year to go! This is your meeting and is an opportunity for you all to share what's happening in your Districts. 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". We are all here to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous remains unified and strong in Area 83 Eastern Ontario International. Our personal recovery, as well as the recovery of the still suffering Alcoholic, depends upon it.

**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 83 Officers**

Delegate	Robb W.
Alternate Delegate	Mel C.
Treasurer	Jim A.
Secretary	Kim S.
Registrar	Tony A.
Immediate Past Delegate	Sandy S.
Chairperson	Joyce S.

**Area Committee Chairpersons**

Public Information Chairperson	Rob McA.
Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson	Herb W.
Correctional Facilities Chairperson	Deirdre B.
Treatment Facilities Chairperson	Rodney S.
Grapevine Chairperson	Leo McK.
Self-Support Chairperson	Ruth F.
Archives Chairperson	Peter N.
Service Information Day Chairperson	Heather M.

**Introduction of Past Delegates:**

Today we have Panel 51 Past Delegate currently serving the fellowship as a Non-Trustee Director of AA World Services, Joe D. and Panel 55 Past Delegate Barb K. – Currently serving the fellowship as Trustee at Large for Canada

We also have our Area Archivist David T., our Area Webmaster Todd. S. and our Area Alternate Webmaster Jim R.

This is your Area Executive for 2011 and 2012.

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**Housekeeping:** Frequency of meetings. The Area committee will meet three more times this year. The Area Assembly and Service Information Day are held twice each year, once in the spring and again in the fall. Our next Area Committee meeting is scheduled to be held here on June 2, 2012 and our next Area Assembly will be held in Kingston on the weekend of March 23, 24 & 25<sup>th</sup>.

Year	Month	Date	What	Where
2011	January	January 08	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
	March	March 25, 26, 27	Spring Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
	June	June 04	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
	September	September 10	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
	October	October 28, 29, 30	Fall Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
2012	January	January 07	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
	March	March 23, 24, 25	Spring Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
	June	June 02	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
	September	September 08	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
	October	October 26, 27, 28	Fall Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
	December	December 01	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
2013	January	January 05	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church

### **Food:**

Lunch will be catered by the church. Soup, sandwich and a dessert for \$9.00. Please put your money for lunch in the buckets supplied by Jim our Treasurer.

### **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 DCM's of Districts in Area 83; in their absence, the Alternate DCM may act on behalf of the 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 can 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 there. If for any reason you think that we should be under 2/3 before then, please make the motion.

### **Voice of the Minority**

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

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## 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 those 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 just described, 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 Kim.

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

### **Motion for simple majority**

**Moved:** Vince R, District Committee Member, (DCM) District 10

**Seconded:** Claude L., District Committee Member (DCM) District 78

**Vote:** Carried

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

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

**Old Business to be added-** None was added

## **NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED UNDER NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM 13**

**13 (f)** Motion that the Area 83 Operating Procedures be amended. Motion that Section 4 Subsection A(II) Area Committee Item #3 on page 10. "Nominations shall be made by a member of the outgoing Committee be replaced with "All Committee Chairs are to be elected by Third Legacy Procedure". Herb W. CPC Chair

**13 (g)** Move that Area 83 adopt the Eastern Ontario International Area 83 pins that were produced by the Area 83 Treatment Chair. Carol C, DCM District 22

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

Motioned: Miles C. DCM District 30

Seconded: Scott M. . DCM District 06

All were in favour of the motion  
No one was opposed to the motion  
No abstentions

Result: Carried

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**3. ROLL CALL**

Tony A., our Registrar has circulated the attendance sheets – please sign in the appropriate spot – there is a separate section for visitors.

**4. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETING *September 10, 2011.***

**Motion:** ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETING September 10, 2011

**Moved:** Milner G . DCM District 42

**Seconded:** Wilf P. DCM District 34

**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 Kim S. 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 DCM before you steps down. Please clearly state your name, your position and your District when you are up here. Thank you.

**District 02 Malton**

Hello friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Royal York Group and the DCM for District 02 Malton, and my name is Dan N.

Since our last Area Committee Meeting, District 02 has been working fairly smoothly. District Meetings have been well attended with over 65-70% of the groups represented. We have most positions filled at our District table, with the exception of the Grapevine Chair and Alternate CPC and Alternate Literature positions.

I'd like to highlight some activity since our last meeting:

- The Bramalea Group has changed their start time from 9:00pm to 8:30pm Friday evenings as of yesterday.
- Our Treatment Chair is finding it difficult to keep some of the group commitments in supporting the various meetings. We are looking to have a more formal structure around this and we will be discussing this as part of our District meeting tomorrow.
- We continue to be interested in expanding literature racks and AA information along with District 6 that our York Region friends and District 14 have done to date and we will support this anyway we can for the police stations in our District.
- Our CPC chair Naveen A. is interested in doing something specific for the professional community in our District and is soliciting interest at our District table.
- At our last District meeting, our Table discussed the possibility of having a Service Day of some sort later this year. We have been keen on doing something as other Districts have shown success here. I'd be interested in talking to other DCMs on their successes in this regard.

On a final note, our District continues to be actively involved in Information AA Day, which is being held at the Thornhill Community Centre this year, a change from the many years at Lansing United in Toronto. I've offered along with Heather M. to help with car-pooling for people needing a lift from the subway to the Centre in an effort to keep the attendance high for this important Service day.

I wish all attending this Area Committee a very Happy and sober New Year.

Yours in love and service,  
Dan N. District 02, Malton

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## **District 04 Humber**

Hello everyone. I am an alcoholic, a member of the Tuesday Night Discussion Group, currently serving as the DCM for District 04 Humber, and my name is Carol J.

Our district will be meeting tomorrow, January 8th. As I reported in October, our district participated in a district inventory, and had decided we would review in 3 months. On our agenda for tomorrow, is to discuss the future of our district. We have been able to take care of our current commitments to carry the message. One is a joint effort between district 14, and 12, with each district committing to one month. This is a daytime meeting in a hospital, and our turn is coming up in February. The other service meeting that we do is the Downsview Dells, which is a transitional house for men. Group's commit to this on a monthly basis, and we are covered until the end of February. A member of the West York group has stepped up to assist in coordinating that meeting.

We discussed the need for some group contributions financially, and the GSRs took this back to their groups and we have now received donations, and are doing better financially. I wish everyone a year full of growth, change, and service, and I am grateful to be a member of this great fellowship.

Thank you for my sobriety, Carol J

## **District 06 Mississauga**

Good Morning. I'm alcoholic; a member of the Bloordale Group, currently serving as the District Committee Member of District 06 (Mississauga) & my name is Scott.

Happy New Year to you all & welcome to "midterms".

Attendance at our District table this last quarter has remained constant at 55%. We continue to have some turn over's with our Committee chair positions, but also continue to have all these chair positions filled. Our most recent changes were to Self-Support, Treatment & Corrections.

Contributions from groups are now slightly up from last year and with our financial obligations being met, we've still managed to send another split Area's way. Up about 10% from my last report here, we currently have 60% of our 33 groups contributing to District.

I'm still working with Gary O. & Dan N. to strike a meeting with Peel Regional Police chief Metcalfe to obtain approval to place literature in the detachments as this continues to work well in York Region.

We'll be updating our Operating Procedures in the short term as we have presented the draft revision to the table reps. Further along this year, we're planning to provide website guidelines.

Come visit us in Toronto for "A Design for Living", the upcoming Ontario Regional Conference on the weekend of March 16-18, at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel. Registration, available again on-line this year, continues to be \$30.00 for the entire weekend. Please consider booking a room as it is with the room block filled, that the meeting space is provided at no extra cost. Check [www.aatoronto.org](http://www.aatoronto.org) for more details.

Please remember to visit our Website at [www.aamississauga.org](http://www.aamississauga.org) for events including Group Anniversaries. On our website, we continue to update information on ASL interpreters & wheelchair accessible meetings.

That's all for this report.

Yours, in love & service, Scott M. [dcm@aamississauga.org](mailto:dcm@aamississauga.org)

## **District 10 Toronto South Central**

Hi, I'm the District Committee Member for District 10, I am an alcoholic and my name is Vince.

District 10 has found a more suitable meeting time. We now meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 519 Church St. in Toronto at 6:30 pm. We are financially healthy and we are still getting about 85% of our groups represented at the table. Due to the meeting change, our treasurer had to step down. Richard S. is our new treasurer and James O'D. is our new Registrar. Jack A. is our new Archives chair. All of our subcommittee positions have been filled with the exception of Corrections and Self Support.

We are continuing to put on both CAMH service meetings, the Tuesday meeting at Harbourlight and the Women's Own on Mondays. All are going very well.



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A new location has been found for the next Info AA Day event. It will be held at the Thornhill Community Center, located at 7755 Bayview Ave. Thornhill, ON L3T4P1. More details will follow soon. The date for the event is May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

We are still working on finalizing our operating guidelines and hope to have that done soon. If you wish to contact any District 10 committee chairs, you can visit our website at [www.district10toronto.org](http://www.district10toronto.org) and go to the contacts page.

Yours in love and service, Vince R.

### **District 12 Toronto South West**

I'm an alcoholic, a member of Prince Edward, currently serving as District Committee Member (DCM) for Toronto Southwest District 12, my name is Heather M.

Our district finances are stable and sufficient to meet our current service needs. Our new Corrections Chair has started to learn the ropes. We still haven't had any takers for a Self-Support chair. This position has been vacant for at least 12 years. I've asked generally but have not yet booked a time for our Area Self-Support chair to bring some willing support to come explain the job. Our other chair positions are filled with a couple of alternates. Getting alternate positions filled (aka apprentices) will be a priority this spring.

In September we added another service commitment to our district – Ozanam House, in the Keele & St. Clair area, a house for men between detox awaiting treatment. Meetings are going well there. I wasn't able to attend our December District meeting. I understand there was talk of a pizza lunch in my absence.

I'm still amazed at our district's record attendance at fall Assembly. It took one person to swallow hard and come forward to say "I don't have a credit card; how do I reserve a room?" for several others to say the same was true for them. Apparently this has been a longstanding roadblock, easily solved by groups providing funds to me directly and me booking and paying the rooms on my card.

Yours in Service, Heather M. DCM District 12

### **District 14 Toronto North Central**

Hello everyone, my name is Gary O. I am an alcoholic and a proud member of the Living Sober Group in Newmarket, Ontario.

Not much has been going on in our district since we last meet at the assembly. Most of our sub-committees are operating very well; CPC & Corrections are presently vacant. Gord and I plan to have these position filled in the months to come. Attendance at the table is 60% on average and our groups are carrying the message to the still suffering Alcoholic.

Don our Treasure has paid all our bills and our finances are in great shape. We have sent donations to the Area and New York.

Breanne our P.I. chair has sent Big Books and 12 and 12s to 6 of 17 Roman Catholic School Board's Libraries and plans to get the 11 remaining schools done by the end of her term.

Lucy our Treatment chair has been doing a great job keeping our meetings going in our hospitals.

Our Corrections Committee has been revamping the pamphlet racks, making sure the right pamphlets go into the stations as per our agreement with the York Regional Police. We are still working on providing literature to the Toronto Police stations in our District; more to come at a later date.

Grant our Grapevine chair has sent a letter to the District Groups asking if anyone would like to submit a story or A.A. jokes to the grapevine. If anyone wishes to do so, please submit them to the Grapevine Office in New York.

Our District Service Workshop is confirmed [29 September 2012] and we are planning a Traditions only Workshop.

In closing I would like to thank our ADCM Gord and the group for all their help in carrying the message in our district.

Yours in service, Gary O. DCM District 14

### **District 16 Distrito Hispano de Toronto**

Not present and no report was submitted

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**District 18 Toronto City East**

Hi everyone, I am an alcoholic and my name is Patrick F. I am a grateful member of the Danforth Group and proudly serving as the District Committee Member for District 18, Toronto City East. I wanna wish you all a safe and Happy New Years.

District 18 is doing ok financially. In December we were able to send some money to the Area Treasurer.

All are sub chairs are full and this December we were able to add a few more alternate Sub Chairs so they can learn a little about their two years. Our 4 commitment meetings are being put on by the groups at the District table.

I would like to thank all the groups in District 18 for showing up at the table and helping us to help the still suffering alcoholics.

Thanks to the groups for their donations.

Yours in loving service, Patrick F.

**District 22 Scarborough**

I am an alcoholic, member of the Bellamy Group, serving as DCM for District 22 Scarborough and my name is Carolina C.

Since our last meeting at the Assembly Bert J. was elected Registrar completing our complement of officers.

The Ad Hoc committee working on updating of our procedures, thanks to Jody's computer experience, has provided copies of the proposed Procedures with changes outlined in red. We will vote on the changes at the January meeting. In addition the Ad Hoc completed a list of job descriptions which will be added as an addendum to procedures.

I attended the IAAD Committee where things seem to be well in hand. There is a new location, Thornhill Community Centre. For those who don't drive a shuttle service from the Finch Subway station will be provided by the committee. Date May 26<sup>th</sup> 2012.

I attended the Joint Sharing Committee which was extremely well attended by the districts and Intergroup. There was discussion about getting the AA message into the Police Stations in the Toronto area. This has been a successful program for the last 5 years in District 14, York Region. Chief of that region is writing to our Chief of Police encouraging implementation and outlining their experience of the program. We are looking to the PI Chairs to keep the ball rolling. There are 3 divisions in our area, 41, 42 and 43.

The 12 Step Committee, 234, is testing out the viability of volunteers answering the phones from home between 10pm and 5am. There will be a 2 week trial starting Dec 15<sup>th</sup> and if it works as well as expected the committee will be looking for volunteers.

At the Intergroup Meeting in March there will be a vote to reinstate the 3 atheist, agnostic groups back into the Meeting Lists. I ask that the DCMs go back to their groups and have their Intergroup Reps discuss this with their groups and get direction on how the groups wish them to vote. I personally am opposed to relisting these 3 groups, not because they are agnostic or atheistic, there are many such groups, but because they have taken it upon themselves to rewrite the 12 Steps. They are free to rewrite the steps but not to claim they are members of Alcoholic Anonymous, in my opinion.

Our committees are active and except for the Alt Accessibility and the Alt. Corrections chairs well represented.

One concern I have is that I have attended two closed meetings where individuals were allowed introduce themselves as addicts with no mention of either a problem with alcohol or a desire to stop drinking. Group members when I discussed this with them later did not see this as a problem. I do. Tradition 3. Perhaps I can get some guidance on this issue, but I plan to bring it up under new business at our next district meeting

Our GSRS are well represented at the district, our finances are good. It is a pleasure to service District 22

Yours in love and service Carolina C DCM, District 22, Scarborough.

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**District 26 Lakeshore West** ( read by Kimberley M, Alt DCM)

I am an alcoholic, member of the Port Whitby Group, DCM for District 26, Lakeshore West and my name is Diane M.

Our Alakathon, which was held Dec. 24 at noon to Dec.25 at noon once again proves to be a necessary and successful event in our Districts. Group Inventories report majority of groups doing well and for the month of January also report 256 years of sobriety.

Our Treasurer has been directed to disburse excess 2011 Table funds to GSO and Area 83 at the end of the year as per usual and the annual audit of the books are to be performed in January by two volunteers.

We have a new Corrections Chair whose name is Doug B., welcome Doug. PIC, CPC, Treatment and Grapevine continue to busy themselves carrying the message in District 26 with great gusto.

Our table has developed an ADHOC Committee to review our entire Operating Procedures and report recommendations back to the table for further discussion.

Once again I am grateful to the GSR's, their groups, Sub-Committee Chairpersons, and District Officers who take the time and effort to carry the message through service work and do a bang-up job while performing their tasks. You made my position as your DCM smooth and pleasurable and I look forward to our last term together!

THANK-YOU FOR MY SOBRIETY---Diane M---DCM

**District 28 Lakeshore East**

Not present and no report was submitted

**District 30 Quinte West**

Present, no report submitted

**District 34 Quinte East**

Madame Chair, Area Officers, Committee Members, Fellow D.C.M.'s, honoured guests, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Stirling Friday Night group it is an honour and privilege to serve District 34 as committee member my name is Wilf P. Hi.

Since we met in Oct. at Kingston District 34 has been quite active with the 12<sup>th</sup> step and 5<sup>th</sup> tradition. All of our committee chairs are filled and active we are looking for a new web master as this position will be vacant at the end of March.

Attendance is usually around 30 at the district table with 20 groups represented. I wish we could get that kind of turnout at the Area Assembly. Dec. attendance was down but financially numbers were up and we are in good financial shape. The Belleville and Area Roundup held on Nov.19<sup>th</sup> was a great success again this year.

District 34 has a notice of motion on the floor at this time to join District 30's answering service for a cost sharing and saving's although I don't have an option or vote on this matter I would like to hear from other districts on how their phone service works.

David B. our past D.C.M. will be celebrating 25yrs on Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the 12 step group @ Enterprise Public School, 76 School St., Enterprise On.8:00pm. Hope to see you there. In summary 2011 was a great year we learned a lot made a few mistakes but hopefully we learned from them. They say if you're active time flies. It seems like yesterday that Linda D. gave the first report on my behalf. I am looking forward to 2012. I will be attending the Eastern Canada form in St. Catherines in July and hope to see some of you there but before that at Kingston in March. Wishing you a safe trip home and a happy and sober New Year.

Yours in Love and Service, Wilf P. D.C.M. District 34

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**District 36 – Kingston & The Islands**

The past few months has seen its ups and downs for District 36. Our gained a new District Correction's Rep (Tom P.) is he up and at 'em. We lost our District Public Information/ Co-operation with the Professional Community Rep.( Jude B.) and are still on the hunt for a replacement. Earlier, we lost one of our Corrections Groups (Pathways to Freedom Group) from the District; well, now we got 'em back!

We agreed to support CERAASA, but are still not too sure what it is and hope AREA can fill us in.

Finally, we send our deepest condolences to Kim S. with regards to the passing of her mother. She may live at one end of our Area and Kingston the other; but we remain united!

Looking forward to seeing you all in Kingston in a couple of months at our Spring Assembly.

Until then, yours in service, Roxane

**District 38 Thousand Islands**

Not present and No Report Submitted

**District 42 St. Lawrence International**

My name is Milner G. and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Fall Island Big Book Study Group in Potsdam, New York. I am privileged to serve as District Committee Member for District 42 St. Lawrence International.

During the last three months we have been continuing with our "small jobs" initiative. Our goal is to encourage participation at the "committee member" level, even if there is not a committee chair at present for Public Information or Cooperation with the Professional Community. In this way we have distributed meeting lists to many of the towns in our district – churches where we have A.A. meetings, hospitals, doctors offices, police stations, etc. We have been so successful that we are having to reprint our meeting list only five months after the last printing!

We look to carry this initiative into more areas of service and to encourage people to take a chair position because they know they won't have to do all the work themselves.

In November District 19 (former Area 83 district 46) informed us that as of 1/1/12 they were initiating their own system for an answering service. The main problem for them is that most of their geographical area is in a different area code (518) then our district (315). Because of that they were unable to get a listing of our hotline number in the Malone NY phone book. Consequently, they will be paying for their own service and not continuing to pay half of our existing service. This will cost our district another \$300 per year, as we have decided that the current service is still the best for our needs.

At first I was annoyed (a polite word for "resentful"), but then decided to accept reality and see what we could make of it. We discussed it at our district meeting. Many of us made then started to make announcements of the situation at the "announcement" time of the meetings we attend. It is important to note that we did not dispute District 19's choice to switch – just explained that we would now have more expense than before. We asked groups to consider this when choosing if/how much to contribute to District 42. The results so far have been great! In addition to contributions from "the usual suspects" – groups which contribute regularly – we have also received contributions from groups which have never contributed before. This experience has been an illustration of the adage that if we explain the need for and use of funds to the groups they will contribute what we need.

At our December meeting one of our GSRs, at the request of his groups' members, brought up the "border problems" which prevent travel for some group members to Area 83 functions across the border in Canada. We had a good discussion of the alternatives, noting that whichever Service Area we associated our district with there would be benefits and drawbacks. I furnished a pdf copy of the December 2008 report from our Area 83 Ad Hoc committee on cross-border issues for emailing out with our January meeting agenda.

We still have vacancies at Alternate DCM, Archives chair, Public Information chair and CPC chair. More shall be revealed.

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

Milner G

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**District 46 St. Lawrence Adirondack**

Not present and No report submitted

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## **District 48 Seaway Valley North**

Hi I'm Gerry S. and I am an Alcoholic: District Committee Member of District 48 and a proud member of the 12 and 12 Wednesday night group in Morrisburg.

Our District is doing very well. We have a new Alternate DCM we are proud to say is taking the commitment very enthusiastically. Michael C. has organized and teamed together with members in the district to put together in a very short time a Round Up that I'm sure will be a success. I have left flyers of said Round up in all your folders. Please join us on February 4th for a great celebration of the Joy of Living the theme of the Round Up. Please allow me to take this time to thank Michael formally for his commitment to the district and the position that he so cheerfully accepted.

All our groups are represented at the district with GSR's that are very concern about expressing their groups intent on helping the suffering Alcoholic. Our service people always come to the table with fresh ideas that are filled with gratitude. I am so blessed to have such great members to serve with.

Johanna C. is taking great care with our literature. Pam Y is doing a great job balancing the books. Neil W is continuing to make us much known to the community through his PI work. Sara M. is working very hard to keep up with commitments through Treatment and Corrections. I'm so proud of them all, as these are people that don't even belong to the same communities because of geography. Most of our meetings are an hour apart. They band together for the common goal, to save themselves and others from alcoholism.

So I thank you for being here as an Area and a witness, that I may praise the people that truly deserve your attention.

Yours in Service, Gerry

## **District 50 Cornwall**

Hi Everyone, my name is Elaine M, I am an alcoholic, and a member of the Sunday Morning Group and DCM for District 50. Firstly, Happy New Year to everybody. Kim, my deepest condolences in your loss of your mom.

Since last meeting, there is not much new in District 50. Unfortunately our PI Chair, has relocated and we are seeking a new chair as Marge had given us such a good start on the project.

One member, Dan, continues to be devoted and is fulfilling commitments. We are hoping to have a new chair very shortly to work with him and keep our PI active. We also have a new Archive Chair, in the name of Gerry W. All other positions remain unchanged and appear to be running smoothly, with the exception of a small bump with detox which I believe has now been resolved.

For various reasons, some district and some personal, I will end my term in February 2012 as I have been DCM for 2 years and do not feel I am contributing anything to the district. As we have never had a Registrar, and it has proven to be beneficial, I would be happy to continue to serve in that position, should they need me. I shall also continue to keep the district meeting lists updated and available when needed.

As the telephone line is secured with my credit card, this must be changed to the new DCM or a member of the table willing to allow their card to be used.

So I shall not really be gone, just will be in the background and as devoted as ever.

District is aware that we are responsible for the Delegates Service Day June 23 with districts 42 and 48, and I am sure you will be called on for help, just as you have helped me the last 2 years.

I will miss everyone at Area, and I thank you all for your help. Each and every one of you has helped and touched me at one time or another. God Bless and Keep up the Good Work!. I will miss you.

YILS Elaine M., Cornwall District 50.

## **District 54 Ottawa Rideau**

District 54 finds itself alive and well going into 2012.

The Alkathon for Christmas and New Year's was well attended.

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At our district meeting last Thursday we worked out our budget for 2012. With continued support from our groups, District 54 will fulfill its commitments for the coming year.

The new Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre is almost finished. It looks like it will be a spectacular replacement for the less than inviting centre in use today. The new centre will have an increased capacity, up to date technology and pleasant surroundings. It will be right in the middle of District 54.

District 54 would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and sober New Year.

Yours in service, Greg C.

### **District 58 Ottawa Bytown**

Good Morning my name is Bonnie F, currently serving as the District Committee Member for District 58, a member of the Uptown Group, and I am an alcoholic.

The past few months since our last report, has seen a new group added to our District and actively attending the meeting. We welcome The Labrynth Group who meets at 10pm Saturdays a young persons meeting and they welcome all who are "young at heart". They are a keen group who most recently hosted a young person's Panel from 12:30 am to 3am at the Alkathon on New Year's providing a new meeting format and a place for us all to share our gratitude for the upcoming year.

The Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre (OWMC) will be moving locations in the coming weeks they also have new guidelines for service commitments, the guidelines are available on the Ottawa AA Intergroup website.

Attendance at the District is remaining steady at approx 7 groups, we have many opportunities for service at the District with vacant positions of Secretary, Public information Committee and Co-operation with the Professional Community.

Last meeting in December we had the opportunity to hear from each of the Groups in attendance on how they are doing, and ask questions regarding service. It seems that support is the main issue with one or a few members doing much of the work to run the meeting and meet service commitments. This is echoed in the District and the difficulty finding volunteers. District 58 could use the wisdom and support of those who have experience with this, and are open to suggestions.

Financially, we had to dip into our prudent reserve a few months back, but with contributions from the groups we have now moved back into a surplus and will have the ability to meet upcoming commitments.

Looking forward to the upcoming term,

Yours in Service, Bonnie

### **District 62 Ottawa**

Hi everyone, I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Barrhaven Tuesday Night Group in Ottawa and currently serving as District Committee Member for Ottawa West District 62; my name is Ian B.

It's hard to believe that ½ my term as DCM is already over. 2011 went extremely quickly but was a good year for District 62 with excellent work done by all our service committees. District 62 has a core group of extremely committed members who always ensure the message gets out there. In addition a few more groups who have not had representation at the District level in the past have joined us.

Our budget for the 2012 will be tabled and most likely will be approved this Monday January 09<sup>th</sup>. I'm looking forward to another exciting and personally fulfilling year with District 62 and Area 83.

The project which we have undertaken in the last 3 months that I wish to share with you is the production of a new District 62 Service Pamphlet: "**So you want to Get Active in Service**". It is a 1-page pamphlet that provides basic information on AA Service Committees; what they do and when/where they meet. It simply consolidates existing AA information in a single flyer. I have copies here and have sent a soft copy for inclusion in the minutes if any other District wishes to make use of it.

Yours in service, Ian B District 62 Committee Member

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### **District 66 Golden Triangle**

Good morning everyone, my name is Gary a member of the Seaway group in Brockville and currently have the privilege of serving as District 66 committee member of the golden triangle. I am an alcoholic. The district had a very poor turn out last Wednesday night because of bad weather and other people being ill. I hope everyone had a very safe and sober Christmas holiday, and I would like to wish everyone a very joyous new year.

District 66 recently lost some of our chair positions but were able to fill some of them. Our secretary had to step down due to health problems. but we have someone filling in until we have a volunteer step in.

Our Self Support chair is getting a quite a lot of invitations to put on a presentation at some of our different groups, and we are very pleased to see groups asking about this part of AA.

We were having some problems with getting people in to some of our correction facilities, but the District is very happy to say we now have Gerald on board and he is doing a wonderful job supplying people for meetings at two of our jails and keeping in touch with other Districts. All of our other chair people are doing a fine job also.

District 66 finances seem to be in good shape at the moment and we hope we will be able to pass on some support to Area 83 in the near future.

Thanks to all that made our Alkathon at Christmas time and at New Years a great success.

As for our District 66 Spring Round Up there are papers here at the back stating where it will be held and how to get there. Please try to attend. It is a lot of fun.

Yours in love and service, Gary C. District Committee Member

### **District 70 Renfrew Pontiac**

Good morning, dear friends, I am an alcoholic named Terry C. and I have the honour to be the District Committee Member for one of your interprovincial districts, District 70, Renfrew -Pontiac.

Renfrew-Pontiac continues to have good representation at the District Table and all our chairs are filled. Our Alternate DCM, Reg G., has suffered a spell of serious illness this fall, but he is now recovering well and we look forward to seeing him at Area again before too long. District Seventy was well- represented at the Fall Assembly in Kingston in October. Many of us profited from the reports and workshops this Area Committee presented and we wish to thank the individuals who worked so hard to make the Assembly a success. Congratulations on a producing a most helpful program.

We are having a sober and productive season in District 70. We had several special Christmas and New Years meetings in our far-flung District to bring us together in the Christmas Season. The theme was "Gratitude" and many of us shared very warmly in the best spirit of the Fellowship.

District Seventy is in the midst of preparing for Spring Round-up at Renfrew on the seventeenth of March, the Feast of St. Patrick. We used to drink green beer to celebrate our Irish heritage, but now on St. Patrick's Day those of us who have found this blessed Fellowship will share hot coffee and warm fellowship and none of us will be throwing up in technicolor the next morning.

We have brought flyers for you to distribute in your districts, inviting everyone in the area to come to the beautiful Ottawa Valley in March to join us in celebrating our sobriety and serenity. Do come join us and try to wear a bit of green.

Wishing everyone the greatest gift of all, another twenty-four hours of sobriety,

Yours in love and service, Terry C. DCM

### **District 74 Pembroke**

Hi, my name is Jack and I'm an alcoholic. I'm the DCM for district 74 Pembroke and area. This report has been read and approved by our district GSR's and officers.

Most positions are filled except Spring conference.

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Our website gets about 4,500 hits monthly. Weekly newcomers or visitors tell us how easy it was to find a meeting. We are improving it by making sure no hyperlinks leads to dead hyperlinks.

Our help line does connect the drunk, newcomer or whomever to AA but it is not perfect. Sometimes the operator or caller are long winded thus a higher monthly bill. We do not have the manpower or resources to have our own place.

Many new faces at district table as new people try out GSR and some old faces as no-one volunteered to replace them. Most people have the impression that you need to be qualified. If they only knew that it isn't so. The journey is in the learning. That's where the AA growth is.

The registry shows 20 groups but we only have 13 groups. Most groups have 6-16 members. Most groups have 1-2 meeting per week. There's at least one meeting per night in Pembroke area. Monday night, four. We have open speaker, closed discussion and 12 & 12 meetings.

There is very little interest in the tri-district (Renfrew, Madawaska and Pembroke) to have the annual Service information day. It seems to only attract people already in service and none of the vacant position ever gets filled thereafter.

Overall, all is well in the valley. Leaving you with a few quotes.

Bend your knees or you'll bend your elbow.  
Breaking your anonymity is not humility.  
Meeting makers make it.  
Keep coming back.  
It works if you work it.  
God gave you a gift, say thank you and give it way!

Yours in service, Jack B  
DCM Pembroke and area

### **District 78 Madawaska Valley**

Hi, I'm an alcoholic, DCM for District 78 Madawaska Valley and my name is Claude L. What do I have to report? Well, we are still in need of an Archivist and a Grapevine Rep. I am hoping that this month someone will take on these positions.

Financially this is the best that this district has been in, in I don't know how many years and that's no thanks to me. It had to do with our Fall Round-Up which was a success.

Attendance at meetings is sporadic. I try to get every group at least once a month to see if they have any concerns that they need help with. I wish my mind would function a little better so I could give you more of a report but as it is, this is what you get.

Yours in service, Claude L.

### **District 82 Victoria Haliburton**

Hi, I am an alcoholic and the District Committee Member for District 82. My name is Greg M.

Members that volunteer to hold meetings at Central East Corrections have had a very difficult time trying to put on meetings. The Volunteer Coordinator has tried her best to have meetings continue but there seems to be a huge communication gap between her and the guards at Central East. One day at a time we keep showing up, as several times we have been turned away at the door.

The past year has been a trying time at our District table. With a lot of patience and an open mind, I am sure we will get back on track. Finances are good with most groups contributing and we have had great attendance from groups in our district.

January 8<sup>th</sup> is the first meeting for our annual A.A. Conference, which is usually held on the first weekend in May.

There are just two positions at our District table that are not filled. CPC and Grapevine are vacant. Hopefully they will be occupied soon.

Wishing everyone a sober and safe New Year from myself and District 82. May your dry dates never change.

Yours in service, Greg M.



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## **District 86 Kawartha**

Hi, Everyone! I am an alcoholic, a member of the Stonewall Group in Peterborough and my name is Gary C.

Since we last met, Dale S. has taken on our District PI/CPC Chair position, Sandra B. our 2012 Conference position, Fred W. our Archives Chair position and our new Alt. DCM is John L. John is with us today.

It looks like the latest Districts information from the Area is up to date in that regard for those who may want to contact any of our District Trusted Servants. Also in attendance today is our District Secretary, Barb B. Barb has a dual responsibility as our District Registrar. Barb will attest that we have 22 Registered Groups in Kawartha District and I believe paperwork has been submitted to that effect.

Financially our District is in good shape and the Group attendance at our District meetings continues to be excellent. We continue to do our share in covering volunteer meetings at Lindsay CECC.

In closing, I say "**Let Gratitude be your Attitude**",  
Gary C., DCM

## **6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

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

**Rob McA.**

Hi friends. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Kedron group in District 28, and my name is Rob M. I have the honour and privilege of serving as Area 83 Public Information Chair.

I haven't had any requests to be of service to our districts lately, but can see in the District minutes I receive that our Districts are busy carrying the message through Public Information. Literature is being distributed and schools and other institutions are being visited. It's nice to know that our Districts are working together as District 82 has asked District 28 if some of their representatives can attend the District 28 February PI Committee meeting, hoping to gain some experience on carrying the message to schools.

The telecaster numbers for our Public Service announcements have been renewed through our General Service Office. These numbers are required by networks to air PSAs and must be renewed annually. The newest PSA "My World" is being distributed and tracked by a company called Westglen Communications. I was given access to a website with a comprehensive listing of networks airing the PSA, times aired, and number of viewers. It even lists demographics of age and sex. As of December 28, 2011 My World has aired on 170 US stations, 18,205 times to an audience of 321,100,341. Unfortunately Canadian numbers are not listed. I spoke with Mary C. at the GSO PI desk to find out if it's possible to have Canadian numbers listed as this would be a great tool for us to use when looking at wider distribution of PSAs in our Area. I hope to hear from Mary soon. I have sent requests to networks in our Area currently not showing our PSAs, but have not had any replies yet. I will continue to pursue this.

I wish all of you a happy 2012, and thank you for the opportunity to be of service to Area 83.

Yours in Love and Service  
Rob M Public Information Chairperson

### **b) Cooperation With The Professional Community**

**Herb W.**

Hello everyone, my name is Herb and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the Russell Saturday night group and have the honor and privilege to serve as your area 83 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson. I would like to wish everyone the best for the New Year and hope everyone enjoyed their Holidays.

Since the Assembly in October I attended the Roundup in Belleville with a close friend in sobriety and had great time and would like to thank Wilf for putting up with us for the day! It is great to see how alive AA is when you go where there is food and desert.

There are three National Events being held in our Area again this year, The Northern Lights Business and Cultural Showcase in Ottawa on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, and In Toronto The American Academy of Physician Assistants on May 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> and People in Motion on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. I am waiting for the details from New York and have been notified that the display and literature has been sent to me for the first event in February. The Ottawa C.P.C. committee has been notified and I am looking forward to being a part of the event.  
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Thank you all who have sent me your meeting minutes and your information updates, I appreciate your time and effort.

I would like to remind you to let me know if you want me to attend any of your service days or events so that I can plan to attend.

In closing I would like to thank Jack B. District Committee Member for District 74 for the history of the C.F.B. group in Petawawa and his experience in his district last night and I encourage anyone who has questions or needs an answer to a problem to call. I may not have the answer but can direct you to someone who has.

Thanking you so much, with gratitude, in service,

Herb W. Area 83 C.P.C. Chair

**c) Corrections Report**

**Deirdre B.**

Good morning my name is Deirdre B and I am an alcoholic. It is my privilege to serve as Area 83 Correctional Facilities Chair.

Area 83 website now has a Corrections page, thank you Todd for setting this up. You now can find information on; Bridging the Gap in both English and Spanish, information on the Correctional Facilities with in Area 83, and what District they are a part of, as well as information on GSO Correctional Correspondence, with a link to the brochure for interested Pen Pals.

GSO is looking for male volunteers to be Correctional Correspondence, you can now direct them to [area83aa.org](http://area83aa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=93&Itemid=172) correctional page [http://area83aa.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=93&Itemid=172](http://area83aa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=93&Itemid=172)

To date the Area has had 20 Bridging The Gap requests.

An invitation to attend District 16 Hispano de Toronto third Service Forum on November 19, 2011 was well received. They were happy with the attendance saying it had grown since previous years. They even had translation from English to Spanish of the guest speakers. We were served an authentic El Salvadorian lunch. We broke out in to service tables after, which was very interesting.

Spanish individuals believe that they need a good grasp of English in order to serve at the District level. We may attract more Spanish if we had translation, just something to think about?

Thank you to all the District Secretaries who send out their district meeting minutes. They help keep me up on Correctional activity within the districts.

Contact via e-mail at [cf@area83aa.org](mailto:cf@area83aa.org) or via phone at 416-633-7650.

God bless you all, Deirdre B

**d) Treatment Report**

**Rodney S.**

Good morning, my name is Rodney S and I am an alcoholic. I am honored and priveledged to serve as your area Treatment Chair for the 2011-2012 Term.

Since the October assembly there has been little or no activity for Area Treatment. There have been no requests to do anything and as far as I know no district has made an approach to their local treatment facilities on the subject of Bridge the Gap.

There have been a few Bridge the Gap requests. One came from Brooklyn Renacent although through different channels. Toronto Intergroup received the request and took care of it. Another request came from Port Colborne in Area 86 and a third was a last minute request that given the lateness of the request I chose to pass directly Rob McA our PI chair who took care of it for us.

Most disctricts continue to plug away putting their meetings on at their local centres and that is excellent, keep it up. Mississauga, I am told, is expanding their TF work into newer centres and that is excellent as well. My help is available if they wish it.

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I would like to stress once again that although AA ought never be organized, the rest of the world doesn't work that way. The fact that Brooklyn went out of their way to find a contact for their client tells me that they would welcome a formal, "organized if you will", procedure to Bridge the Gap for those patient whom they have no local contact. All we have to do is tell them but we are not doing that. I suspect other centers are the same but we have to get out to them. I hesitate contacting these centers without district invitation but I would like to.

We will stay the course until the Assembly and see where it leads.

Yours in love and service  
Rodney S

**e) Grapevine Report**

**Leo Mck**

I am an alcoholic and my name is Leo, my home group is the Little Oak Group in District 82 Victoria Haliburton. Currently serving Area 83 as your Grapevine Chairperson and I would like to thank you for my sobriety. This past year has been a learning experience and I am still trying to figure it out.

Since the Fall Assembly things have been very quiet so not a whole lot to tell you. I attended a lunch and get-together with some Grapevine Representatives in Toronto at Mandarin, which was a nice time.

The Grapevine has been busy promoting the website and have come out with an e-book version of Language of the Heart for sale and the Spanish version for sale early this year. Supplies of the 2012 Calendars and Planners are getting low for those who didn't get them at the time we ordered or need more from Grapevine.

The digital version of the magazines was not sustainable as subscription based products.

All Paid Grapevine and La-Vina digital subscriptions will be upgraded to a Grapevine online subscription as of Jan. 2012. An email has been sent to all subscribers explaining their options. Audio Grapevine will also be upgraded to the Grapevine online subscriptions and not a standalone product.

The first 7 months of the Grapevine that was available online has reached 2,437 subscriptions.

Upcoming issues: Feb. "Sex and Sobriety"  
Mar. "Brave New Media World"  
Apr. "A. A. Around The World"  
Mar. Apr. La -Vina "Young Hispanics in AA".

I would like to remind the Districts; if possible, the groups try to get a Grapevine subscription, if they do not already have one. Grapevine Representatives as of Oct., we had 21 representatives. It is a good way to get into service at their group and as our meeting in print can be read anywhere, at anytime by those who want our message of recovery.

Last but not least, I have been invited to District 48 to set up the Grapevine Display on February 4<sup>th</sup> for their Roundup and am looking forward to attending.

Happy to be of service "HAPPY NEW YEAR". May your dry date never change.

Yours in friendship and service  
Leo K  
Area 83 Grapevine Chair

**f) Self-Support Report**

**Ruth F.**

Hello, my name is Ruth, and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Agincourt Acorn group, in District 22. I am excited to be currently serving you as the Area 83 Self Support Chairperson.

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Thanks to the Delegate's encouragement at the Assembly in October, interest in the Birthday Plan envelopes has been very high. I have ordered more, and have them with me today, for those of you that asked for them... and for those of you that haven't yet. Don't lose momentum now! Please encourage the use of the Birthday Plan envelopes that have been distributed. General Service Office should see a dramatic increase of returning Birthday Plan envelopes from Area 83 this year. That is awesome!

There is a paper that compares the prices of various things (gas, cigarettes, coffee, pop) and approximate 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contributions, over the years. With the assistance of some Self Support members (really, that is all of us), we are putting together an updated, Canadian flavoured version. General Service Office has compiled and sent us a comparison of the price of the Big Book over the years. This will either be added to the sheet, or posted separately, as a point of information and interest on the Self Support display. Thank you so much to everyone who helped me out, by researching, and providing me with information. This is an interesting, enlightening, and fun project.

Thank you all for the positive comments about the Self Support display. If you have not dropped by, please do so at the upcoming Assembly. I would love to talk to you!

I read the District minutes that are sent to me, so thank you for that! Please contact me if I can be of any assistance to you! We CAN be self supporting. All it takes is for us to show our gratitude in a tangible way!

Ruth

### **g) Archives Report**

**Peter N.**

Good morning friends. My name is Peter N. I am an alcoholic and a member of the Bayview Group in District 14, Toronto North Central. I have the honour and privilege of serving as your Archives Chair.

Volume 8, No 2 of The Eighty-Three, our Area 83 Archives Newsletter was published online at the conclusion of the Assembly. Copies can be downloaded and printed at the Archives blog at [area83archivist.blogspot.com](http://area83archivist.blogspot.com) or by going to Area 83 website.

November 6, I attended the Archives Breakfast in Toronto. Once again it was a success with over 215 people in attendance and hundreds of years of sobriety.

Mel, Deidre and I were invited by Cesar H., DCM of District 16 to attend their 3<sup>rd</sup> Service Day on November 19. It was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Spanish Service Day in which I have participated. The theme was 'Gratitud Atravez De El Servicio' or Gratitude Through Service. It was an excellent, well organized day. Attendance was approximately 60 people of about 100 Spanish speaking A.A.s in the GTA. Imagine if we got 60% attendance by the English speaking membership at a Service Day or the Assembly.

It takes a little while to get the rhythm of speaking a phrase or paragraph in English, waiting for the translation into Spanish and then picking up the presentation again but we were so warmly received that language was not a barrier. After the presentations, we broke into four separate groups which discussed how to organize service between the groups and the Spanish Intergroup – ours discussed the role, scope, sobriety requirement and so on. In District 16, it evolved that each group has its own contact phone number, takes out newspaper ads; a different approach from my experience

Victor M., former DCM of District 16 has provided us with a multi-page history in both Spanish and English which will be published in the next edition of The Eighty-Three. We have also received articles from Eddy G. on the history of District 22, Scarborough City East and from Jim W., GTA Apprentice Archivist, reporting on his trip to Montana in September to attend the A.A. National Archives Workshop.

Monthly, I attend the GTA Archives meeting. They/we are developing a Collection Access Policy based on that of the Archives at GSO. This policy is designed to provide controls to protect the anonymity of members mentioned in the archives in keeping with our Traditions, and to protect the materials themselves. If your District needs assistance in this area, please contact me.

In the coming year David T. our Archivist and I continue to look for submissions for The Eighty-Three; are planning the next Archives Service Day and are available to attend your Districts and assist in any way possible. Please continue to send me your District Minutes, I read them all.

Finally, last year, David T. and I met in February and created a 13-point Agenda of what we hoped to accomplish in the year 2011. I am happy to report that we completed almost all of what we set out to do. For 2012 we have 8 items and our list is growing.

Yours in Love & Service,  
Peter

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**Service Information Day Report**

**Heather M**

I'm an alcoholic, a member of Prince Edward, currently serving as District Committee Member (DCM) for Toronto Southwest District 12, also your Service Information Day chair, my name is Heather M.

I'd like to introduce the committee: Vince R Dist 10, Gary O Dist 14, Diane McL Dist 26, Miles C Dist 30, Gerry StL Dist 48. We hope you enjoyed Service Information Day this Fall as much as we did.

Thanks again to the DCM's who did the Traditions workshop, the Alt DCM who assisted with the AccessAbility workshop, along with all of the workshop presenters. We were glad of the assistance of the GTA AccessAbility Committee representative as well as the two young people from TOYPAA.

In our meeting this morning we talked about the surveys completed. Rest assured we will have many more survey forms printed for the Spring assembly. No one took advantage of the email link on the website to pass along their thoughts on the Fall Assembly.

Going forward, we have the meat and potatoes of the Spring Agenda worked out. It is on the wall at the back. Please go and look at it and make your suggestions while things are still changeable. Changing things at this point is much more productive than criticizing after the fact. We will have a GSR workshop again for the spring, as well as a DCM workshop. It appears these are desired for every assembly. DCM's, we'll be asking 3 of you who have not yet participated this term to present the Traditions workshop. Traditions 7 8 and 9 are up next. There are 9 DCM's/districts who have not yet participated. Please volunteer before being voluntold! We attempt to rotate all the workshops so that no one is always stuck in a particular time-slot, no one is always stuck with no PowerPoint if that's not their choice. Presenters if you prefer not to use PowerPoint and prefer to leave the other rooms to those who do or if you prefer a later afternoon slot, please tell us!

Presenters, remember that if your workshop is in the Ontario West room you will NOT have a PowerPoint projector, you will have an overhead projector. Also remember that while multi-media presentations are great, low-tech alternatives in case there's a tech problem are always recommended.

Please remind GSR's to ensure they book their Spring assembly registration well in advance.

Yours in service,  
Heather M.  
DCM Toronto Southwest District 12  
Service Information Day Chair

**7. Registrar's Report**

**Tony A.**

Good day, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Church Street Group and currently serve as your Panel 61 Registrar for Area 83 International and my name is Tony A.

The roll call for today is **15** Area Officers (including Webmaster, Chair & Area Archivist), **1** Immediate Past Delegate, **2** Past Delegates, **22** DCMs, **12** Alternate DCMs and **3** Visitors. For voting purposes there are **13** Area Officers eligible to vote (includes our Immediate Past Delegate) and **24** DCMs or Alternate DCMs for a total of **37** votes. Total delegation for this meeting is **55** people.

Since my last report, there has not been that much activity as the area registrar. However, I would suspect this may change as many groups will have had their rotation of general service reps recently.

As I have not heard from any of the districts or registrars, I trust all information is up to date and groups that were awaiting kits have been received. If this is not the case, please speak with me either after this meeting or by contacting me personally and I will follow up. I also want to thank you for your tenacity in getting your group records in order. Many of the districts have been very diligent in ensuring accuracy and information is delivered in a timely manner.

A reminder about group status – active status means there is a contact associated with this group and the General Service Office is able to send information to this group. Unknown status means the group is **still active** but does not have a contact associated with the group record. Inactive means the General Service Office has received information that the group has disbanded or is not currently meeting – this might be due to returned mail.

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I will email the district committee members and their registrars a copy of the updated spreadsheet and group information sheets for their districts. This format seems to work well for the districts so I will continue to do this for you. These should be helpful in keeping your group and registrar records up to date. It is important to have a contact associated with the group within the group record to ensure the group remains in an active status.

Group Change and New Group forms are posted on our area website under district resources and can be downloaded for your convenience. I request that updates of group changes or new group forms are sent to me by email and created in a Word formatted document for easier transcription.

Note: New groups need to be registered with the area registrar in order to become an actual registered group with GSO. This does not automatically happen when the group registers with inter-groups only. It is best to send the new group form to me to ensure the group becomes a registered group.

When you send me your updated changes, please ensure that all fields are completed especially in the mailing address area. I cannot enter incomplete information into the GSO database as it will not allow me. You can submit changes by email (preferred) at [registrar@area83aa.org](mailto:registrar@area83aa.org) or by faxing them to 416-924-6149. If you have general registrar related inquiries, you are more than welcomed to call me and we can discuss your concerns at 416-702-6280.

On a more personal note, I attended the traditions workshop back in November hosted by the Toronto Intergroup and found this to be most insightful and informative. Thank you Mel and Roy for your time and knowledge – I got so much out of this and am really grateful for your service.

Thank you for the trust that you have placed in me. It has been my privileged honour to be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous Area 83 International.

In loving service,  
Tony A.  
Registrar-Area 83 International

### **8. Treasurer's Report**

***Jim A.***

Happy New Year's everyone, to your districts, and your groups too. I am an alcoholic a member of the St. Andrew's Group and my name is Jim. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as the Area Treasurer for this term. May 2012 be our best year ever, collectively and individually as well

Christmas came a week early for Area 83. I was handed a district contribution on Dec 18<sup>th</sup> by Santa himself. Honest program, but the member does suit up as Jolly St. Nick every year, even at the Dec 2010 District 18 meeting. This is the cheque that has had me singing "Back in Black" ever since.

In all seriousness, 164 generous groups made direct contributions to Area 83. That is 28.28% Countless more groups did so indirectly through the 18 districts that "passed it along". I would like to comment that the spirit of the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition is strong and alive in Area 83. Perhaps 2012 is the year that participation rises to 30%, which is 175 groups.

I especially love the short notes that are attached to cheques. Some are very flowery and spiritual, others are apologizing for the size of the contribution because they area new but small group. No apologies like that are ever needed, but encouragement to keep on doing what they can was returned. AS my service sponsor reminded me: It is better that a thousand groups share the load by sending in a dollar each once in a while than to have one group carrying the load by sending in \$1000.00. Big or small I do cash them all.

I have placed a copy of this report for you and your ADCM in each of your folders. I have also placed receipts for the 2012 Grapevine bulk purchase, and a summary of each your districts and its member contributions to Area in 2011.

As your humble recorder and reporter, it gives me great satisfaction to present the draft version of the 2011 financial statements. This is what YOU did during the past year.

The first page is a summary of the entire year's receipts and expenses.

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- A. The reserve account remains at \$20,000.00 as per the directive of the Oct 2008 Assembly. This GIC will mature on March 16, 2012. I am hoping to repurchase a similar instrument as determined by rates available then. Total interest received in 2011 was **\$300.00**.
- B. Moving to the income section, you can see the the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition collected from the three ACM and the two Area Assemblies was **\$5109.44**
- C. Cost recoveries (mostly PI Kits) of **\$74.03**
- D. Two groups requested flow through to GSO: **\$87.00**
- E. Group/district contributions of **\$45,747.40**, down \$3,303.000

Total inflows to the operating account in 2011 were **\$55, 676.73**. For the same period in 2010, the total was \$62,267.00 This is a drop of \$6,390.27, which is not as drastic as it sounds since 2011 expenditures were below 2010 levels as well.

To the expenses sections, which total **\$53,797.12** for 2011, compared to \$63,971.11 in 2010. This is a drop of \$10,173.99. One small literature purchase and some bank charges were the only expenses incurred since the October Assembly, as forecasted.

The first grouping of items is the committee expenses for 2011. The YTD total is 86% of the 2011 Proposed Spending Guidelines. Well done, fellow trusted servants for your prudence and frugality. Service Info Committee literature expenses are shown NET of the service manual sold to date (\$520). Some were over, some were under, mostly poor estimating on my part.

The lower section of the expense summary shows the "Other" expenses. Notable figure is my glaring underestimate of banking charges. The largest part of this is the fee I spent to get cheques printed, happens every year or so. Expenses for the Alt delegate to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> Eastern Arctic conference in June at Iqaluit were significantly lower than expected.

At the bottom of the page you can see the change in the Operating Account for the year. A beginning balance of \$32, 987.79 plus inflows \$55,876.73 less total expenditures of \$53,797.12 leaves a current bank balance of \$34,977.40.

To boil it all down to one number, our income items were **\$2079.61** higher than our expenses. A fantastic December that could not have been predicted, fourth best month in the past five years, no expenses for the last two months. This surplus will be the starting point of a 2012 contribution to GSO.

All invoices are paid, and all checks received to date have been deposited. All receipt letters The total of the operating account and the reserve account on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2011 was **\$54,977.40**.

The 2012 Proposed spending guidelines are almost finished. If I might ask my fellow trusted servants inform me of any specific requirements they might have as soon as possible. I would like to have the entire process completed by Feb 14<sup>th</sup> and out to the DCM'S promptly thereafter.

There is one number that I would like to mention. At this point I would like to recommend that Area 83 make a donation to GSO. A motion from the floor will be required. The final amount will not be determined until the 2012 Proposed spending Guidelines are completed. I do not want to get into an "auction" situation like at the Fall 2008 Assembly where the number kept rising. As mentioned above, this amount will be at least \$2079.61.

Postage is going up by 2 cents, 3 cents with HST. I have reviewed my requirements from last year's results and have stocked up in advance of the price hike. Also regarding mail, I hear the old excuse "the check is in the mail". It could very well still be, thanks to the new sorting machines at Canada Post. If you could send me an email that you have sent something I will watch out for it.

The second page is a detailed breakdown of the expenditures summarized on the first page. The big number items on this page, top section: Assembly costs. Bottom section: , the General Service Conference Assessment.. For the year, expenses equaled 86% of the proposed spending guidelines.

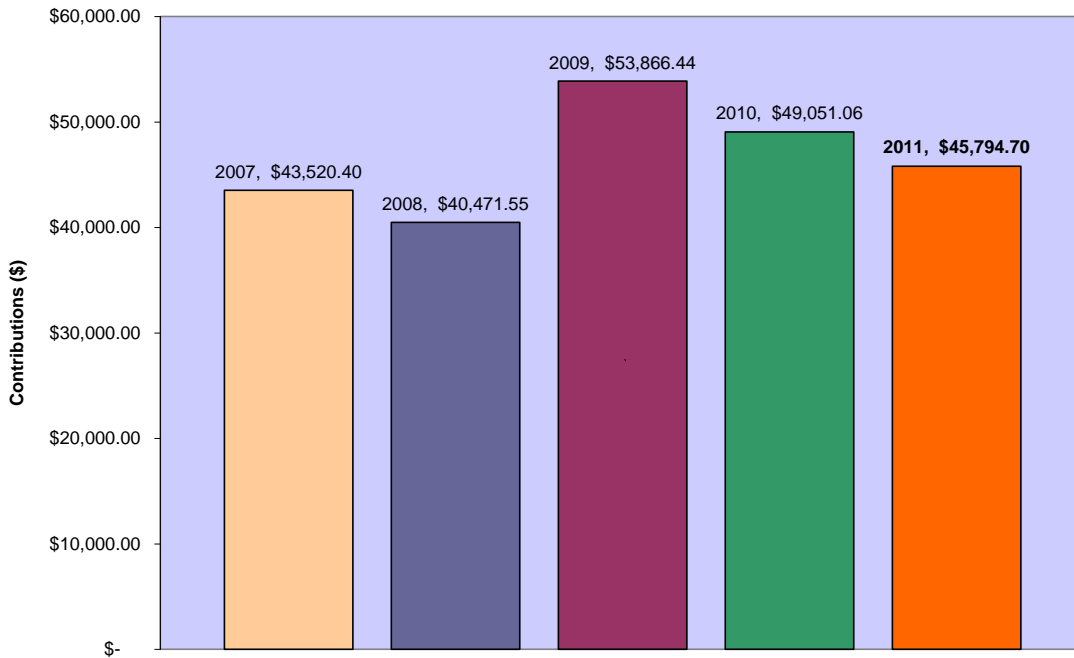
At the bottom are two boxes. The one on the left shows a breakdown of the cash receipts to date. The box on the right compares 2011 with 2010. As you can see the group and district contributions are just about equal, and expenses are lower.

Page 3 of the Appendices' is the Contributions by Group. 164 groups and 18 districts made that happen.

This last chart is a comparison of the Group/District contributions for the years 2007 to 2011 by month.

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Group & District Contributions to Area 83 Eastern Ontario International



Group and District Contributions To Dec 31st 2007- 2011

Good things continue to happen in Area 83, this is the Responsibility Declaration in Action.

The seventh tradition collected today was \$242.07

See you in soon in Kingston. It is a pleasure to serve. Thanks for my sobriety.

Yours in love and service,

James A.

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International Treasurer.

## 9. SECRETARY'S REPORT

**Kim S.**

Hello, everyone. I am an alcoholic, I have the honour of serving as your Area 83 Secretary and my name is Kim.

I would like to thank everyone for the emails, calls and best wished passed on to and from Peter since my mother passed away. It is nice to know that so many people care. I have been feeling the love from all of you.

In all the District Committee Members and Area Committee Members "mail folders" I have put:

- District Service Roster
- Area Committee Meeting Agenda
- Area Committee Minutes, Sept 10, 2011
- 3 copies of the Fall Assembly Minutes

Please be aware that as per the Fall Assembly motion as to the total amount of copies allowed per District, each District now has their total copies. There will be no extra copies at the Spring Assembly. It will up to each District to ensure that all GSRs have a copy of the minutes.

Please send me your reports asap. Currently I have 18. I would like to have the minutes completed and distributed by the end of January. The winner of the "who got their report in first" is Leo!



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If someone in your District has not received their kit, please let me know.

If there is something you would like me to do, also please let me know.

Yours in service,  
Kim S  
Area 83 Secretary

**10. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT**

**Mel C**

Good afternoon everyone, my name is Mel C. and I am an alcoholic - currently serving the fellowship as Alternate Delegate, Area 83 - Eastern Ontario International; good to be here, good to be sober.

I've had a pretty steady fall with many and varied Area activities. It's been good to be busy and I am grateful for it, thank you.

Area 86 Elections

On Nov 6, 2011 I attended the Area 86 Election Assembly in London, ON. which was very interesting. They do some things the same as us and some things differently and it was a good learning experience. I believe we need always be open to new ideas.

Speaking engagement

On November 6 I spoke at the "Keep-It-Simple" groups 30th Anniversary and it was a great night at a great group. We are lucky to have them.

Ad Hoc committee - Ambassador

In the fall, I was part of an ad hoc team tasked to examine potential new relationships with other hotels. Joe is going to report on this later in the meeting, so I won't say much. Suffice it to say I worked with Peter N. and we examined Toronto area hotels

Spanish District S.I.D.

On Nov 19 I participated in the D16 (Spanish District) SID and what a day that was - along with Peter and Deirdre and Robert we experienced AA from the other side - as the minority if you will and it was eye opening. We all spoke (slowly!) and after a delicious Spanish lunch we broke into workgroups and examined different issues. I was at the Spanish Intergroup Table and learned a lot!

Intergroups

I've no real "outstanding" news to report on any of the Intergroups that I liaise to; Ottawa, Peterborough, Lakeshore or Toronto. They all seem to be getting along quite well. I had some contact with Lakeshore and Peterborough at the beginning of the term, but nothing since. I have been attending the regularly scheduled Toronto Intergroup-District Sharing Sessions and they have been fantastic, with great representation occurring on each side.

On Dec 6 I sat in on the Intergroup / District Sharing Session held at Toronto Intergroup. It was a great meeting and our DCM's suited up and showed up. It was an impressive demonstration of the health of our Area.

If anyone has an Intergroup issue that you think I ought to know about or can help with, please corner me anytime; glad to help if I can.

RC's Treatment Centre

I assisted in November a new treatment centre opening a facility in Iqaluit - another benefit from the trip I took up there. I helped them in the quest to obtain Inuit translated AA material.

CERRASA Conference Calls

I have been contributing where appropriate in the CERRASA initiative. It is very exciting being in on the ground floor of something that I think will come to be very important in the years to come. I suspect Robb will speak to this so I will not.

Pass it On Workshop

I was directed by the Chair at our last Assembly pre-meeting to come up with some thoughts around how to pass on the institutional memory of Sub-committee Chair positions as people rotate out of old positions and into new ones and especially for people new to sub-committee chair positions. To that end, I polled the Area Committee - all sub-chairs and the front table with an idea around a workshop to be held at the first

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Assembly of the term. I am still awaiting responses from the majority of people I sent the idea to, so if they could get back to me, I would appreciate it.

### Traditions Workshop GTA Intergroup

Along with Roy R., P55 Delegate, we presented a Traditions Workshop at GTA Intergroup's request and I think that went over very well. It was very nice to work in tandem like that with an Intergroup and I hope they avail themselves of some of our expertise more often!

### Various and Sundry Changes at Area

I have three items in play today

### Coming up

1. Feb1-4 - 2012 Northern Lights Trade Show at Ottawa Convention Centre
2. Intergroup District Sharing on Feb 7

I have much I am working on and am so very glad for the opportunity to be working on it! Thanks for your trust; I'm having the time of my life as your Alternate.

YiL&S,

Mel C.  
Panel 61 Alternate Delegate  
Area 83, Eastern Ontario Intentional  
416.788.9728

## **11. DELEGATE'S REPORT**

***Robb W***

Good Morning, I am an alcoholic, an active member of the Streetsville Group in District 06 Mississauga I am the Panel 61 Delegate for Eastern Ontario International. My name is Robb W.

I trust that everyone had a good time over the holidays and I want to wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year!

Well, the good news is that there's been no more anonymity breaks that I'm aware of! The issue of the Atheist/Agnostic groups is still undergoing in the Toronto area. I have been in contact with Julio at the General Service Office and have passed on the shared experience that was passed on to me. More will be revealed...

I received a release from Phyllis H. regarding the much awaited E-Books. I believe that I've asked Todd, our web master has put a link to the page on GSO's web site on our site.

I received the latest "Highlights from A.A.W.S." from December just yesterday. This will be posted on our web site shortly, if it isn't already! A few items from this release:

1. Archives has produce a wonderful document entitled "Archives Preservation Guidelines" to assist local archives endeavors in the preservation of our A.A. history. As a member of the Conference Committee on Archives, I'm sure I'll get a copy of this shortly.
2. Preparations are underway for the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference.
3. The Corrections desk is has sent out a plea for outside members (particularly men) to participate in the Corrections Correspondence Service as there is a waiting list of A.A.'s behind the walls wanting to write to A.A. members.
4. Big Book distribution was up, 876,637 in the first 11 months this year as compared to 816,006 from last year. The 12 and 12 was 365,317 this year compared to 337,058 last year.

I'll be heading to Sudbury in March for the Ontario Delegates Committee Meeting. This is the meeting where the four Ontario Delegates and Alternate Delegates get together prior to the General Service Conference. If you're in the area

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at the beginning of March, please stop by!

For the next three months, I'll be getting familiar with all of the background information for the Conference Committees that I've been assigned to. Those being Cooperation with the Professional Community and the secondary committee on Archives. Having missed the first conference, I'm really looking forward to attending this years conference in Rye, New York from April 21<sup>st</sup> to April 28<sup>th</sup>.

I'll be sending out the agenda topics for each of the Conference Committees to the respective Area Committee Chair people as soon as I get them so that you can try to integrate them into your workshops at the Spring Assembly.

Thank you for allowing me to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83. This has certainly been a time of growth in my recovery as well as my personal life. I am ever so grateful.

Yours in Love and Service,

Robb W.  
Panel 61 Delegate  
Eastern Ontario International

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

**Motioned:** Patrick F. DCM District 18

**Seconded:** Wilf P. DCM District 34

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Carried

## **13. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business

## **13. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) Final report from Ad-Hoc Committee Chair with regards to Ambassador Hotel proposed increase in charges for services.**

**Joe D.**

Good afternoon, I am an alcoholic and my name is Joe. I am a member of the Frontenac group in Kingston and I have the privilege of serving the Fellowship as a director of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services Incorporated and served our Area as it's Panel 51 delegate.

This is the final report of the ad hoc committee struck with the direction to determine whether or not the additional charges the Ambassador wishes to impose upon us were within reason and in-line with other convention centres within the Area. Your committee was chosen from various locations across the Area and included Mel C., Peter N., Greg C., Ian B., Roxane T., Dot D., Barb K., and myself.

As previously reported we checked out other convention centres in each section of the Area for comparators in order for us to determine whether or not these additional charges the Ambassador chooses to impose would be in keeping with general business. We found that generally speaking, the Ambassador costs are well within and perhaps better than all other venues reviewed and that in light of the current services we receive, reasonable.

I met with the Ambassador and was assured by them that there were no plans to increase our costs significantly in the near future outside of the \$600.00 set up fee for the fall assembly going forward whether or not we chose to accept the set-up fee. The issue at hand is, whether or not this body believes that the set-up fee is warranted i.e. if you believe round tables for Sunday serves us well, I would suggest you voice your opinion in that manner but if you believe the regular assembly set up with chairs alone serves us better than you should be prepared to express your opinion for that option knowing it will cost an additional \$600.00 per assembly. The Ambassador told me that it takes between 2-3 hours with 6-8 staff to accomplish the re-set after our banquet.

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After due consideration, your ad hoc committee *recommends to the area committee to accept the price increase in set up fees as described by the Ambassador hotel to begin at the fall 2012 assembly at a cost of \$600.00.*

We would like to thank Area Chairperson Joyce and the Area Committee for the opportunity to serve.

- b) Motion to add the following 2 sentences to Area 83 Guidelines, Page 2, Sub-Section 1, Item A, end of paragraph, Formal Motions: "Motions sent to the Assembly from the Area Committee for vote at the Assembly are automatically treated as motions on the floor of the Assembly and do not need to be moved or seconded. Attribution should be disclosed and recorded in Assembly minutes"**

**Mel C**

A friendly amendment was made by Sandy S., Immediate Past Delegate to change "**Guidelines**" in the above motion to **Procedures**. This was agreed upon by Mel C.

Motion was seconded by Ruth F. Area 83 Self Support Chair

Motion was carried

Opposed: None

Abstentions: One

- c) Motion to add the following sentence to Area 83 Guidelines, page 4, item 7, end of first paragraph, Secretary: "Minutes of each Area Committee Meeting or Assembly ought to be distributed to the fellowship no later than six weeks after said meeting"**

**Mel C.**

A friendly amendment was made by Sandy S., Immediate Past Delegate to change "**Guidelines**" in the above motion to **Procedures**. This was agreed upon by Mel C.

Motion was seconded by Carol J. DCM District 04

Motion was carried

For: 29

Opposed: 3

Abstentions: 3

- d) Motion to the Area Committee from Alternate Delegate - "I move that we have the Secretary remove specific page references to the A.A. Service Manual from our guidelines and replace simply with "as stated in the Service Manual".**

**Mel C**

A friendly amendment was made by Sandy S., Immediate Past Delegate to change "**guidelines**" in the above motion to **Procedures** and to add "**as stated in the A.A. Service Manual**". This was agreed upon by Mel C.

Motion was seconded by Sandy S., Immediate Past Delegate

Motion was passed

For: 37

Opposed: none

Abstentions: none

- e) For discussion, Unity Day and the involvement of Area 83**

**Rob M.**

There was much discussion. No formal motion was made. The sense of the room was not to do anything as yet within the Area. It was felt that there may not be as much a need for a Unity Day with CERAASA being held in 2013 and also the Eastern Canadian Regional Forum being held in St. Catharines on July 6-8, 2012.

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- f) Motion that the Area 83 Operating Procedures be amended.  
Motion that Section 4 Subsection A(II) Area Committee item #3 on Page 10  
"Nominations Shall be made by a member of the Outgoing Committee" be replaced with  
"All Committee Chairs to be elected by Third Legacy Procedure"**

**Herb W.**

Motion was seconded by Milner G. DCM District 42.

After a very spirited discussion and suggestions were made as to amendments made to the original motion, a break was called. After the break Herb W. amended the motion to read:

- Motion that the Area 83 Operating Procedures be amended.  
Motion that Section 4 Subsection A(II) Area Committee item #3 on Page 10  
"Nominations Shall be made by a member of the Outgoing Committee" be replaced with  
"Nominations shall be made by Roll Call of Eligible Members"**

Amended Motion was agreed upon by Milner  
Motion Carried  
For: 29  
Opposed: 1  
Abstentions: 1

- g) Motion: I move that Area 83 adopt the Eastern Ontario International Area 83 pins that  
were produced by the Area 83 Treatment Facilities Chairperson.**

**Carolina C.**

Patrick F. DCM District 18 seconded the motion.

Motion was defeated  
For: 18  
Opposed: 13  
Abstentions: 3

- h) Motion to amend Appendix 3 of the Operating Procedures, under the section Procedure,  
"Nominations from the floor" be replaced with "Nomination made by roll call of eligible  
members"**

**Vince R**

Gerry S. DCM District 48  
Motion passed  
For: 31  
Opposed: 2  
Abstentions: 1

Voice of the minority spoke. One person wished to change their vote. The vote to return to discussion was not passed so the motion stands.

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

There were various group and individual announcements.

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**15. NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Joyce S. – Area Chairperson**

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on **June 2, 2012**. Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?

Motioned: Dan N. DCM District 02  
Seconded: Robb W. Area 83 Delegate  
Approved: All in favour  
Motion carried

***Just a reminder that the Spring Assembly is March 23, 24 & 25, 2012.***

**16. CLOSING**

It is now 4:00p.m. and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you all a safe drive home. I look forward to seeing you all at the Spring Assembly. Please stress to the members of your districts the importance of their attendance at the Assembly.

May I have a motion to end this meeting?

Motioned: Patrick F. DCM District 18  
Seconded: Carol J DCM District 04  
Result: Carried

**CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE**

**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 Reports**

<b>EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83</b>	
<b>AS AT: December 31st, 2011</b>	
	<b>Actual</b>
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>	
January 1, 2011 Opening Balance	\$ 20,000.00
Interest (\$87.85 accrued in 2010)	300.00
Transfer to Operating	(300.00)
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
7th Tradition	\$ 5,109.44
Cost Recoveries	74.03
Flow Through to GSO	87.00
Grapevine Seasonals	4,558.56
Group & District Contributions	45,747.70
Interest Accrual	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 55,576.73</b>
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	300.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$ 55,876.73</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Accommodations	6,599.10
Meals	9,987.51
Travel	13,693.45
Long Distance	71.00
Postage	414.74
Printing	4,589.41
Literature	1,067.58
Stationery	1,005.37
Miscellaneous	1,423.83
Area Web Site	83.40
Total Committee Expenses	<b>\$ 38,935.39</b>
Ad Hoc Committees	0.00
Area Contribution to GSO	0.00
Area Committee Meetings	559.90
General Service Conf. Assessment	6,160.36
Bank Service Charges	197.94
Forums	2,287.88
Grapevine Seasonal	4,558.56
GSO Flow Through	87.00
Ontario Delegate's Conference	1,010.09
Total Other Expenses	<b>\$ 14,861.73</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 53,797.12</b>
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>	
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2011	\$ 32,897.79
Total Income & Transfers	+ 55,876.73
Total Expenses	- (53,797.12)
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 34,977.40</b>

2011 Financial Statements.xls

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Eastern Ontario International Area 83  
2011 Expense Report for the year ending Dec 31, 2011 Draft

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Annual Guidelines	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	-	305.76	1,718.00	23.00	-	20.00	23.75	-	-	2,080.53	3,510.00	1,419.47	59.56%
Alt. Delegate	-	222.56	650.02	48.00	-	-	71.70	66.96	-	1,009.24	2,215.00	1,155.76	47.82%
Immediate past Delegate	-	157.71	667.18	-	-	83.23	71.36	18.92	-	1,008.42	1,040.00	31.58	96.96%
Chairperson	-	215.56	858.20	-	-	-	-	1,073.76	-	1,073.76	1,100.00	-26.24	97.61%
Secretary	-	188.00	-	-	133.66	3,782.81	67.59	801.43	-	4,274.49	4,175.00	-99.49	102.38%
Treasurer	-	188.75	586.10	-	261.08	187.44	-	151.51	-	1,364.86	1,500.00	105.12	92.99%
Registrar	-	318.01	294.00	-	-	-	-	479.49	70.00	1,161.50	1,005.00	-156.50	115.57%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	214.70	-	752.40	-	-	-	-	-	83.40	1,115.50	800.00	-315.50	138.44%
Archives	25.00	327.89	1,950.90	-	-	-	-	12.40	97.52	2,388.71	1,900.00	-488.71	125.72%
Archivist	429.40	182.71	660.80	-	-	312.45	-	-	-	1,585.36	1,820.00	234.64	87.11%
Cooperation with the P.C.	-	82.81	1,061.20	-	-	28.25	-	-	-	1,152.06	1,200.00	7.94	96.34%
Connections Facilities	-	72.00	772.50	-	-	-	182.24	-	-	1,026.74	1,815.00	788.26	56.57%
Grapevine	-	204.30	1,109.60	-	-	77.00	-	90.92	-	1,481.82	1,535.00	53.18	96.54%
Public Information	-	180.00	791.00	-	-	44.04	275.18	13.65	-	1,303.87	1,830.00	526.13	71.25%
Self Support	-	145.02	572.90	-	-	5.77	196.57	21.76	-	723.68	1,190.00	466.31	60.81%
Service Into Day Cmte.	2,050.40	565.09	649.65	-	-	38.42	-	48.33	-	3,581.89	3,190.00	-371.89	111.66%
Treatment Facilities	-	211.98	539.00	-	-	-	179.17	-	-	978.48	2,500.00	1,521.52	39.14%
Spring Assembly	1,932.30	3,196.77	-	-	-	-	-	-	587.60	5,716.67	5,700.00	-16.67	100.29%
Fall Assembly	1,932.30	3,196.77	-	-	-	-	-	-	688.71	5,797.78	5,700.00	-97.78	101.72%
<b>TOTAL COMMITTEE EXP.</b>	<b>\$ 6,898.10</b>	<b>\$ 9,987.51</b>	<b>\$ 13,693.45</b>	<b>\$ 71.00</b>	<b>\$ 414.74</b>	<b>\$ 4,589.41</b>	<b>\$ 1,067.66</b>	<b>\$ 1,005.37</b>	<b>\$ 1,507.23</b>	<b>\$ 38,935.39</b>	<b>\$ 43,725.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,789.61</b>	<b>89.05%</b>
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Area Committee	450.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109.90	559.90	700.00	140.10	79.99%
Area GSO Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00%
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	197.04	197.04	60.00	-137.04	329.90%
Forums	426.00	6.31	1,855.57	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,287.88	4,000.00	1,712.12	57.20%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	33.09	-	4,505.47	-	20.00	4,568.56	4,568.56	0.00	100.00%
GSO Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,160.36	6,160.36	5,960.00	-200.36	103.54%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87.00	87.00	87.00	0.00	100.00%
Ort Delegates Conf.	630.56	187.48	135.10	-	-	56.96	-	-	-	1,010.09	1,010.00	-0.09	100.01%
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,506.56</b>	<b>\$ 193.79</b>	<b>\$ 1,900.67</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 33.09</b>	<b>\$ 56.95</b>	<b>\$ 4,505.47</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,575.20</b>	<b>\$ 14,861.73</b>	<b>\$ 18,865.56</b>	<b>\$ 4,003.83</b>	<b>78.78%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 8,105.66</b>	<b>\$ 10,181.30</b>	<b>\$ 15,684.12</b>	<b>\$ 71.00</b>	<b>\$ 447.83</b>	<b>\$ 4,646.36</b>	<b>\$ 5,573.05</b>	<b>\$ 1,005.37</b>	<b>\$ 8,082.43</b>	<b>\$ 53,797.12</b>	<b>\$ 62,590.56</b>	<b>\$ 8,793.44</b>	<b>85.95%</b>

to Dec 31st	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	Change
INFLOWS	55,876.73	62,267.00	-6,390.27
OUTFLOWS	53,797.12	63,971.11	10,173.99
	<b>\$ 2,079.61</b>	<b>\$ 1,704.11</b>	<b>\$ 3,783.72</b>
Contributors	\$ 45,747.70	\$ 48,051.07	-\$ 3,303.37
Contributing Churches	164	161	3
Contributing Districts	18	19	-1

Income Summary	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	Change
7th Tradition	5,109.44	-	5,109.44
Bank Interest	300.00	-	300.00
GSO Flow through	87.00	-	87.00
Contributions	45,747.70	-	45,747.70
Cost recoveries	74.03	-	74.03
Grapevine Seasonals	4,558.56	-	4,558.56
	<b>\$ 55,876.73</b>		



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<b>GROUP &amp; DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL 2011 YEAR TO DATE AS AT Dec 31st, 2011</b>
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			<u>TOTAL</u>
District	00	Unknown	\$ 0.00
District	02	Malton	2,117.14
District	04	Humber	222.22
District	06	Mississauga	3,917.23
District	10	Toronto South Central	4,151.13
District	12	Toronto South West	1,459.38
District	14	Toronto North Central	4,057.37
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	322.22
District	18	Toronto City East	3,306.65
District	22	Scarborough	1,602.22
District	26	Lakeshore West	1,798.74
District	28	Lakeshore East	655.22
District	30	Quinte West	1,533.00
District	34	Quinte East	1,200.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	2,950.00
District	38	Thousand Islands	46.08
District	42	St. Lawrence International	437.54
District	46	St. Lawrence Adirondack	0.00
District	48	Seaway Valley North	1,340.00
District	50	Cornwall	1,520.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	1,070.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	279.73
District	62	Ottawa West	2,891.83
District	66	Golden Triangle	3,220.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	1,300.00
District	74	Pembroke	540.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	220.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	1,750.00
District	86	Kawartha	1,840.00
Total Contributions YTD:			<u>\$ 45,747.70</u>
Total from Groups			35,578.06
Total from Districts			10,169.64
Total Contributions YTD:			<u>\$ 45,747.70</u>
PLUS DEPOSITS			300.00
7th			5,109.44
Grapevine Seasonals			4,558.56
Cost recoveries			74.03
Flow through to GSO			87.00
			<u>\$ 55,876.73</u>