

# **Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

## **Area Committee Meeting Minutes**

**January 8, 2011**

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2.	<b>Appointment of Auditors, 2009-2010 Finances</b>	<b>Jim A</b>
	<b>Motion:</b> My name is Jim A., Treasurer, Area 83. I move we appoint Vince R., DCM District 10 and Dan N., DCM, District 2 as auditors to assist me in auditing Area 83's books for the years 2009 /2010"	
3	<b>Appointment of 83 Archivist for disapproval</b>	<b>Joyce S                      24</b>
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### **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 Deirdre B. – Corrections Chair

12 Concepts (Short Form) Read By Rob McA – Public Information Chair

**Welcome to Quinte West** – This is our first Area Committee meeting of this term. 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. As we start off this new term, I can't help but 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 meeting. A smoke 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.

I would like, at this time, to introduce to you 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.

### **Introduction of Past Delegates:**

Today we have Panel 51 Past Delegate currently serving the fellowship as a Director of World Services, Joe D. We also have Panel 53 Past Delegate, Roy R.

This is your Area Executive for 2011 and 2012.

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### Housekeeping

Frequency of meetings. As there are a number of new faces here today, I think it's worthwhile just to review the schedule of meetings for our term, for both this committee and the area assembly

The Area committee meeting will be held three times this year and four times next year.

The Assembly meets twice each year, once in the Spring and again in the Fall.

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:

There was nothing decided at the last Area Committee Meeting about asking the church to provide food for us. However, I have been in touch with the Ladies and they will be serving soup and sandwiches. Also there are assorted soft drinks and deserts. The cost is \$8.00. I have asked Jim if he would look after counting and the taking of the money. He will pass around the buckets for him to prepay for lunch. Can I have a show of hands so Jim will know how many of you will be participating and he will pass the buckets at this time? If we could do this quietly, I would appreciate it.

### Seating:

As much as possible – DCM's and Sub-Committee chairs on the outside. Alternate DCM's on the inside. Visitors at the back. This seating arrangement helps facilitate our voting procedures.

### 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 good points and opinions will come out in any discussions, and if discussion is prematurely cut off, we will not get to hear them.

**Who may address the committee meeting?**

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

- It keeps the focus on the fact that this Committee is in effect the steering committee of the Assembly – members are representing their District's positions or Area's in the case of our Officers, rather than their own.
- It also maximizes the time available for 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:** Linda, Alternate DCM, District 34

**Seconded:** Vince, DCM, District 10

**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?

- a) **Old Business to be added**
- b) **New Business to be added**

**13 ( 1 ) Resignation of Area 83 Webmaster, Vince R. and the disapproval of appointment of Todd Seaward.**

***(New call letter for Alternate Webmaster issued with expiry date of May 14, 2011)***

**13 ( 2 )** “Area 83 cover the expense of sending our Alternate Delegate to the First Canadian Eastern Arctic Convention in Iqaluit June 24-26, 2011”.

**Motion:** to accept the agenda with changes

**Moved:** Gary C., DCM District 66

**Seconded:** Carol J., DCM District 04

**Vote:** 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 December 4, 2010. Were deferred until after lunch. Minutes amended as below:

Rob elected as Public Information Chair from the hat

Herb W. was elected as Cooperation with Professional Community with 2/3 majority vote.

**Motion:** to accept the minutes as amended

**Moved:** Gary O, DCM, District 14

**Seconded:** Milner G, DCM, District 42

**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 mike to give their report. 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. Can you also please clearly state your name, your position and your District when you are up here? Thank you.

#### District 02 Malton

No report submitted

#### District 04 Humber

Hello everyone. I am an alcoholic; my name is Carol J., a member of the Tuesday Night Discussion group, and currently serving as DCM for District 04, Humber. It is an honor and a privilege to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in any way, and I am looking forward to the experience, and the opportunity to grow through service.

Our district will meet tomorrow Sunday January 09 for our first meeting of the New Year. We are currently in the final planning stages of "service in recovery day". This is a joint effort, between districts 02,06, and 04. It will be held on Saturday February 12. All our welcome. I believe strongly this is a "we" program and it is encouraging to take part in this event, as we work together to carry the message. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Elaine H., Alt. DCM District 06, for all her help. We could not have come this far without her effort and experience, which she has graciously shared with us.

District 04, has two service commitments. One, the Downsview Dells, is a transitional house for men. Just over a year ago, they had made a decision that all in house meetings were to be men only. We continued to do our best and put on the weekly meetings. I recently had a conversation with the head of the facility, and discussed the challenges with him. I am happy to report that they will now allow females to participate in putting on the meeting. They also stated that they had a great relationship with Alcoholics Anonymous and thanked us for being there every week.

We also continue to take of the Gift of Life meeting at the Humber hospital. District 14, has been helping us with this meeting for some time now, and together we can and do carry the message of hope.

I wish all a year of peace, serenity and spiritual growth, as we trudge the road to happy destiny Thank you for my sobriety.

Yours in love and service,  
Carol J.

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### 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. Well, a new term brings new opportunities to serve.

By now you've probably heard the buzz about our Service in Recovery Day co-hosted by Districts 02, 04 & 06 being planned for Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> in Toronto's west end. We simply wish to assist the new GSR's, alternate GSR's & others interested in General Service what they can do to get the most out of serving their Groups or Committees. Committee displays will be on hand & all are welcome. There will be a pot luck lunch. Elaine H. our alternate DCM is very active with producing the flyer and organizing what we need.

Our District table will have the opportunity to fill our 8 Sub-Committee chair and alternate chair positions at our next irregular third Monday of the month meeting. A district liaison position for the GTA Intergroup floor meeting will also be sought. I'm very pleased with the amount of commitment that our outgoing chairs had as they reported back to our table. Our outgoing district Archives chair has agreed to stay on with the Archives Committee & continue to assist with interviews & recording long-timers for the repository. All Groups were visited & photos were taken of the podium banners & slogan boards. Our Group contributions to district were down to approximately 80% of last years with the same amount of Groups contributing. We look to increase the percentage of Group participation this term no matter how small the amount.

The long-timers are still attending meetings & recently Jackie M. celebrated 40 years of sobriety at the Mississauga Group. Peter W. from the Oakville Group will be celebrating 50 years of sobriety on January 31<sup>st</sup> in Oakville. They'll need a large venue for this meeting. Peter was a Panel 17 Delegate for Ontario East & served as Eastern Canada Trustee from 1974-1977. During this term he also served for at least a couple of years as Chair of the AAWS board.

Our Treatment Facility service commitments continue to be met with the weekly 7:00pm Tuesday meeting at the Cawthra Rd. family shelter in Peel Region being put on by the volunteered Group of the month. Also, our lonely Corrections Facility at Mimico has weekend meeting commitments & may get a call for more meetings once the transfer of inmates from the closing Don Jail takes place expected sometime within this term.

With Milner, Roy & Robb's assistance I was able to find names for all the DCM's at the District 06 table from its inception in 1977. Now we have something else to Archive.

Our District website has been updated with our rotating table officers contact emails and has events to view. Visit us at [www.aamississauga.org](http://www.aamississauga.org)

Looking forward to working with you all.

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

### District 10 Toronto South Central

Hi, my name is Vince I'm and an alcoholic. It's my privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for District 10.

First I'd like to thank Tony for the hard work he's done for our district over the past few years, and we wish him well on the next leg of his service journey.

Our district had an inventory on December 16th which was facilitated by Joyce, our Chairperson. There were several great ideas brought up and I look forward to using those ideas as a jumping off point for the new term. Our district is filled with fun, enthusiastic people and I know it will be a pleasure to learn and grow in service with them this term.

In Love and Service,  
Vince R.

### District 12 Toronto South West

My name is Heather M; I'm an alcoholic, a member of the prince Edward Group and serving as DCM for District 12 Toronto, Southwest. Our district s bound roughly by the Humber River and Jane on the west, Eglinton to the North, University/Avenue Rd to the east and the lake to the south. We have 16 groups in our district and run around 50% attendance at our district meetings.

Our finances from the end of last term appear sound and ample to meet our commitments. Our first district meeting is this Wednesday where we'll have elections for our sub-committee positions. We have a couple of active alternates who we hope will step into the jobs, some former chairs who are job-shopping, and hopefully we'll have some new faces willing to step up and serve.



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I've visited many of the groups in our district over the holidays; some I haven't gotten to in a long time, some for the first time, and have met up with some people I haven't seen in years. We have a lot of good sober members in our district who actively carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic and who are willingly do the work behind the scenes to make that possible. I feel privileged to count myself among them and among you.

Yours in service  
Heather M.

### District 14 Toronto North Central

Hello Friends,

My name is Gary O. and I am an alcoholic and a member of the Living Sober Group which is located in Newmarket, Ontario. I have the privilege of representing District 14 as the D.C.M. for the 2011 and 2012 term; it is great to see you all here.

I would like to also introduce you to our new Alternate D.C.M. for the 2011 and 2012 term - Gord MacL. of the Aurora Group. Gord comes to us with much experience as both a group member and a District member and I very much look forward to working with him.

I would like to thank our past D.C.M., Rodney S., for all of his dedicated service and for leaving our district in such great shape. Though we begin 2011 with our district in good financial form, there are currently still sub-committee positions that require filling for the new term. Our district aims to have these outstanding positions filled by the time the Area 83 Service Day Assembly rolls around in March.

Our incoming 2011 District #14 Committee Members are as follows:

- |                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. D.C.M.:                 | Gary O. - Living Sober Group |
| 2. Alt D.C.M.:             | Gord MacL - Aurora Group     |
| 3. Secretary:              | Sue C. - Willowdale Group    |
| 4. Treasurer:              | Don M. - Bayview Group       |
| 5. Registrar:              | Robin M. - Aurora group      |
| 6. Access Ability:         | <b>Vacant</b>                |
| 7. Archives:               | Dianne Mck. - Place to Share |
| 8. Corrections Facilities: | <b>Vacant</b>                |
| 9. CPC:                    | <b>Vacant</b>                |
| 10. Public Information:    | <b>Vacant</b>                |
| 11. Grapevine:             | Grant G. - Thornhill Group   |
| 12. GTA Intergroup:        | <b>Vacant</b>                |
| 13. Self Support:          | Todd S. - Pepperlaw Group    |
| 14. Treatment Facilities:  | Linda S. - Keswick Group     |

Yours in service,  
Gary O.  
DCM District #14

### District 16 Distrito Hispano de Toronto

No report submitted

### District 18 Toronto City East

Hi everyone, I am an alcoholic and my name is Patrick F. I am a member of the Danforth Group and the District Committee Member for District 18, Toronto City East. I am looking forward to serving District 18 as best I can for the next 2 years.

District 18 had its elections for the district officers in June 2010: Your District Officers for the 2011/2012 term are:

Secretary-Katarina E. (Joy in Sobriety)  
Treasurer-John M. (Danforth Group)  
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Registrar-Bill I. (Markham Villiage)

Alternate DCM – Murray O. (East York)

Bill has had some health issues in early December. We send him our best wishes for a quick and speedy recovery, and eagerly await his return.

The Info AA Service Day and E.T.A.B. Committees did not meet in December.

We will have our elections for our sub-committee chairs at our next meeting January 11<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to working with the new GSRs and Committee members. Happy New Year.

Yours in loving service,

Patrick F.

DCM

### District 22 Scarborough

No report was submitted.

### District 26 Lakeshore West

Hi I'm an alcoholic, member of the Port Whitby Group, DCM for District 26 and my name is Diane MacL. Our first meeting in our District will be held January 16, 2011, therefore my report will be short and sweet. The results of our election held in October 2010.

#### **District Officers**

DCM-Diane M.

Alt DCM-Kimberly M.

Chair-Karen L.

Alt. Chair-Amy L.

Secretary-Alex O.

Treasurer-Bill H.

#### **Sub-Committee Chairpersons**

PIC/CPC –Mike N.

Treatment-Al C.

Corrections-Open

Grapevine-Cheryl N.

Conference-Open

Our District Spring Round Up held at General Sirkorski Hall on Stevenson Rd. N in March 2011 is our District's first major function of the year. Details will be reported in the near future. On behalf of our new District Table, we look forward to 'SUITING UP AND SHOWING UP" to help carry the message.

Yours in service,

Diane M.

### District 28 Lakeshore East

Good Morning friends, I'm an alcoholic, my home group is the *Orono Easy Does It Group* and I am currently serving as DCM for Lakeshore District 28 East, my name is Garth W.

I'm happy to be working with our new GSRs, and our committee chairs, as we continue to carry the message of recovery in District 28. Although expenses are up, and contributions are down, our District is still holding its own financially, dipping mildly into our prudent reserve.

Our annual Christmas Alkathon, held in co-operation with district 26 was a great success again this year.

The committee is in place, and planning has begun for our Spring Round-Up on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

A special thanks to Rob M. of our District, now the Area 83 PIC chair, for his contributions to District 28 over the past 4 years.

Also, thanks to Jack H., our Alternate DCM for attending today. I am looking forward to working closely with Jack over the next few years.

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I, personally and we, collectively as District 28, wish you all a happy, safe and sober 2011. I look forward to getting to know you over the next two years.

Yours in Love, Service and the Fellowship of the Spirit  
Garth W.

### District 30 Quinte West

Good morning, my name is Miles C, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Trenton Group and currently serving as District Committee Member for District 30. Our district closed 2010 with a healthy bank account which allowed us to send a contribution to both Area and GSO. We start 2011-2012 without all district positions filled, as our first district meeting is not until next week. Pierre B., Alternate DCM is in attendance today also.  
We are participating in a joint Service Day with Districts 86 and 82 on May 15, 2011.

Yours in love and service,  
Miles C.

### District 34 Quinte East

Read by Linda, Alternate DCM

Good Morning friends I am an alcoholic a member of the Stirling Friday.Night Group and have the honour of serving District 34 as D.C.M. My name is Wilf P. Due to family commitments I am unable to be with you this morning so I have asked Linda, my alt. to read my report. Happy New Year from all the groups in District 34 and welcome to Quinte East. I hope your stay with us and your trip home will be a pleasant one: As we are only in the first week of my term as D.C.M. I have a short report. But I give you advanced warning I will need more than two min. next time. The district is in good shape, there is only one chair (Corrections)vacant at this time and we hope to have it filled soon. I have an excellent committee and lots of support from the groups in district 34 and look forward to visiting them over the next two years. I will be happy to help the Area any way I can in the future.

Yours in Love and Service,  
Wilf P.

### District 36 – Kingston & The Islands

Hello all. My name is Roxane T. I am an alcoholic who will be serving District 36 for the upcoming 2 years as DCM.

As such our first meeting will be held the last Wednesday of this and ever month; we haven't had it yet. However, I am hearing about various committees beginning to hold their own meetings. I am hearing that the support is there so that not just 1 or 2 people are running the whole show. Neat! I have offered myself to assist and participate in the event of an "unfilled vacancy" i.e. hosting our Detox meeting. However I have not been asked and so it seems that the Committees are up and going without me \*sigh\*

A number of the incoming GSR's attended November and/ or December's District meetings of 2010 and I saw/ heard the enthusiasm in that is going to make for a lively upcoming term. A lot of the wisdom that I might be sharing I know comes from my Alternate DCM Lynne H., who has served at the District table longer than I, and who knows the ropes better too. I believe Joe D. has proven to be more than a little helpful too including driving me back and forth from this meeting. And Dot D., someone I have known for years continues "to always be there" to help me muddle through until I can get on my own two feet. And so we are off and running without even hosting our 1st District meeting, my oh my, it is with pleasure that I work with this Area 83 Committee for the next couple of years.

Yours in service,  
Rox.

### District 38 Thousand Islands

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.  
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I was elected at our December district meeting as the only candidate for District Committee Member. Our district currently has five positions filled for this new term:

- District Committee Member - myself
- Secretary – Peggy C. from the Riverside Group in Ogdensburg
- Treasurer – Louise T. from the ODAAT Group in Potsdam
- Registrar – Bevin S. from the Fall Island Big Book Study Group in Potsdam
- Treatment Facilities Chair – Gary G. from the Riverside Group in Ogdensburg

Of these five people, four have at least 20 years of sobriety. We seem to have a lack of people with “mid-range” sobriety – 5-15 years not only at our district table but at A.A. meetings in general.

One of my goals, both personally and as a challenge to other current district servants, is to make it a habit to “bring someone with us” in service to A.A. This is not only bringing someone with us to the district meeting, but also asking people to help carry the message in district service activities. I often find it easier to just do a job myself rather than to actively discuss the need, look for a person I think could do the job, and ask that person to help. That’s how I have been accumulating jobs lately – acting treasurer, acting (and original) webmanager, meeting list preparer ..., etc.

I think many people won’t volunteer for a position, but will consider it if asked – especially with the offer of help from someone who has served in that position before. Too often I fail to remember how daunting a service task can seem to someone who has never done it before. I have been fortunate to have been mentored and nurtured in every service position I’ve ever had. It’s time for me to “pass it on.”

Also at our December meeting, we decided to change our district meeting time from Wednesday night to Sunday afternoon. (Of course we decided that a mere ten days after our meeting list was printed listing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday!) We think the new meeting time will make it easier for more A.A. members to attend, as it does not conflict with the meeting time for any group in the district. And many people are more comfortable driving during daylight hours, especially in the winter.

I also note with sadness the passing of Wayne S. on Thursday at the too-young age of 52. I was privileged to be his first sponsor ten years ago and became his friend. For many years he carried the message of recovery into the local hospital detox ward.

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

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### District 46 St. Lawrence Adirondack

No report submitted

### District 48 Seaway Valley North

My name is Gerry St. L. and I am an alcoholic, a member of the 12 & 12 Study Group in Morrisburg and District Committee Member of District 48. Our little district is doing well and functioning with only a few positions not filled. An average of two thirds of the groups is represented at the district table. Our first meeting of the year was held January 4. It would seem that we are off to a good start. All but a few of our commitments are being filled and I am confident that our new CFTF Rep, Sara M. will find the volunteers she needs for the said mentioned. Our first real order of business involved a pleasant discussion on who should pay for the ads in the local papers, the district of the groups. Our District Round up is just around the corner and the enthusiasm of the members to kick off a good shindig is exhilarating. You are all invited on February 5<sup>th</sup> to join us for our celebration.

Thank you.  
Yours in service,  
Gerry S. L.

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### District 50 Cornwall

Hi everyone, my name is Elaine; I am an alcoholic, member of the Sunday Morning Group and DCM for District 50. We had our first meeting for 2011 which was well attended and I must say at times quite heated.

A Committee has been formed to set up a set of Operational Procedures for our District and we will meet Sunday January 9th. I am hoping this will end some of our problems and frustrations in the District.

There is some confusion and frustration in some of the groups not wanting members apart from their group members to make announcements (concerning district matters i.e. positions available, and self support) at their regular meetings. I had done this in the fall when the district was in financially unstable and it proved to be beneficial. Many people were not aware of the Birthday Plan and did contribute after these announcements.

Congratulations to this year's Conference Committee who returned to the table with \$1500. We are finally financially stable with \$3000 (including \$1000 reserve), but groups are not yet ready to commit to contributions to Area and NY. After the procedural meeting and Concept 12, I am hoping we will finally make a contribution to both.

Our Alcathon was very successful and although not home to attend, I heard only positive about the event and am proud of the Committee who worked so hard to make sure the door was open for the suffering alcoholic over the Xmas Season.

We have been once again requested by David T. to provide a speaker and I am happy to announce that one of our members will accommodate him. Thank You David for the request and opportunity for us to share.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours in Love and Service,  
Elaine M.

### District 54 Ottawa Rideau

I am an Alcoholic; DCM for District 54, Ottawa/Rideau and my name is Greg C.

District 54 had our first meeting of the New Year on Thursday. As we tried last year, some of us met an hour early to read the service manual. This process was well received last year, and I hope for the same results this year. There were a lot of new faces around the table as most of the GSR's rotated. We have two open positions at the table, but we have tentative volunteers for these jobs. We approved our proposed budget for the coming year and everything looks in order.

We closed 2010 with a very successful "Alkathon". We had plenty of donations of food and money, lots of volunteer helpers, and even more willing participants.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful 2011.

Yours in service,  
Greg C.

### District 58 Ottawa Bytown

Read by John V. Alternate DCM

Good morning my name is Bonnie F., currently serving as the DCM for District 58, member of the Uptown Group, and I am an alcoholic. Our first district meeting of the New Year will take place this Monday January 10, 2011. We are seeking individuals to fill the position of CPC and Grapevine Rep.

Our finances remain in good standing with a prudent reserve and rent paid for the coming year.

The holiday was made a little less stressful this year by all the volunteers at the Alkathon and the 4 hours of meetings. The spirit of service is alive and well in Ottawa.

With 6 groups in regular attendance and 35 groups in the District, we hope to increase the number of groups who attend the District meeting.

Looking forward to the upcoming term

Yours in service,  
Bonnie F.

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### District 62 Ottawa West

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. This is my first Area Meeting as a DCM and I am grateful for being here and being of some service to AA. I'm accompanied here today by our new Alt/DCM Sue B.

Our first District meeting in our new positions will occur this coming Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 so all I can report on at this time is how we ended off 2010 and how we look going into 2011.

Both are favorable:

We ended off a very successful year in all Service Committees however in my opinion special kudos have to be given to PIC who spread the AA message in Ottawa and surrounding areas through a number of campaigns

Financially; group contributions in 2010 were higher than in any previous year and we ended up the year with a bank balance of approximately \$2,500.00. I'm sure that, as has occurred in previous years, a motion will be made to contribute at least \$1,000.00 split We ended off a very successful year in all Service Committees however in my opinion special kudos have to be given to PIC who across Area 83 and GSO.

At our elections all committee member positions were filled and representatives to all Service Committees were elected, so we are moving forward fully loaded, and yet sober.

I look forward to reporting on some positive achievements at future Area meetings.

Yours in service  
Ian B.

### District 66 Golden Triangle

Good morning everyone. I am an alcoholic, a member of the Seaway Group in Brockville and currently serving as District Committee Member of Golden Triangle, District 66, and my name is Gary. District 66 was turned over to me in very good shape, thanks to the outgoing District Committee Member Pat C.

Finances are up to par at this time and I am very happy to say that all our positions are filled for the new term. I am also pleased to have our new Alternate District Committee Member Terry with me today. I am very excited about getting to work with all the new Area Committee, Group Service Representatives, and groups in District 66.

We are having our annual District 66 round up in April, and I would like to invite everyone to come and join us for a day of fun, food, and good fellowship. Well that is it for me right now.

Yours in love and service,

Gary

### District 70 Renfrew Pontiac

Good day fellow members. I am Terry C., I am a member of the Arnprior Steps and Traditions group of Alcoholics Anonymous and I am the newly elected District Committee Member from Renfrew-Pontiac District Seventy. Our District Committee has just concluded a very productive two years under out-going Member Jim M. of Cobden, who brought great enthusiasm and know-how to the position.

Attendance at our District Table has averaged over eighty percent during the past year. We ran our annual fall Roundup at Renfrew in October and it was a good success in every way, with large attendance, a lively program and a good financial outcome.

Our next District event will be our annual St. Patrick's Day Round-up at the Renfrew Armories in March.

Our elections produced a full slate of officers for all district positions. All our District positions are filled as are the District Chairs. We have added the position of Registrar to our table for the first time.

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Our treasury is in sound condition and we have forwarded funds both to the Area and to the GSO.

Looking forward to the adventure of serving at the Area Table,

Yours in love and Service,  
Terry C.

### District 74 Pembroke

No Report Submitted

### District 78 Madawaska Valley

Hi everyone, I am an alcoholic, DCM for District 78, Madawaska Valley and my name is Claude L. I am not sure what to put on this report but I will do the best that I can. As a new DCM I am happy to represent the people in my district. As of now all offices are filled that pertain to our district. Some people even volunteered to wear two hats in a couple of cases. I am still not sure I want this position but I know I have the support of the GSRs in the district. They told me they would help me as much as possible.

So far this year, attendance at the meetings has been sporadic because of the holidays, I am hoping. I know there will be anniversaries celebrated in the next few months but I am sorry I do not have a list at this time and hopefully I can update the secretary next week with the dates and so on. The first district meeting that I will be chairing will be tomorrow.

I am glad to say that all districts will be represented at the table. I was looking forward to this meeting as of now because it has taken on new meaning now that I have become DCM. I hope I will be able to be a humble servant to my fellow members in my district.

Yours in love and service  
Claude L.  
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### District 82 Victoria Haliburton

I am an alcoholic, my name is Greg M., DCM for District 82, Victoria Haliburton. We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. There are still a few positions vacant at our table. Financially we are in good shape. Great to see new faces at our district table and I am looking forward to being part of this next term.

Greg M

### District 86 Kawartha

Happy New Year, Everyone! I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Stonewall Group in Peterborough and my name is Gary.

I'm happy to report that all positions have been filled on our District Committee. I'm pleased to introduce our Alt. DCM, Steve L., who is with us today.

Financially our District is in good shape and I must congratulate the outgoing Committee for doing such a great job over the last 2 years. Tomorrow is our first District meeting of this term.

I'll mention a couple of noteworthy items. Our SID will be May 15, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May, at our Intergroup Office in Peterborough. Our Alt. DCM, Steve, will be organizing that and, hopefully, some adjacent Districts can join us to hear our Delegate's Report. I believe it will be his first GSC Report, so come and hear it "hot off the press." Secondly, I'm very pleased to mention that our District Conference will be celebrating its **50<sup>th</sup> year** this coming June, so stay tuned for more information on that. It's been quite a journey from the first Central East Area Conference held at the Empress Hotel in Peterborough in June of 1962 until this year's upcoming Conference.

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 have not received a Public Information Kit from GSO yet, but I did meet with Jim S, our past PI Chair, received all his information, and have started to read it over. I'd like to thank Jim for the time he took to come to my house and share his experience as Area 83 PI chair with me. I've always found it helpful to ask for guidance from someone who has previously held a position. Jim showed me a few things that I was not aware of previously.

I realize that there is more to PI than just making literature available to the Public. This will be a learning experience for me, one that I look forward to. I am ready to work with the Districts in Area 83 to carry the message through Public Information and welcome any suggestions or ideas.

Districts 2, 4, and 6 have invited me to take part in their 'Service in Recovery' day and I look forward to being there on February 12<sup>th</sup>. I ask all District Committee Members to send me contact information for your District PI Chairs so I may keep in touch with them. I will read any Public Information reports I receive and if there is anything I can do to assist your PI Chairs I will make myself available. My email address is [pi@area83aa.org](mailto:pi@area83aa.org). Please share this with your District Secretary or whoever is responsible for sending out your District minutes, I would really enjoy receiving them.

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 have the privilege of serving as your Cooperation with the Professional Community chairperson for the 2011-2012 term and am a member of the Russell Saturday Night Group in District 48.

I would like to welcome all the new District Committee Members and also the new Area Members for this term and look forward to meeting and sharing with you over this two year journey!

I have received my C.P.C. Binder from New York and have been familiarizing myself with it and been working on my presentation for the Area Assembly in Kingston in March 2011.

I have already been scheduled for the District 48 Roundup on February 5, and on February 12 I will be in Toronto for the Districts 2, 4 and 6 Service In Recovery day. Thank you for the invitations. I am looking forward being a part of your events!

I would also like to thank districts 70 and 50 for your District minutes and would appreciate to receive other Districts minutes also. My email is [cpc@area83aa.org](mailto:cpc@area83aa.org).

I have been getting some email concerning the Psychologists Convention in Toronto this June and hope to find more facts on this matter here today.

I will be making a mailing list of all the new District- Cooperation with the Professional Community Representatives and will be contacting them when I receive that information. If your District does not have a C.P.C. Representative as of this date, please let me know his address as soon as you elect one.

In closing I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve and be a part of this "Great Fellowship" we have here in Area 83, I feel so privileged!

With love for the Fellowship and service,  
Herb W.



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c) Corrections Report

Deirdre B.

Good morning my name is Deirdre B and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the One Day At A Time Group in Malton District 02. It is my privilege to serve as Area 83 Correctional Facilities Chair. As we begin this term together, I would like to ask this question, "Is your district ready to put their hand out and assist clients being released from correctional facilities?" It is the District Correction Chair's responsibility to have a "Bridging The Gap – District Contact List". This is a list of AA members and their phone numbers that are willing to take a just released client to their first AA meeting on the outside. For districts without Correctional facilities or Correction Chairs in your district, you are still required to have a "Bridging The Gap – District Contact List". This can be the responsibility of the Alternate DCM, please let me know if this is the case in your district, and who will be the contact. You may ask "Why is this our district's responsibility?" you know your district better than anyone else, you know the AA members in your district whom you can ask to volunteer to do this service and you know the groups in your district. It is important that Correctional clients being released have contact with AA within the first 24 to 48 hours of their release. These individuals have a far better chance for recovery. **"Are we ready?"** I have placed information with respect to the "Bridging The Gap Program" in your folders please ensure this is passed along to your Correctional Facilities Chair.

Please have your District's Contact person contact me with their contact information so I can compile a list of District contacts for "Bridging the Gap". The system should work were District Correctional Facilities Chairs contact other District Correctional Chairs. This is for Correctional Clients being release from a Correctional facility in Area 83 to a district in Area 83. Anxiously I wait for the contact information of the 28 District Correctional Facilities Chairs so we can be prepared.

My attendance at the GTA Correctional meeting on Monday December 6 was a new experience and it was nice to have Peter there. I also attended the GTA Correction meeting January 3, of the 9 GTA districts 4 were represented. Phil the Intergroup Corrections chair explained the different types of facilities within the GTA. An invitation to attend the Service Day for district 2, 4, and 6 was extended to me and I accepted with much anticipation for February 12, 2011 and my first Service Day as Correctional Facilities Chair.

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

God bless each and everyone of you all the best for 2011,  
Deirdre B

d) Treatment Report

Rodney S.

Good morning to all. My name is Rodney S. I am an active member of the Aurora Group in Aurora Ontario and proud to serve as your TF Chair for this term.

At the time of my election a Florida Vacation was planned and so I am unable to be with you today. I will make arrangements to be present next year.

Since my election I have not done very much. However I did receive all the material from Jim S our previous chair and have reviewed the contents of what he passed on to me.

There are several boxes of pamphlets for which I have sorted and counted each one. There are two pamphlet racks and the TF Kiosk. There was also an older copy of the TF Chair handbook and I took the opportunity to read through it from cover to cover. There are many things I understand now that I was unaware of before. Just how they fit in I will pick up along the way.

It is my intention to attend the GTA TF meetings that are held every month. I am also willing to attend any other Intergroup TF meeting that takes place in the Districts. I don't know where they all are so an email with date and time would be appreciated. I would like it if I could make them at least once in a year, time and funds permitting.

I will do my best to make myself available for any events that may occur in the districts. At this point I am aware of one event I plan to attend and that is the 2011 Unity Day which is being planned for September 17<sup>th</sup>. I have been contacted by that committee and told them I would be there.

I hope to get a list of all TF district chairs so that we can start a dialog via email. This is in an effort to see what is going on in the various districts and see if there is anything the Area can do to help in local TF efforts.

I am really looking forward to the next two years as your TF chair. Without having done much I know it will be an experience I wouldn't want to miss.

Happy new year everyone

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Yours in love and service

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e) Grapevine Report

Leo McK

I am an alcoholic any my name is Leo, my home group is the Little Oak Group, in District 82, Victoria-Haliburton. I have been given the privilege of serving as your Chairman of the Grapevine for Area 83 and would like to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve.

Thanks to Heather M., I was invited to a luncheon in Toronto in early December, to meet some of the G.V.S.R.'s from that area and our outgoing Chairlady Ruth, who I will be relying on the knowledge that she has gained from her term and I would like to thank her in advance, as I am sure there will be lots of questions I need to ask.

I have been invited to a "Service in Recovery Day" by District 2, 4 and 6 on February 12 and I am looking forward to my first experience as Grapevine Chair.

I do look forward to working with all of you at this table and the Area as a whole and will try to the very best of my ability to do what is expected, and to get the answers of any questions that may come my way.

Yours in service,  
Leo McK.

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, and I am very excited to be serving you this term as the Area 83 Self Support Chairperson.

I have been going through the Self Support information passed on to me. I have already learned some interesting things! I have been contacted by the DCM and an enthusiastic member of District 12, and I am excited about working with them to ignite self support in that District!

I also received an invitation from Districts 2,4, and 6, to attend a Service in Recovery day on February 12<sup>th</sup>, and am looking forward to attending and participating there! Thanks Dan, Carol, and Scott for the invitation!

In the pamphlet Self Support, where money and spirituality mix Bill W says "Ebby established the principle that AA in action calls for the sacrifice of much time and a little money." I owe AA my life, and i can't think of anything I would rather do that give back! I have much time, and a little money, so this pamphlet is talking about me... you too?  
This pamphlet is a great resource for Self Support, and an invaluable tool! If you do not have one handy, I have brought some along with me, please feel free to take one!

My contact email information is [TBJRuth7395@aol.com](mailto:TBJRuth7395@aol.com), or through the self Support link on the Area 83 website. I would like to encourage the Districts to send me your minutes, so I can follow along what is happening in your Districts in respect to Self Support. If I can be of any help to you, please email me. I would love to hear from you!

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve!  
Ruth F

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**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 had the honour and privilege of serving as your Archives Chair for the next two years.

In the first week of the term, Archives has accomplished a great deal...unlike the other sub-committee chairs. As I am just beginning to acquaint myself with this position, there is not a lot to report. If David T. is not disapproved under New Business I will welcome him as the new Archivist.

In discussions with several members, it has been brought to my attention that we need a better definition of the positions of Archives Chair and Archivist, and a possible plan of succession.

I have read the Archives Guidelines; there does not appear to be a Workbook available on the GSO Website; my first workshop is February 12 at the Districts 2, 4 & 6 Service Day. Elaine H., who is coordinating the event, asked if I had a Power Point Presentation, handouts or a display. The answer was no. Wish me luck.

Yours in Love & Service  
Peter N.

**7. Registrar's Report**

**Tony A.**

Happy New Year!! 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 14 Area Officers (including Webmaster), 2 Past Delegates, 20 DCMs, 13 Alternate DCMs and 3 Visitors. For voting purposes there are 13 Area Officers eligible to vote and 22 DCMs or Alternate DCMs for a total of 35 votes. A total delegation is 50 people.

Kim S. the preceding area registrar has provided me a short training session on the database used by the General Service Office for inputting data. I was shown how to properly enter information into the database and how to download various reports from that system. She has also turned over to me all registrar files, paper work and supplies housed in 4 boxes that she had used during her tenure as area registrar. Soon, I will go to work on sifting through the files and supplies to create a system that will work for me. I plan to have my files stored electronically wherever possible to reduce the amount of paper.

The database software used by GSO is called FNV which stands for Fellowship New Vision. The GSO is going to provide newly elected registrars with 3 comprehensive training webinars during the month of January to help us better understand the FNV database functionality and navigation.

FNV database digital certificates will not be issued until February 1, 2011 and former registrar certificates have been deactivated as of this week. The digital certificates are necessary for users to access the database securely. Therefore, no inputting of new data for groups or districts can be performed until the beginning of February when certificates will then be assigned.

I have already received some New Group Forms and Group Information Change forms to be inputted into the GSO database. These have been put aside will get inputted as soon as I have access and your new GSRs should receive their new GSR kits about a month or so after that. When I have inputting up to date, I will then send out a copy of the updated roster to the districts.

I have updated the Group Change and New Group forms to accommodate my mailing address and email to send updated group changes. I kindly ask that updates or new group forms are sent to me by email and created in a Word format for easier transcription whenever possible. You may also scan and fax if needed to me at 416-924-6149. If you are planning to fax to me, I ask that you call me just prior so I can have my machine turned on to receive the fax.

The email address to submit changes and new group information to the area registrar is [registrar@area83aa.org](mailto:registrar@area83aa.org). I will also submit the edited forms to the area webmaster so these forms can be posted on our Area 83 website and easily downloadable. There really is not much more to report and I am yet again delighted to have the opportunity and privilege to be of service.

YIL&S,  
Tony A. Registrar-Area 83 International

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**8. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jim A.

Happy New Year's to you and your groups everyone. I am an alcoholic and my name is Jim A. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as the Area Treasurer for this term

I would like to start by thanking Joyce and you, Deirdre, for all your guidance and council over the past few weeks. Deirdre has passed the torch and a ton of files. I am well on my way to completing the 2011 spending guideline that will be presented at the 2011 Spring Assembly in Kingston this March. My goal is to have a final draft by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, and out to the DCM's.

I have sent the contribution split information to the current DCM's. I will send it again directly to the District Treasurer's once that contact information has been compiled.

And now for something completely different. A report on last year's financial results as compiled by Deirdre. I have placed a four page report in each of your folders including a copy for the Alt DCMs.

The first page is a summary of the entire year's Cash flows. The reserve account remains at \$20,000.00 as per the directive of the Oct 2008 Assembly. A GIC for the entire amount will mature on March 16, 2011. A standing instruction is in place to transfer any interest received to the operating account. Moving to the income section, you can see the the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition collected from these meetings and the Area assemblies; group/district contributions of \$49,051.07, down from \$54,446 in 2009. Grapevine seasonal and GSO flow through figures are also to be found on the expense side because these items are only held in trust temporally. Thanks to a strengthening \$CAD, it cost less to buy the USD funds to pay for the bulk order of GV pocket planners and calendars, than was estimated when the prices were set. This is what the \$687.52 figure for Grapevine cost recovery represents. Total inflows to the operating account were \$62,267.

To the expenses section, which totaled \$63,971.11. Notable figures are the \$5000 contributions to GSO, \$4345.37 for hosting the Ontario Delegates Conference in Ottawa, and \$225 for this Area share of the Eastern Canada Region's hospitality suite at the San Antonio International Conference. The purchase of a laptop computer dedicated exclusively to the Registrar, as per the September 2010 Area committee meeting, is included in the \$3309.58 miscellaneous total. The remaining items are the committee expenses for 2010, which were significantly lower than the previous year.

Great care and consideration of the Area's financial resources was evident last year. The message of being fully self supporting was practiced by Service Days that invited Area Officers to attend. These committees made great efforts to NOT pass costs on to Area.

At the bottom of the page you can see the change in the Operating Account for the year. A beginning balance of \$34,601.90 plus inflows \$62,267.00 less expenditures of \$63,971.11 leaves a balance of \$32,897.79.

The second page is a detailed break down of the expenditures summarized on the first page. Page 3 is the Contributions by Group. Last week Deirdre sent each District an email statement showing the annual contributions by group for that district. This is a practice I will continue.

The last page of your package is a comparison of the Group/District contributions for the years 2009 and 2010. You can see that contributions started to slow down during the fall of 2010 to the point where they were lower than 2009 by \$5415.00

So in summary, 2010 was a successful year. The Area did more using less.

Yours in love and service

James A.  
Area 83 Treasurer

*Seventh Tradition 293.30*

**9. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Kim S.

Since I have become the Area Secretary my life has become very full. Hopefully by everyone has checked their mail folders at the back of the room. You all have a name card. This is helpful when everyone is new. Please place it in front of you so that it is easy to read. In your folders you should have the minutes from our last ACM Dec. 4, 2010, Area Committee Listing, Alternate Webmaster call letter, Recommended Changes to Operating Procedures. All documents have been duplicated. This extra copy is for your Alternate DCM. Also there is a District Service Roster. What you see on your roster is the information I have. If there are positions in your district that are filled and it is not on the roster, either complete the information on the District Change form or on the roster and send it to me.

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At the December ACM, Joyce put a District Change in each of the District slots. If you do not have one, I do have some with me today or I am happy to email you one. The sooner I get the information the sooner everyone will get their kits. Even though there will not be access to the GSO database until Feb does not mean that I will not get entered sooner. I will send all the completed forms to GSO via email and they will enter it for me. That way everyone will get their kits ASAP.

Please send me your reports electronically if possible. This is helpful when doing the minutes.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

Yours in service  
Kim S  
Secretary-Area 83  
Eastern Ontario, International

**10. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT**

Mel C

Good morning everyone, my name is Mel C. and I am an alcoholic. Good to be here, good to be sober. My group is the "The Hill Group" in District 12, Toronto Southwest and if you are ever in the area of St. Clair Avenue and Avenue Road in Toronto on a Thursday night around 8:30 pm, please drop in, it would be my pleasure to welcome you and make you feel at home.

I've spent the last 5 weeks looking ahead and trying to figure out now what it is I want to be able to say to you in December of 2012, at our last ACM of the term.

I hope I am able to say that though it may seem I have been quietly sitting on the right hand of Robb fetching coffee, I have also produced 11 Alternate Delegate Reports for you to hear - 4 for Assemblies and 7 for Area Committee Meetings like this one (6 to go). And I hope that they are filled with content and not just promises of what I wanted or intended to do.

I expect I will be asked to design four Assembly workshops that the Alternate Delegate is traditionally asked to run, often on the Concepts, but that will be up to the committee formed today. I look forward to doing that if I am asked. On that note, the Service Information Day committee is a pretty special place to be – if you are on the fence about letting your name stand, throw it in the pot. God will let you know whether you should be there or not!

I hope to have done some measurable work around building strong and healthy relationship with the various Intergroups operating within our boundaries. Toronto, Ottawa, Peterborough and Kingston. Service arms that work in concert have a far greater chance of helping the still suffering alcoholic out there. I am going to quietly try to educate the Intergroups on what we as an Area have to offer.

I also hope to be able to say that I have done some genuine and important work around our Remote Communities responsibility to AA as a whole. We have remote communities in our Area in the form of language, heritage and disability barriers – so I can be active in those forums. As well, much like a District without an actual prison will have a Corrections Chair anyway; we need to do our part to help fellow AA members in far-away places – in the traditional "remote communities" sense. Thanks to Robb including me, I have already participated in one conference call with RC people from 6 or 7 Areas bounding the north. It was amazing to be listening to the Delegate in Alaska and the Alternate Delegate in North Western Quebec speak about their roles in trying to carry the message to the far, far north. I hope we can do our part there.

And did I mention getting coffee for Robb?

Finally, as I stated in my parting Chairperson's report, I'd like to see what I can do about lighting up our Dark Districts. They have been on my mind ever since I came to this table and in the role of Alternate Delegate; I think I have the opportunity to try to sort out where we are there. More on this initiative to follow.

Anyway – all of these things will keep me busy, along with occasionally filling in for Robb whenever he asks but what I want to say today is that if you have a question that comes to mind, either from your group or your District or just on the fly in your own mind and you think I might be able to have a good comment, please email or call me. I have learned so much exploring our programme through the concerns of others and would love to have the opportunity to talk about any aspect of our programme with you. The more off beat, the more Tradition or Concepts centred the better!

Apparently I am the Maytag repairman of the front table and you know what they say ... idle hands are the devil's workshop! Thank you for your trust,

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Yours in Love and Service,

Mel C.  
Alternate Delegate, Area 83  
Eastern Ontario International

**11. DELEGATE'S REPORT**

Robb W

Pass the towel to Mel C. Alternate Delegate.

Good Morning, I am an alcoholic, an active member of the Streetsville Group in District 06 Mississauga and have the privilege of serving you as your Panel 61 Delegate. My name is Robb W.

I have lots to share even though my job started only one week ago today!

The General Service Conference runs on the committee system – there are 13 standing committees ranging from Agenda, Correctional Facilities, Literature, Trustees, to International Conventions/Regional Forums. These committees are mirrored, by and large, with Trustee's committees. Conference committees do most of their work during the Conference week; the Trustee's committees work throughout the year, getting together during board weekends.

Each new Delegate is assigned to a Conference committee for their two-year term. I have been assigned to the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee. As my service sponsor tells me some Delegates are given the privilege of being assigned to two. I have been afforded that privilege and assigned to the Archives Committee as well.

Currently, the agenda for the CPC Committee is (1) Review the contents of the CPC Workbook and (2) Review the concept of a compilation CD of CPC Literature.

The Archives committee is a secondary committee which will meet only once during the conference over dinner with the Trustees Archives Committee members. This may change between now and the Conference as the experience at the last conference was that it was challenging to get things done as many of those involved were meeting for the first time and everyone was eating dinner. The Chair of the Conference Committee for Archives will be at the Board weekend at the end of this month and this will be one of the items discussed. The only things on the agenda for this committee are (1) Review the Archives Workbook and (2) Review the Scope and Procedure for this committee.

In this electronic era, I do not have to sit waiting for the FedEx or UPS truck to arrive bearing numerous boxes of information. All the information I need is available at my fingertips (on the keyboard) via the Delegate dashboard on the GSO web site. I have spent the last week and a half going through all the information that I need to attend the conference.

During the Conference week, there are presentations and discussion sessions as well as a workshop that focus on the theme of the Conference. This year's theme is "We are Responsible for A.A.'s Future – Let it Begin With Us", and we have been given a number of topics to consider. I have placed in each DCM's mailbox a letter outlining the questions related to this year's conference theme. I would appreciate it if you could take these back to your districts and discuss them so you can provide me with feedback prior to the conference in May. I would be grateful for input from anyone. You are sending me to the Conference to represent Area 83, and to carry and report this Area's conscience on questions and concerns. In order for me to do that effectively, I'll need your input.

For the Area Sub-Committee Chairs, if you would like the Conference agenda items and background information for your Committee, please let me know and I'll download it from the Dashboard and make it available to you. I can burn it onto a CD, email it to you or, if the data is too large to email, print it out for you.

The Delegates from the four Ontario Areas including, Area 84 (Northeast Ontario), Area 85 (Northwest Ontario) and Area 86 (Western Ontario) will be getting together the weekend of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> at the Ontario Delegates' Committee meeting, in Brantford, Ontario this year, to work and review issues of interest to AA in Ontario. Every member of A.A. is welcome to attend this weekend. Please pass this information on to your District tables. As the meeting is in Brantford this year, it's accessible to a large portion of the membership. I hope to see many of you there.

I hope to have a better handle on things by the Spring Assembly. In the mean time, I plan on producing a "Delegates Newsletter" to keep the fellowship in Area 83 informed as to what I'm doing. There is a copy in your mailbox. Please share this with your District as well and, if anyone is interested, they can send me an email and I'll include them on the distribution list. I would prefer that this be an email newsletter mainly to keep costs down. It's also a little easier for me!

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I know that the Conference is not until May this year but it's never too late to start checking dates with me for my Conference report. I have already got the whole month of May booked! Better late than never!

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in this role. When I came to my first assembly a dozen or so years ago, I was looking forward to a couple of fun years. I can't tell you how much being a part of this great Area has changed my life. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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:** Linda D. A DCM, District 34

**Seconded:** Patrick F. DCM, District 18

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Carried

## 12. OLD BUSINESS

- 1      Revisit voting-eligibility committee's recommendations      Area Committee

Kim has put copies of the recommendations in all the folder's. They were also passed out last year so hopefully everyone has had a chance to review them.

May I have a motion to have it added to the agenda for the Spring 2011 Assembly?

Motioned: Carol J., DCM ,District 04

Seconded: Diane M.,DCM, District 26

No Discussion

Result: Carried

## 13. NEW BUSINESS

1.      **Appointment of Signing Authorities**      Jim A

**Motion:** My name is Jim A., Treasurer, Area 83: "I move that in addition to my Signature, we appoint Kim S., Area 83 Secretary and Patrick F., DCM District 18, as the secondary signing authorities for Area 83 for the 2011 / 2012 Term.

Seconded by John V. District 58.

Approved with 2 abstentions

2.      **Appointment of Auditors, 2009-2010 Finances**      Jim A

**Motion:** My name is Jim A., Treasurer, Area 83. I move we appoint Vince R., DCM District 10 and Dan N., DCM, District 2 as auditors to assist me in auditing Area 83's books for the years 2009 /2010"

*There was discussion as to whether the incoming Treasurer should be part of the auditing process. The sense of the room was the treasurer should not be a part of the auditing process.*

*Herb W. made a motion to have a third person (instead of Jim and excluding himself) to audit the Area 83 books for the years*

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2009/2010.

Seconded by Gerry St.L. DCM District 48.

Passed with one abstention

Heather M. DCM District 12 was approved as the third person to audit the books.

**3. Area 83 Archivist discussion**

**Joyce S**

With consultation with the Area Committee I put forward David T.'s name for disapproval for the position of Area 83 Archivist.

Unanimously Approved: David thanked the committee for the opportunity to serve.

**3.(1) Resignation of Area 83 Webmaster, Vince R. and the disapproval of appointment of Todd S.**

No disapproval

***(New call letter for Alternate Webmaster issued with expiry date of May 14, 2011)***

3.(2) "Area 83 cover the expense of sending our Alternate Delegate to the First Canadian Eastern Arctic Convention in Iqaluit June 24-26, 2011".

Robb W.

Robb W. Area 83 Delegate made the motion. Diane M., DCM District 26 seconded the motion. Small discussion ensued. Vote: All in favour with 2 abstentions.

**4. Election of Service Information Day Committee**

**Area Committee**

**Area Chairperson read the following:**

**APPENDIX THREE**

**Election of the Service Information Day Committee:**

6 District Committee Members are elected at the first meeting of a new Delegate term (January Area Committee Meeting of odd years) to serve as the organizing committee of the assembly weekend service day (see appendix for guidelines)

**Eligibility:**

All District Committee Members in Area 83. Alternate DCMs are not eligible to stand.

**Voting:**

All DCMs, their alternates if DCM is absent, all Area sub-committee chairpersons, and all area officers except the Chairperson.

**Procedure:**

Nominations from the floor.

Carol J. DCM District 04 was nominated by Deirdre B., Corrections Chair

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Gary O., DCM District 14 was nominated by Linda D, Alt DCM, District 34  
Gerry St. L. DCM District 48 was nominated by Herb W, Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair  
Dan N. DCM District 02 was nominated by Heather M., DCM District 12  
Cathie D., DCM District 22 was nominated by Heather M., DCM District 12  
Ian B. DCM District 62 was nominated by Greg C., DCM District 54  
Roxane T., DCM District 36 was nominated by Claude L., DCM District 78  
Dianne MacL. DCM District 26 was nominated by Rob McA., PI Chair  
Patrick F., DCM, District 18 was nominated by Gerry St. L., DCM, District 48  
Vince R., DCM District 10 was nominated by Patrick F., DCM District 18  
Scott M., DCM District 06 was nominated by Miles C., DCM District 30  
Heather M., DCM District 12 was nominated by Scott M. DCM District 06  
Miles C., DCM District 30 was nominated by Heather M., DCM District 12  
Greg C., DCM District 54 was nominated by John V. Alt DCM District 58 (DCM was not present)

Since there were more than 6 members nominated:

- Each nominee shall give a short resume
- Each voting member shall be given a ballot
- One name shall be written on the ballot
- Election is by plurality (top 6 vote counts successful)

Congratulations to the six District Committee Members who will be serving on the Service Information Day Committee for the term 2011-2012.

Vince R., DCM District 10  
Heather M., DCM District 12  
Gary O. DCM District 14  
Diane M., DCM District 26  
Miles C., DCM District 30  
Gerry St. L., DCM District 48

Can you please stay for a few minutes after we close the meeting today so that I can give each of you a copy of the Service Information Day Guidelines. You will also be choosing who will be your Chairperson and Secretary for the term.

Herb W. Chair, Cooperation With the Professional Community made a motion to destroy the ballots. Claude L. DCM, District 78, seconded and all in favor with one abstention. Ballots were destroyed.

**Secretary's Note:**

After the Area Committee Meeting the Service Information Day Committee met and Heather M. was elected from the hat and is the Service Information Day Chair for the 2011/2012 term.

## 14. SHARING – WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

## 15. NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Joyce S. – Area Chairperson

The next meeting will be held here at this location, Westminster United Church on Saturday June 4, 2011

Moved: Milner G. DCM District 42  
Seconded: Carol J. DCM District 04  
Approved: All in favour

***Just a reminder that the Spring Assembly is March 25, 26 & 27, 2011.***

## 16. CLOSING

It is now 2:55 p.m. and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you all a safe drive home.

Motioned: Patrick F. District 18  
Seconded: John V. District 58  
No Discussion  
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

EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83	
AS OF: December 29, 2010	
- RESERVE ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2010	\$ 20,000.00
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>
INCOME	
7th Tradition	\$ 5,849.95
Cost Recoveries (Grapevine)	687.52
Grapevine Seasonal	5,237.67
Group & District Contributions	49,051.07
GSO Flow Through	670.00
Interest (261.49 + 358.07+ 151.23)	770.79
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$ 62,267.00</b>
EXPENSES	
Accommodations	\$ 6,785.29
Meals	8,531.41
Travel	14,533.46
Long Distance	30.60
Postage	318.17
Printing	4,508.89
Literature	2,260.97
Stationary	616.27
Miscellaneous	3,309.58
Ad-Hoc Committee	43.96
Area Committee Meetings	689.92
Area GSO Contribution	5,000.00
Bank Service Charge (new cheques)	124.61
Forums	884.02
Grapevine Seasonal	5,237.67
GSO Assesment	5,855.92
GSO Flow Through	670.00
Ontario Delegate Conference	4,345.37
San Antonio Hospitality Suite	225.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 63,971.11</b>
OPERATING ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2010	\$ 34,601.90
Total Income & Transfers	+ 62,267.00
Total Expenses	- (63,971.11)
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$ 32,897.79</b>

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<b>GROUP &amp; DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL</b> <b>2010 YEAR TO DATE</b> <b>AS AT Dec 29, 2010</b>
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			<u>TOTAL</u>
District	02	Malton	\$ 2,796.84
District	04	Humber	505.56
District	06	Mississauga	3,551.31
District	10	Toronto South Central	2,225.04
District	12	Toronto South West	1,520.58
District	14	Toronto North Central	3,669.05
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	423.56
District	18	Toronto City East	3,055.42
District	22	Scarborough	1,725.55
District	26	Lakeshore West	1,987.53
District	28	Lakeshore East	2,013.84
District	30	Quinte West	1,130.00
District	34	Quinte East	1,455.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	3,360.00
District	38	Thousand Islands	
District	42	St. Lawrence International	405.65
District	46	St. LawrenceAdirondack	
District	48	Seaway Valley North	1,020.00
District	50	Cornwall	682.67
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	3,813.50
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	178.79
District	62	<del>Ottawa West</del>	<del>2,690.18</del>
District	66	Golden Triangle	2,705.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	1,756.00
District	74	Pembroke	2,060.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	355.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	1,950.00
District	86	Kawartha	<u>2,015.00</u>
Total Contributions YTD:			\$ <u><u>49,051.07</u></u>

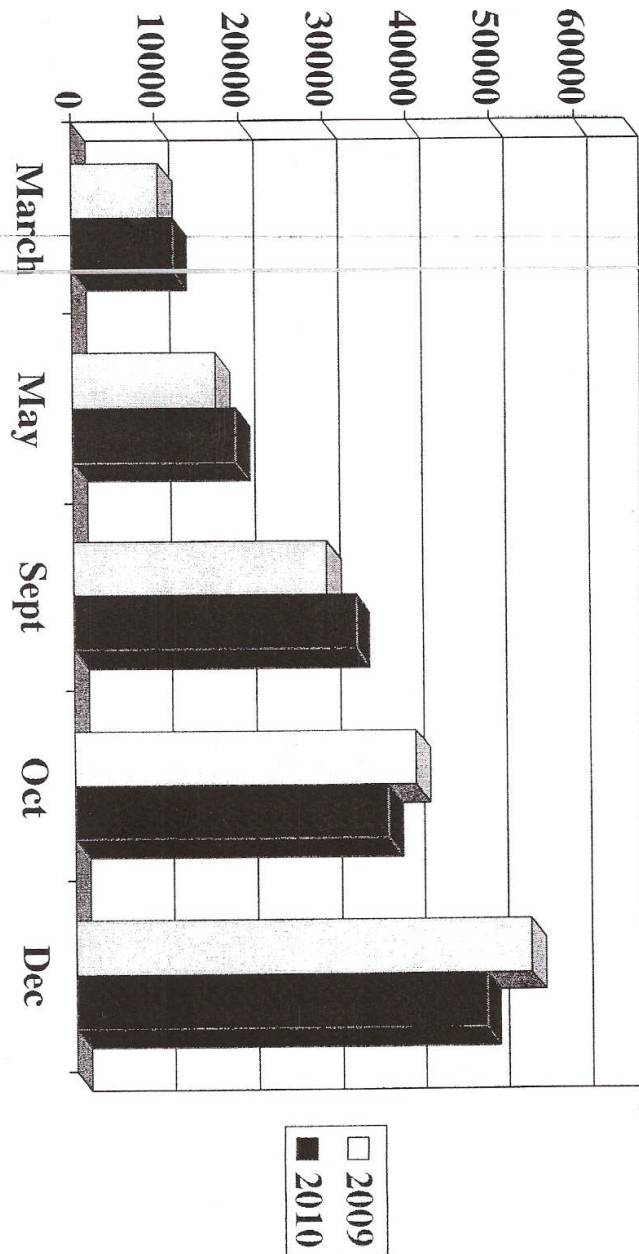


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Position	Hotel	Meals	T.avel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	2010 Guideline	Balance + / -	% Spent YTD
Delegate	294.31	187.14	2,047.75	27.00	38.26	313.01		10.16	50.00	2,604.62	2,930.00	325.38	88.89%
Alternate Delegate		69.92	1,025.50			29.38	66.16		9.49	1,458.43	1,500.00	41.57	97.23%
Immediate Past Delegate		210.19	34.40			36.16				449.62	1,320.00	870.38	34.06%
Chairperson		234.12	926.10							1,196.38	1,370.00	173.62	87.33%
Secretary		216.44	598.50			3,116.10		85.27		4,016.31	4,260.00	243.69	94.28%
Treasurer		102.50	920.50		249.46	320.11		75.32	22.59	1,690.48	1,305.00	(385.48)	129.54%
Registrar		229.85				220.25		345.19		1,255.01	2,050.30	890.00	230.37%
Area Web Site/Web Master			415.80							559.24	600.00	40.76	93.21%
Archives	36.18	219.88	1,397.32			6.10	(3.00)		86.82	1,643.30	2,005.00	361.70	81.96%
Archivist	457.58	236.05	950.39			71.39	115.14	48.92	548.39	2,427.86	1,565.00	(862.86)	155.13%
Cooperation with the P.C.		148.92	457.10				69.25			675.27	1,440.00	764.73	46.89%
Correctional Facilities		205.91	1,337.40				871.33			2,114.64	1,820.00	(294.64)	116.19%
Grapevine		126.66	704.90		13.39	112.19	7.00	51.41	(300.00)	715.55	1,365.00	649.45	52.42%
Public Information	92.40	178.47	1,075.20	3.60		62.37	47.55		172.40	1,631.99	1,725.00	93.01	94.61%
Self-Support		152.20	781.90			116.74	265.96			1,050.84	1,440.00	389.16	72.98%
SID Committee	2,080.90	452.72	316.70		17.06	105.09	821.58			3,738.43	5,045.00	1,306.57	74.10%
Treatment Facilities		34.00	1,344.00							2,199.58	2,670.00	470.42	82.38%
Spring Assembly	1,911.96	2,632.46							575.64	5,120.06	5,500.00	379.94	93.09%
Fall Assembly	1,911.96	2,893.98							745.80	5,551.74	5,500.00	(51.74)	100.94%
TOTAL COMMITTEE EXP:	6,785.29	8,531.41	14,333.46	30.60	318.17	4,508.89	2,260.97	616.27	3,309.58	40,894.64	44,250.00	3,355.36	92.42%
Ad-Hoc Committees						43.96				43.96		(43.96)	0.00%
Area Committee Meetings	601.20	88.72								689.92	704.80	14.88	97.89%
Area GSO Donations									5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Bank Service Charges								114.03	10.58	124.61	134.03	9.42	0.00%
Forums	482.02	110.72	311.28							884.02	2,400.00	1,515.98	36.83%
Grapevine Seasonal									5,237.67	5,237.67	7,000.00	1,762.33	74.82%
GSO Assessment										5,855.92	5,855.92	0.00	100.00%
GSO Flow Through								670.00		670.00		0.00	0.00%
Ontario Delegate Conference	1,906.24	1,033.35	1,265.18					38.61	101.99	4,345.37	4,345.37	0.00	100.00%
San Antonio Hospitality	225.00									225.00			
TOTAL OTHER EXP:	3,194.46	1,232.79	1,576.46	0.00	0.00	43.96	0.00	152.64	11,020.24	23,076.47	25,440.12	2,363.65	0.00%
Guideline Total	9,979.75	9,764.20	16,109.92	30.60	318.17	4,552.85	2,260.97	768.91	14,329.82	63,971.11	69,690.12	5,719.01	
INCOME													
7th Tradition	5,849.95												
Bank Interest	770.79												
Contributions	49,051.07												
Cost Recoveries	687.52												
Grapevine Seasonal	5,237.67												
GSO Flow Through	670.00												
TOTAL INCOME:	62,267.00												

Total Income \$62,267.00  
Total Expense (\$63,971.11)  
Loss for period: (\$1,704.11)

## Area 83 Contributions



## Appendix B - Area 83 Alternate Web Master

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At the 2005 Fall Assembly, the position of Alternate Area Web Master was created:

*"The Alternate Area Web Master appointment is to be approved or re-approved by the Area Committee every 2 years. The Alternate Web Master shall be responsible for maintaining and updating the Area 83 Web Site, under the guidance of the Area Committee in the event that the Area Web Master cannot fulfill their duties."*

Some of the qualities most desirable in the individual who will fill the vacancy are:

- To be experienced with software used in creating and maintaining a web site.
- To be experienced and comfortable working within the committee system.
- To be familiar with the A.A. traditions, particularly as they relate to anonymity.

The attached resume form should be completed by applicants for the vacancy and returned to:

Joyce S

Resumes' can be emailed to: **[chairperson@area83aa.org](mailto:chairperson@area83aa.org)**

All resumes' are to be received by May 14, 2011.