

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Area Committee Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2013

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1. Opening

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

Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions: Sean K., Alternate District Committee Member of District 12

12 Concepts (Short Form): Chris H., Alternate District Committee Member of District 06

Welcome to Quinte West – This is our second Area Committee meeting of the new term. This is your meeting and is an opportunity for you to share what is happening in your Districts and Committees. Remember that this is YOUR Area committee – it is where recommendations to the Assembly are discussed and formulated, where tasks assigned by the Assembly are carried out. It is where your questions are answered and your concerns addressed. So please feel free to voice any concerns or questions you may have. There may be someone in the room who has the same question or concern and it always helps to share. It is important for us all to think of our First Tradition - "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity." If we work together in a spirit of cooperation, the next 18 months will provide continued strength and direction to A.A. in Area 83 and, for each of us, untold personal growth and the satisfaction of a job well done. I don't know about you but I have already been experiencing the personal growth phase of my new job and I have no doubt that it will continue!

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.

Introduce officers

(If you could hold any applause you might want to give until the end it will speed things up)

On my immediate right, our	Panel 63 Delegate	Mel C
On Mel's right, our	Alternate Delegate	Joyce S
On my immediate left is our	Secretary	Tony A
Beside Tony is our	Treasurer	Rob M
Beside Rob is our	Registrar	Scott M
Across the way, our Panel 61	Immediate Past Delegate	Rob W
And I am your	Area 83 Chairperson	Kim S

Area Committee Chairpersons – Again, please hold any applause you might want to give until the end.

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

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Introduce Past Delegates, People with appointed Area Service Positions and long time Service visitors.

Today we have:

Panel 49 Past Delegate - Barry W.

Panel 53 Past Delegate - Roy R.

Panel 57 Past Delegate - Dot D.

Appointed positions:

Area Archivist – David T.

Area Webmaster – Todd S.

This is your Area Officers and Chairs 2013 and 2014

Housekeeping:

Our meeting schedule up to and including the tentative dates to the end of January 2014 will be included in the minutes. Last term's chair Joyce secured our meetings and Assemblies up to and including March 2014. The next Area Assembly and Service Information Day will be in Kingston on the weekend of October 25, 26 & 27, 2013.

Year	Month	Date	What	Where
2013	June	June 01	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
	September	September 07	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
	October	October 25, 26, 27	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
2014 (tentative)	January	January 04	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
2014 (tentative)	March	March 28,29,30	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston

Food:

Lunch has been arranged by District Committee Member of District 34, Linda D. at a cost of \$5.00, per serving. Please put your money for lunch in the buckets supplied near the lunch table.

Seating:

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

Who votes?

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

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How do we vote?

Procedure:

Alcoholics Anonymous has traditionally made decisions by 'substantial unanimity'. In practice, this has translated to 2/3 majority. At times, I may ask for a show of hands to get a 'sense of the meeting'. This is not a vote, and anyone may raise his or her hand. I believe that the first part of the agenda today can be handled under simple majority. *The items under new business are of such a nature to be under 2/3 majority and I will ask for a motion when we get to that point in the agenda.* If, at any time, you think that we should move to a 2/3 majority, please make the motion.

Minority Opinion:

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

Calling the Question:

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

Who may address the committee meeting?

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

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

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

Floor Motions

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

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

May I have a motion for simple majority

Moved: Linda D., District Committee Member of District 34
Seconded: Gary O., Area Corrections Chair
Vote: Favour - Unanimous; Opposed – 0; Abstentions - 0
Result: **Carried**

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2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

None

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED UNDER NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM

None

Agenda Amendment - Chair asked to change item numbers under the agenda from 13.1, 2 3, etc. to 13.a, b, c, etc.

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

Moved: Elaine H., District Committee Member of District 06
Seconded: James O., District Committee Member of District 10
Vote: In Favour – Unanimous; Opposed – 0; Abstentions - 0
Motion: Carried

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETING January 5, 2013.

Minutes of the January 5th meeting were distributed by Tony through email and also a hard copy was placed in your folders at the Spring Assembly in March. As everyone had a chance to review them?

I would entertain a motion to accept the January 5, 2013 Area Committee meeting minutes as submitted (or amended)

Motion: ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETING January 5, 2013
Moved: Sandra B., District Committee Member of District 86
Seconded: Gary C., Area Archives Chair
Vote: Carried

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5. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS (Sequence of reports to be drawn from the hat)

We have requested written reports from all Committee members, including District Committee Members. Members are asked to keep in mind the 2 minute time limit for verbal reports. Written reports may be as long as you like and will be included in the minutes in their entirety, if given to Tony A our secretary.

I would ask members to come up front to the mic to give their report. Order is determined by the chair drawing names from the bag. I will announce who is on and who is on deck. If you are "on deck", can you come up to the front and be ready to present when the 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

District 02 District Committee Member Robert B. of the Rexdale United Group. Corrections: TWDC is scheduled to close February 2014. Ontario Correctional Institute 3 AA meetings a week are all going well. Treatment: Meetings going very well at Brampton detox. Gift of Life noon meeting we share with other districts we will see how things go. Rexdale United Group to cover for the month of August. CPC: We voted to support District 06 bring a friend. Little feedback from the letters sent to Gurdwara's in District 02. Public Information: AA literature will be placed in existing police racks. District 02 Service Day: November 2, 2013 at Emmanuel United Church located at 420 Balmoral Drive in Brampton.

Bridging the Gap Corrections Contact Person: All same Correctional Chair:

Jim R: 647-283-1442 or email: rees_jr@yahoo.ca

Alternate Correctional Chair:

Bob E: 416-809-6698 or email: bob.ewing@sympatico.ca

Bridging the Gap Treatment Chair:

Shane H. has stepped down due to work commitments

New Treatment Chair Contact is Glenn 289-752-1000; cell 416-522-0269

Alternate Treatment Chair:

Shiela W: 905-454-7545 or email: spendock@hotmail.com

Thank you,

Robert B., District Committee Member of District 02

District 06 - Mississauga

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

Our District is in excellent shape in terms of attendance at the District table, the support received from groups in the District and our financial commitments to Area and GSO. I am excited to report that all 17 Committee chair and alternate chair plus Intergroup Liaison positions are filled – first time I can remember in my years at the table!

Our Committees are active and are participating in Toronto Intergroup and other GTA Committees. We continue to carry the message in Treatment weekly service at the Cawthra with shelter and the Jean Tweed Centre and we share a commitment with Districts 2 and 14 at the Gift of Life meeting. Our Treatment Chair has also been busy recruiting Bridging the Gap Temporary Contacts and in connecting them with clients returning to our district from treatment facilities. We are active in correctional facilities both in and outside our district. Our Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee is working on plans and partnering with District 2, for a Bring a Friend meeting, now planned for November.

District 6 table was well represented in the Toronto area Information AA Day held last Saturday – our Alternate DCM Chris served as Treasurer, one of our General Service Representative's Karen D was lunch coordinator and I served this year as chair – and

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several others were there as volunteers – Mel gave a great report on the General Service Conference and Joyce participated in a general service/Intergroup presentation.

Following the Spring assembly, we asked our General Service Representatives to take to their groups the question of whether Area 83 should offer to host the 2015 CERAASA. At our last meeting, the District table supported Area 83 hosting this event.

We have one new meeting up and running in our District – and there are two other new meetings in the Oakville area – not sure whether they will land with us or our neighbour to the west but Mel and I have both been in touch and I will be talking with them again.

Plans are well in hand for the Mississauga Fall Round Up to be held on Saturday, October 5th – more info to come. You can follow what's going on in our District on our website – aamississauga.org.

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

District 10 - Toronto South Central

Good afternoon. My name is James O. and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Rainbow Group which meets every Friday at 8:30pm at the 519 Community Centre. For the 2013-2014 term I am also privileged to serve as the District Committee Member for District 10 in Area 83 – Toronto South Central.

Here is an overview of where our District is at...

- Group change forms have been distributed to all General Service Representatives and we are doing our best to get all this information back to the Area in a proper format.
- Financially we are doing very well. After finally cleaning up our books from last year (and of course reviewing imminent expenses) we found that we had a large surplus. The “great debate” began about how much and where to spend/distribute our new found wealth and the whole discussion was quashed by our guidelines which spell out specifically how our group conscience decided to divvy up the funds. The Area treasurer will be very pleased.
- Guidelines....guidelines are very important. From our experience it has helped us avoid repetitive discussions about things we have already agreed upon and keeps our group efforts focused on carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic – and this is why we are all here. If you don't have them, think about it. It is working for us.
- Service meetings: we have four at the present time; two at CAMH, one at Women's Own and the last one at Harboursight. We have been approached by Covenant House to put on a meeting there about which we are very excited. They have requested that we send speakers of any age but those attending the meeting must be 25 or younger. They also may want to be listed on the Intergroup website under the meeting section. We are continuing discussions with them keeping in mind our Traditions to which we hold so dear and the requirements of Intergroup. In any case it is an honor bestowed upon AA as a whole to be asked to come into their facility.
- Bridging the Gap – We are seeing a lot more of Bridging the Gap requests finally coming into our District for both Correctional and Treatment areas. We had one communication snag but the Area Corrections chair contacted me directly and it was resolved in a matter of hours.
- Thank you for your attention and the opportunity to address you today on behalf of my District.

James O., District Committee Member for District 10

District 12 - Toronto South West

My name is Greg H. and I'm an alcoholic and a member of the Hill Group in District 12. The first thing that I would like to do is introduce our Alternate District Committee Member Shawn who is here with us today.

Toronto South West is doing very well and we have 12 active groups attending our monthly meetings and we keep them active. We have a couple of sub-committee positions vacant and last night we had no takers on the horizon but that has changed. So, there is an archives alert out in District 12 and there are a couple of others and we will keep working on those.

We currently have 11 service meetings that we oversee and provide literature for and of those meetings 6 are in a monthly rotation service by the groups; 4 of those meetings are taken by groups permanently for their service and we have 1 small meeting at the native friendship centre that we provide literature for and support where we can.

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It's heartwarming at the district table to watch the small groups that we have who are wanting to do service and cannot do a full month and so they are bargaining with other groups to share a service commitment. It shows how committed and active the district wants to be.

We have enough finances to meet our needs and we passed a brand new policy and procedure document which went smoothly. We will be taking a summer hiatus and will be back in September.

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

District 14 - Toronto North Central

I am an alcoholic member of the Aurora group, serving as District 14's District Committee Member; my name is Gord M.

All of our Officer and Sub-committee Chair positions are presently filled. Finances are strong with rent paid in advance for one year; we will be allocating and sending funds to GSO and A83 at our June's meeting. District 14 meetings are well attended @ 78% + of our active groups.

Our sub-committee chairs are attending the meetings at GTA Intergroup and are actively serving the district

- We are fulfilling all of our service commitments
- We participated at the sub-committee information tables at the Ontario Regional Conference.
- The York Regional Police station literature program is very active
- The new service meeting at CHIRS [clinic to improve the quality of life for persons with brain injuries] is working out well
- District 14's Guideline Manuals are updated, approved, printed at 70¢ each and will be distributed at June's meeting

District 14 chaired the Cooperation with the Professional Community, Grapevine and Public Information panel at this year's IAAD and the feedback regarding the sub-committee presentations was fantastic. We had several District 14 members attending and/or participating in this year's event.

Our Archives Chair is starting to compile information on our district.

Moving forward...we be addressing a district inventory and planning District 14's Service Workshop

In service, Gord M., District Committee Member for District 14
D14, DCM

District 16 - Distrito Hispano de Toronto

Absent and no report submitted.

District 18 - Toronto City East

Good morning friends. I am an alcoholic, and have the responsibility and privilege of serving as the District Committee Member for District 18, Toronto City East, and my name is Murray O. Our Alternate District Committee Member Katrina is also here today.

We are still looking to fill our treasurer position but are grateful to our incumbent for carrying on and keeping our book straight even as he has assumed new responsibilities at the table.

We have still to fill some sub-committee chair positions and alternates such as Public Information, Self-Support and AccessAbility. We continue to take the message of service to our home groups and district groups but have a less than hoped for success in raising interest to serve at this level but we are still meeting our District service commitments and stay in touch with the committee work as best as possible.

Our District continues financially sound and has been able to contribute to Info AA Day and send splits to Area and GSO in the last few months.. We supported IAAD with contribution and coffee supplies as we traditionally do. Pat F made the coffee as usual but it did not seem strong enough for him at one point.

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We continue to work through our policies and procedures document in an orderly thought not always calm manner but the process we established is working and the discussion is vibrant and healthy. Much like a District Inventory.

I pray that our new committee continue to be granted open hearts, minds and souls that we may continue to do God's work again this term and keep the 3 legacies alive and well in our District.

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

District 22 - Scarborough

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

Our District is functioning well and we are able to meet all our financial obligations. We have 20 Groups in our District with about 75 percent of the Groups attending the District meeting.

All the Sub-Committee Chair positions with the exception of the Public Information Chair have been filled but the responsibilities of the Public Information Chair are being filled on a limited basis; most of Alternate Sub-Committee Chairs positions are still open.

District 22 actively participated in Information AA Day held on May 25th and it was a very successful day and was well attended. Our Alternate Delegate Joyce gave an interesting and informative talk on the General Service. Our Delegate Mel also gave an informative and humorous Delegate's Report.

Planning for the 8th Annual East Toronto Archives Breakfast to be held on June 2nd in cooperation with District 18 has been completed and we are looking forward to another successful event.

Our Annual Service Day followed by a dance is scheduled for September 14th, 2013 and planning is in progress. This year is our District's 35th Anniversary and it will also be our 35th Annual Service Day. Flyers have been placed in your file folders; please take them to your District.

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

District 26 - Lakeshore West

Good morning friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Ajax Area Group and my name is Kimberley. It is my privilege of serving as District Committee Member for District 26, Lakeshore West. I would also like to introduce you to our Alternate District Committee Member Amy. We have continued to have a good turnout at the district table, even on the long weekend.

Some highlights from our committees: Cooperation with the Professional Community planning to purchase table display and floor display. They are also considering changing November Cooperation with the Professional Community meeting name from "Bring a Friend" to "Professionals & AA Working Together". Cooperation with the Professional Community members have been contacting students who are enrolled in secondary education and on their way to becoming professionals (inviting them to the meeting and providing them with literature). This committee has been meeting twice a month since once hasn't seemed enough. Our Public Information Committee chair, Diane, invited Herb to give a 30 min presentation. Both Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community attended. Some Public Information Committee members from District 28 attended as well. Our Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information Committees have been cooperating both with each other and also with their counterparts in District 28. Our Treatment chair Stuart is doing a nice job of passing on to our General Service Representatives what the Bridging the Gap program is about and how it works. Our Grapevine rep seemed a little discouraged that group Grapevine reps weren't stepping forward. But he's been plugged in to Heather's grapevine and seems hopeful to learn from the other GV reps how to get some enthusiasm going.

The committee for the 41st ANNUAL LAKESHORE DISTRICTS CONFERENCE is trying hard to attract AA members who have never been to the conference before. Since the conference lost money last year, the committee has realized that there is a need to find a larger support base for the conference.

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The theme this year is "AA'S FUTURE: OUR RESPONSIBILITY". It will be held on August 9th, 10th & 11th, 2013 at Sikorski Polish Veterans Hall in Oshawa. Tickets are \$45 for full registration and banquet. \$25 for just registration. No tickets will be sold to just attend the banquet this year.

On Sunday June 23 from 1pm to 4pm District 26 and District 28 will have our Service Information half-day. It will be held at the Alano club in Oshawa. All are welcome!

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

District 28 - Lakeshore East

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

District 28 is doing very well, the new position we have filled with Self Support has been working out extremely well since March, we have had three or four requests from groups to have someone come speak with them. We think it will help financially at the table in the future.

We have been very involved with Treatments and Corrections and all groups seem to be taking a very proactive approach. Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community tables are really working hard in their respective areas, while presenting a unified approach to the greater good of AA.

We have our Service Information Day coming up on June 23 from 1-4 p.m. at the Alano Club in Oshawa in conjunction with District 26. Should Mel be presenting the same report, it will be an amazing day! I also have some fliers for distribution for this event.

Our Interchange program for the remainder of this year and part of 2014 is working very well, with groups attending each other's meetings, as posted on said schedule.

Just a reminder of our Annual Conference scheduled for August 9-11 at General Sikorski Hall in Oshawa. This is the 41st Annual Conference – come out, meet new people (or old friends), let's make this the best one so far! I have tickets for this event and would LOVE to sell them all!

This is my report, I would like to thank all of you for my sobriety.

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

District 30 - Quinte West

I am an alcoholic and my name is Pierre B. It is an honour and privilege at most district meetings to be the District Committee Member of District 30.

Our district is working the Fifth Tradition with the Groups growing and staying strong. We have lively discussions at the monthly district meeting with 75% group attendance. We have some difficulties as I am sure all Districts do.

On Friday May 24th while visiting The Easy Does It Group in Brighton, I met Suzie from Deep River. She shared that she was having difficulty with our website with incorrect meeting locations. She is a visitor and eight months sober. Changes are being made and we hope to never have this happen again. We are still missing a few chair people but the groups and GSR's are trying to fill the gap.

Our roundup was a success with some great speakers and food. We have a new phenomena happening in our district where people don't come to the district meeting but send a report by email. What has happened to the personal touch?

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

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District 34 - Quinte East

Good morning ladies and gentlemen, my name is Linda D. and it is my privilege to represent District 34 as the District Committee Member.

Our district is doing well financial and all of our service positions are filled. Our monthly meetings are averaging 18 to 20 General Service Representatives attending and there are currently no members of the service positions who are General Service Representatives, although there are some who are alternates.

Our district has recently voted on and posted our operating procedures to our website. Since our last meeting we have had some members pass away. The most recent we Mike D from the Stirling Friday night group who was in a fatal car crash a week ago with his wife. He and the other members who have passed away will be missed by the members of our district.

I am grateful to have been elected into this position as it has helped me to grow in my program and my life. It has also given me the opportunity to meet all of you.

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

District 36 – Kingston & The Islands

Absent and no report submitted

District 38 - Thousand Islands

Absent and no report submitted

District 42 - St. Lawrence International

Hi everyone. Louise T., Alternate District Committee Member for District 42 St. Lawrence International and a member of the ODAAT Group.

All is well in District 42. Since the Area Assembly in March, we've had two district meetings. We are still looking for AA members to serve as our Treatment Chair, Archives Chair, and we are grateful that Milner G. is still continuing to serve as our interim Secretary.

We are looking forward to joining District's 48 and 50 as we co-sponsor the July 6th Service Day. We are looking forward to hearing our Delegate's Report from the General Service Conference as well as our Alternate Delegate, have a BBQ, and then end the day with a Candlelight AA Open Meeting. Thank you Michael C., DCM from District 48, for organizing this event and sending out the flyer.

A new initiative that has come across our district table is the prospect of carrying the message into our St. Lawrence County's Sex Offenders Unit. We are grateful to Ted R., our CF Chair who has supplied us with the necessary paperwork to fill out to begin carrying the message of recovery into this institution. In the past, the staff at this institution has asked us more than one occasion if we could bring a meeting into this unit, and it appears in the next few months this actually might come to fruition in our district.

Here is wishing you all a wonderful summer!

In love and gratitude for sobriety and service, Louise T., Alt. District Committee Member for District 42

District 46 - St. Lawrence Adirondack

Absent and no report submitted

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District 48 - Seaway Valley North

Good afternoon. My name is Michael C. I am an alcoholic, a member of the Kemptville Gratitude Group and have the privilege and pleasure of service District 48 Seaway Valley North as their District Committee Member for the 63rd Panel of the General Service Conference.

So far this term, all is going well and we are averaging around 50% turn out at our monthly District Meetings with between 12 – 16 General Service Representatives or their alternates showing up at the district table out of 26 groups. We now have 3 openings at our district table as John C. who stepped forward to be our district Secretary/Registrar had to step down due to conflicts with his work schedule. We are still looking for an Archives Chair and Webmaster. We continue to meet all of our service commitments and our Public Information Committee is busy collecting Big Books in order to place two copies in all of the high schools and Public Libraries in our district.

Right now, the district is gearing up to host our annual Tri-District Service Day with Districts 42 St. Lawrence International and District 50 Cornwall which will be held on Saturday July 6th at the Lakeshore United Church Morrisburg, ON. starting at 3:00 pm followed by a BBQ and an open candlelight meeting at 8:30 pm.

Our 83 Delegate Mel C. will give his General Service Conference Report and our Alternate Delegate Joyce S. will speak on the joy and benefits she has received as a result of her service journey in Alcoholics Anonymous. Flyers are in your folders everyone is welcomed to attend all or any part of the day they wish to.

Wishing you all a safe, sober and joyous summer and see you in September if not sooner.

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

District 50 - Cornwall

Good morning friends, I am a member of the Beginners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous , it is my pleasure to address you as the District 50 Committee Member and my name is Dave S.

Due to wide spread illness and some last minute changes in personnel at district table we got off to a slow start but now seem to be trudging the road to happy destiny. Our last monthly business meeting was well attended and all matters are in hand.

July 6th is the date of our shared service day with District 48 and District 42 and we are looking forward to hearing from both Joyce and Mel. The Cornwall inpatient detox program is scheduled to be shutting down June 30th and an outpatient service is supposed to replace it. Work is underway on our District Fall Conference in early November with more information to come at the fall meeting.

Yours in Service, Dave S., District Committee Member for District 50

District 54 - Ottawa Rideau

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

Our monthly district meetings are well attended by our General Service Representatives and District Committee Members. Our Grapevine chair remains vacant even though our General Service Representatives are actively mentioning it at their home group.

We are meeting our financial needs and service commitments. Over the past couple of months, we have taken care of some housekeeping items: revised our prudent reserve to \$2,500 and will re-visit In October 2013, decision taken not to support Ottawa Archive Committee and finalizing our District Operating Procedures.

Our district is hosting the annual Vanier Round-Up on Saturday, June 1st (today) and is working along with District 58 (Ottawa Bytown) and District 62 (Ottawa West) to prepare our Service In Recovery Day on June 8th in Ottawa at the Overbrook Community Centre.

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

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District 58 - Ottawa Bytown

Good morning everyone. My name is John V. and I am a grateful, recovering alcoholic. I am the current District Committee Member for District 58, Ottawa Bytown. It is good to be here today, but unfortunately my Alternate could not attend as he is volunteering at the 'Ride For Dad' back in Ottawa.

As of May 13th, our last District meeting, we have had an average of 13 – 16 people at our table with several new General Service Representatives and alternates. Most positions are filled, save for Public Information and Grapevine, and we are currently searching for a new Treasurer to replace the very capable but over-extended Gabriel (whose successful restaurant venture continues to require greater amounts of his time). Our finances are in excellent shape with a topped –up prudent reserve and all our annual commitments met. Our District is actively searching for other commitments/events to support financially. We have a 100% attendance rating for our service commitments.

The 3 Ottawa District Committee Members (58, 54, and 62) have discussed CERAASA 2015 and are in favour of Area 83 hosting it, with a preference for Ottawa as host city ;) . My table brought back unanimous support from their groups, which seems to be representative of Ottawa AA in general.

During my term, I have attended 10 groups so far and hope to visit all of them before the summer is over. Hopefully, this will determine group functionality / viability and encourage service work in the District.

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

District 62 - Ottawa West

I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Parkwood Hills Group in Ottawa, and am currently serving District 62, Ottawa West, as their District Committee Member. My name is Sue B. Our new Alternate District Committee Member, Rod D. is here with us today. Please welcome Rod.

We have been keeping Sandy S., our Past Delegate, busy. In January, Sandy ran a General Service Representative workshop at the District. Both Districts 54 and 58 were invited. If attendance is anything to go on, then I would say that interest in the General Service Representative position is very strong in Ottawa. At our last District meeting, May 13th, Sandy ran a District Inventory. The District had not had an Inventory since 2006, so it was time. Overall we are in good shape. A few great suggestions regarding communication and Service Committee Liaisons were mentioned. We become so used to members knowing the work each Service Committee is involved with, that we forget to report on it for the new General Service Representative. This information will help them understand what each Committee has done so far, and is currently working on to help the still suffering alcoholic.

We now have a new Treasurer for the 2013 – 2014 term, Rick L. Rick is here with us today, as is Kim M., our District Secretary. Finances in District 62 are improving. Donations are increasing. Our Alt/District Committee Member is attending Group's Business Meetings to give a short presentation on Self Support.

I have been visiting Groups that are in our District, however are not represented at the table. So far, we have had two recent Group's send a General Service Representative to participate. Hopefully, we may attract a few more. On June 8, 2013, District's 54, 58, and 62 will have their yearly Gratitude Day. Some of our Area Committee Chairs will be attending, along with, of course, our Delegate Mel, to report on the General Service Conference he recently attended.

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

District 66 - Golden Triangle

My name is Rod and I am an alcoholic and a grateful member of the Sharbot Lake Land O Lakes Group and I have the honour and privilege to serve the Golden Triangle District 66 as District Committee Member.

I am pleased to report that District 66 is currently in a sound financial position and has been able to contribute to both Area 83 and GSO on a regular basis and still meet the needs of the district with a prudent reserve. At our May district meeting, we voted to send \$500.00 to New York and \$1500.00 to Area 83. It was discussed if there was a percentage formula which could be applied to facilitate distribution of excess funds to Area and GSO. We are currently seeking an answer to this question.

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I also wish to announce that all service positions for the District have all currently been filled. We were a bit late relieving our 12 step phone coordinator but in the spirit of service and rotation, Debbie G. has been elected for the balance of the two year term.

I am pleased to announce that attendance at the district table is very strong and a large number of GSRs are attending and representing their groups. I can see where the meetings will need to run longer in time to permit us to make sure everyone has a chance to participate.

Our Spring Round-up was a resounding success. Attendance was high, the sobriety countdown brought us to our feet and the speakers who share the various panels blessed us with messages of hope, joy and freedom and a few good belly laughs.

I am truly enjoying this service position and looking forward to the Fall Assembly.

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

District 70 - Renfrew Pontiac

Good morning. My name is Dave P. and I'm an alcoholic. Member of the Sunday Night Serenity Group in Renfrew. I have been given the honour of serving District 70 as the District Committee Member.

Have just stepped into my duties, I am grateful for the opportunity to help in any way. District 70 is financially sound and enjoys active participation from its groups for events. Our members have recently added a new meeting in Arnprior. It's truly wonderful to see our traditions at work. We look forward to working with our friends in District 74, Pembroke and District 78, Madawaska Valley for the tri district service day. Our Alternate District Committee Member position is unfilled at this time but should be filled soon. We look forward to seeing you at our fall round-up in October. Thank you for my sobriety, and the privilege of serving Area 83.

Yours in Service, David P., District Committee Member for District 70

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 approved by our district General Service Representatives and officers. Most positions are filled at district for the moment. Nothing much since my last report. View last minutes for details of district 74 Pembroke and area. The officers and General Service Representatives from District 74 thrust the trusted servants and/or committee and vote yes on all motions today.

Yours in service, Jack B., District Committee Member for District 74

District 78 - Madawaska Valley

Hi. My name is Lois and I am the District Committee Member for District 78.

Our district is doing well financially and pertinent positions are filled. I have attended most birthdays and anniversaries within the district. A few of the smaller groups are struggling with membership, so we are doing group rotation with stronger groups supporting the smaller groups.

Preparation for our fall conference is well underway with Claude as our round-up chair this year. It will be held the last weekend of September this year and hope to see you there.

Yours in service, Lois C., District Committee Member for District 78

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District 82 – Victoria-Haliburton

Dear fellowship, I'm an alcoholic and my name is Kim M. I'm currently the Alternate District Committee Member of District 82 Victoria-Haliburton.

Recently, we had a district meeting. Our district chair committee positions are all filled. There was over 50% of our General Service Representatives present. The groups are contributing money to the district in a grateful manner. The district today has a \$1000.00 cheque to give to the Area.

On May 4, 2013, we had our 37th Annual District Conference. the conference was well organized and was well attended.

An unfortunate circumstance our current District Committee Member Trevor C. sent this letter to our district. I would like to forward this letter to the area.

District Committee Member Report:

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend today's meeting as things up here are still out of control and I am working around the clock to get the company back on track, and getting exhausted in the process. I also have no report for the table at this time.

If this chaos keeps up longer, I do not feel that I will be able to serve the district until further notice. Please announce today that if anyone is able to stand for the position that would be great. I apologize for this inconvenience to the table, but I feel it is better to step down rather than saying I will and not be able to fulfill the duties. With apologies Trevor C. District Committee Member for District 82

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

District 86 - Kawartha

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

I would like to thank everyone who did the planning and set up to make this meeting possible.

In the Kawartha District, we have 23 groups registered. Usual attendance at our district meetings is around 85 percent.

All sub-committee chairs are full. This year has been a real success with volunteers getting into Central East Correctional Centre in Lindsay.

On May 11, 2013, we had a joint Service Information Day with Lakeshore East, Quinte and Victoria-Haliburton. The theme was Loving Service is Gratitude in Action. Thanks again to our delegate Mel's wonderful update and our Alternate Delegate Joyce's great talk.

Make a note of and come and see us at our 52nd Annual Kawartha District Conference, Acceptance is the Key, being held June 28 and 29, 2013, at the Evinrude Centre. For more information go to www.peterboroughaa.org.

It is an honour to serve as District Committee Member for our district in this area and to help carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

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

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6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

a) Public Information Report

Herb W.

Hello everyone, my name is Herb and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the Redwood Group in Trenton in District 30, Quinte West and am grateful to have the opportunity to serve as you Area 83 Eastern Ontario (International) Public Information Chairperson.

Since the Area Assembly in March I have attended the District 30, Quinte West, Roundup on April 27th and gave a presentation for Public Information and would like to thank Pierre and his District for the great time!

On May 19th I was invited to give a presentation for the Public Information Committee at District 26 Lakeshore West at the Alano Club in Oshawa. There were 17 in attendance, a good turnout and I would like to thank Diane M. and her committee for the opportunity to carry the message of service.

I also stayed for the Public Information meeting after the presentation and also attended the District meeting after that. I thoroughly enjoyed my day!

On May 30th I attended the Quinte West Community Fair in Trenton from 10am to 4pm with Leane the District 30 Public Information Chair. We were invited by the Volunteer and Information Centre for Hastings and Prince Edward Counties. We had a lot of interacting between the local organizations and Leane will be busy following up delivering meeting lists and information to the local community. The Quinte West Chamber of Commerce has Alcoholics Anonymous listed in their Directory and has requested meeting lists. We were both amazed at how many organizations were so open to using the resources that Alcoholics Anonymous has to offer!

June 8th I will be in Ottawa at the Gratitude day, on June 15th I have been invited to the Pembroke Renfrew and Barry's Bay Service Day and on the 23rd of June I have been invited back to Oshawa for the District 26 Service Information Day.

I would like to thank you all who send me your minutes and do not hesitate to invite me to your events; I will do the best I can to be there.

It is so good to see the message of recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and well in Area 83!

With thanks, gratefully, in service,

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

b) Cooperation With The Professional Community

Dan N.

Hello friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Royal York Group and the Area 83 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson and my name is Dan N.

Although I was sidelined with an accident over the last two months and couldn't get around much, the good news is that my ribs have healed and my broken big toe is reluctantly coming back where I only walk with a bit of a limp. I want to thank those of you who championed Cooperation with the Professional Community meetings and presentations without my physical presence, knowing that Alcoholics Anonymous is moving forward despite individual setbacks.

There has been a lot of activity since the spring Area Assembly. Some of you have decided to create new Cooperation with the Professional Community displays and I've helped with artwork and the company in Ottawa to make this happen. There were many Cooperation with the Professional Community presentations targeted at various professional groups and I've helped wherever possible with streamlining the generic Cooperation with the Professional Community presentation to suit the specific audience. Just to name a few, Cooperation with the Professional Community participated in the University of Toronto Medical Students Community Health Poster Day held at the University of Toronto Campus, attended the Colleague Wellness Day at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel and presented to management at the Golden Mile Social Services office. Some Cooperation with the Professional Community

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chairs are sending material to the clergy; District 2 has sent information to the Gurdwaras of Sikh Temples in Malton District 02. And there are districts preparing for Bring a Friend/ Bring a Professional for the fall of this year.

Cooperation with the Professional Community is planning to be in attendance at various Service Days and Roundups throughout our Area and I'm grateful for the enthusiasm being offered in making this happen. On July 27th- July 31st, General Service Office is sponsoring a major conference in Toronto for the National Medical Association and I'm working with the Toronto Intergroup Cooperation with the Professional Community committee in supporting this large event. If any of you are interested in attending or being part of this, I'd love to talk further.

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

Yours in love and service,

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

c) Corrections Report

Gary O.

Good Morning Alternate/District Committee Members, Area Committee Members and guests. My name is Gary O., and I am a member of the Living Sober Group in Newmarket, Ontario.

Our Area 83 Corrections committee has a few mandates. One of these goals is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous behind the walls of all the institutions in our area. Of the utmost concern in the institutions is the absence of Alcoholics Anonymous meetings - we know meetings are a key ingredient in helping those clients who want to either obtain or keep their sobriety. As Alcoholics Anonymous members, I feel it is our job to help ensure that meetings are available to those behind the walls on a regular basis. As of Jan 2013 all our Institutions have been serviced by the district corrections chairs with no problem for that I thank you.

Another process we oversee is carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous through the Bridging the Gap program; this program works with New York, Area, and our Districts. In short, this program involves compiling a list of Alcoholics Anonymous members who would be willing to act as contacts for the clients coming out of the institutions in our area. Once a connection is established between the client and Alcoholics Anonymous member, assistance can then be given to help guide these clients to an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting and to help introduce Alcoholics Anonymous outside the walls. A smooth transition from "inside" Alcoholics Anonymous to "outside" Alcoholics Anonymous helps increase a person's chance at keeping sober and finding a new way of life. Our goal is to keep this program running as smoothly as possible but we need everyone's continued help in order to achieve this objective. If you could take it back to your districts and groups that we are in need of members who are interested in being a Bridging the Gap Contact. We as a committee have completed 46 Bridging the Gap contacts as of Jan 2013 there have been 33 women and 12 men most of the request have come out of Milton and the Lindsey jail. And one to Edmonton Alberta Let's keep up the good work.

I hope everyone enjoyed our correction workshop at the area assembly in March I would like to thank Henk and Jennet for a great job on what they do in their area.

I would like to thank the Information AA Day committee put on in Thornhill Ontario for the invite to set up our display on May 25th 2013. I got the opportunity to set up next to Phil from the Toronto Intergroup Corrections Committee. He put on a talk about what goes on in the Toronto Area. What a great day it was for all who attended it was great to hear Corrections Chair Tracy O from New York City. Tracy spoke on her experience as a member and a Corrections Chair from our General Service Office.

I would like to ask all the District Committee Members and committee chairs not to hesitate to e-mail if you have any questions I can be reached at; cf@area83aa.org .

In closing, I would to thank all the Corrections Chairs that ivy had the opportunities to work with, in the last five months I look forward to working with all of you again Thank you.

Yours in service,

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

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d) Treatment Report

Ruth F.

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

The people involved with carrying the message through Treatment are willing, passionate and committed. I am learning so much about how we carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

I am excited to report that Bridging the Gap is active in Area 83. The District Treatment Chairs, District Committee Members and Committees are doing an amazing job of carrying the message through the Bridging the Gap program. I want to thank everyone for their tireless efforts. Area 83 takes the Responsibility declaration seriously. Every Bridging the Gap request that has been received, has been followed up on. It is truly inspiring to see members of AA in action! When I came through the doors, there was someone there with their hand out, welcoming me. Today, it is our turn to have our hand out... and we do!

There is one project that is underway. That is to record the boundaries of each District. To date, I have received information from only three Districts. So I am asking the District Committee Members or Alternate District Committee Members if they would please send that information my way. I am simply looking for the geographical boundaries of your District. This information will be very helpful when looking for a Bridging the Gap contact. Once I have all (or most) of the Districts information listed, I will send a copy out to everyone on the Treatment email list, and to all District Committee Members. It might be a thought to include the District boundaries on the Area 83 website map?

Next weekend, I have been invited to share at a Service day put on by Districts 54, 58 and 62. Later this month, I will be heading over to District 26. If you would like me to come out and talk about Treatment, and Bridging the Gap, I would be happy to attend. Just send me an email.

To find Treatment literature, go to www.aa.org. There is amazing information located there.

Please continue to send me your District minutes. I enjoy reading about what is happening in your Districts. I can be contacted at www.area83aa.org.

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

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

e) Grapevine Report

Heather M.

I'm an alcoholic, member of Prince Edward Group, and currently serving as Area 83 Grapevine chair my name is Heather M.

Since the assembly, I attended Information AA Day in Toronto last weekend with the area Grapevine display. There were a lot of questions and interest in the display.

I was invited to two service days that I am unable to attend. One is for District 62 and I've asked Derek R, Grapevine Representative for that district and former District Committee Member to do the 10 minute Grapevine presentation. It gives him an opportunity to showcase his display. The other request was from District 78. There is a possibility that the day may be rescheduled. I will be attending the Greater Toronto Area grapevine meeting and dinner on June 15, the District 26-28 Service day on June 23rd. I will also be attending the District/Intergroup Joint Sharing meeting on August 6th. Between my personal, professional and service calendars I have no free weekends until July. I would love to come to your service days. Please book more than one month in advance.

It's time for Grapevine pocket planner and wall calendar orders. Pocket planners are \$4.50 and wall calendars are \$8.75. There is some leeway in the prices to accommodate fluctuations in the exchange rates etc. Order forms have been sent to all Grapevine district chairs, or to the District Committee Members of the district. If you are a District Committee Member, and you got my email, it is because I don't have an email for the Grapevine Representative of your district. If there is one, please forward their contact information to me. In each District Committee Member's mail folder there is an order form and a tracking form. Electronic copies will be distributed with the minutes of this meeting.

For the September 7th Area Committee Meeting, there needs to be one order form for your district with one cheque from your district, payable to Area 83, for the amount of your pocket planner/wall calendar order. Your district is responsible for keeping track

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of who ordered what within your districts. One cheque will be written by our Area 83 treasurer for our total Grapevine pocket planner and wall calendar order. I will make the bulk order shortly after the September Area Committee Meeting. I will not be paying for more than what is ordered and paid for by the districts. Orders ought to be filled by the time our October Assembly occurs. I have samples of this year's wall calendar and pocket planner.

New recently from Grapevine are "Young and Sober", 75th anniversary edition of "Language of the Heart" and "One on One Alcoholics Anonymous Sponsorship in Action". I also brought my copies of newer items from last year including "Happy Joyous and Free - The Lighter Side of Sobriety" and "Into Action - How AA Members practice the program in their daily lives".

I have a 2013 catalogue (though it's not complete) as well as the February "What's New", some info on the e-books and the voice recordings of stories that are being done through Grapevine. I'll put them at the side for perusal during lunch.

Grapevine has lots going on. Check out aagrapevine.org for all the details.

Yours in Service,

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

f) Self-Support Report

Jim A.

I am an alcoholic and my name is Jim A. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as the Area Self support Chair for this term

I would like to start by thanking Tony for the updated list of Self Support Chairs, 14 listed and I know of at least one other working hard carrying the message of service. That makes 15 and counting hopefully by the end of the term we can have all 27 chairs filled and give the Alt DCM's a wee break.

And thanks to all who have spoke so eloquently on Self Support so far today. I have heard lots in the District Committee Member reports, ideas like small groups sharing a service commitment that make believe that the message of unity is understood.

Activities since the assembly:

Last weeks Info AA Day in Thornhill. Lots of Self Support items in Mel's talk about this years General Service Conference. The Plan, or not to Plan. Again unity is paramount to Self Support.

May 9th Joint Sharing Committee: Even though an Intergroup is not part of today's proceedings, it does merit talking about some items. Their finance committee is doing great things in providing up to date info to the membership. Worth mentioning is the fact that Toronto has the lowest priced Big Book in Canada, before applying the 30% discount, and when you do it is comparable with other major cities in the U.S.

I have digitized most of the literature compiled by my predecessor. It has been sent to the Area Webmaster with the intention of review and eventual posting to the Area Website. That happened on Thursday night. Thank you, Todd. A much more cost effective method than my original idea of burning a disc for each district. More on that as it evolves. I looked this morning and there it was, so we will keep posting interesting comments and ideas and General Service Office related items. Your input is appreciated. And the very day that I finishing scanning I receive an inquiry from the Area 85 Self Support Chair asking for help. Charity begins at home, but not this time. But we are here to share the incredibly deep strength and hope of Area 83 to whoever, wherever whenever. Should like that thing we say around here....

I have received some interesting questions: What activities are Self Support vs recovery activity? What is the difference between an AA event (a service day) or a an event for AA's (a dance)?

I am receiving news that some chairs have been getting invitations to some group's business meetings. On the whole it is going well and the general comment afterwards is sort of "Wow I never knew or looked at it like that before, Thanks" Again, more "Inform, inform, inform". The Toronto Area Self Support can has been adopted by my group and District 18 Chair Glen G. is eager to do more. Another subtle way is to stick a three minute infomercial in the middle of your AA talk. Self support can be done by anyone not just committee chairs.

The idea of an Intra District meeting for Zone 1 (GTA) has been accepted in principle but put on the back burner until further notice. 234 is a bit busy right now.

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See you in September. Have a great summer. Service rocks!

Yours in love and service,

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

P.S. To re-emphasize a point Rob will be talking about. The post office box I used last term as treasurer will be closing at the end of July. So please tell your groups and district treasurer's to only use contribution envelopes with Rob's Whitby address, AND for simplicity just direct everyone to the contact info found on the area website.

g) Archives Report

Gary C.

Hi, Everyone. I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Stonewall Group in Peterborough in Kawartha District 86 and my name is Gary C. I have the honour and privilege of serving as your Area Archives Chair.

First of all, let me say a very big *Thank You* to Milner G., a past Area Archives Chair, for his generous donation of an Epson LCD Projector to the Area Archives. It is much appreciated and will be well used!

The Archives Workshop at the Spring Assembly Service Information Day went well and I'd like to say *Thank You* to David T. for his part in that. The Survey feedback we received was very good. Also, the Area 83 Archives Newsletter was issued for the Assembly containing the History of A.A. in Ottawa based on notes by Bob E. and Caroline C. Thanks, David, for a good read!

We held our 8th Annual Archives Workshop in Toronto on April 20 at the Church of the Transfiguration. I would like to say *Thank You* to Jim W., David T., Peter N., Katrina E., Pierre V. (Area 87 Archivist) and also to Eddy G. for arranging a tour of the CNE Archives that was both informative and a lot of fun!

Looking into the future, we continue to work on ways and means of sharing archival information among the various archival entities in Ontario and indeed, Central East Region. Towards that end, David has modified a Materials Use and Access Policy form from our General Service Office for use in Area 83. We will be sharing this form with District Archives Chairs for feedback in the very near future.

I have attended the monthly Toronto Intergroup Archives meetings and have found them very informative. You will be hearing more about an update to "The History of AA in Ontario" book in the near future to help celebrate 75 years in Ontario in 2018. A Committee to do this will be formed and a Chair for this Committee will be chosen by selecting from Resumes from interested members throughout Ontario. Quoting from the Toronto Intergroup minutes; "The deadline for resume submission is September 13, 2013. Resumes will be reviewed in the Archives Committee meeting in September 2013 and a Chairperson will be chosen in the October 2013 Archives Committee Meeting. ... The Archives Committee Secretary will put out the call for resumes by way of Better Times, 83 Newsletter etc. and collect all submissions."

The 17th Annual NAAAW is coming up on Sept. 12 – 15 in Springfield, Illinois. The Theme is "Our Past and Beyond."

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

Let Gratitude Be Your Attitude,

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

h) Service Information Day Report

Sue B.

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

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

Our first Service Information Day was a growing and rewarding experience for all of us, and we are looking forward to this fall's Service Information Day. Our committee met this morning before the Area Committee Meeting to get started.

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Thank you to the three District Committee Member's who took part in the Traditions workshop at the spring Service Information Day. We will be contacting three other District Committee Member's in the next while to continue with Traditions 4, 5, and 6. Before we start asking around, if there is a District Committee Member who is interested in making a 10 minute presentation on one of these Traditions, please come and see me at the conclusion of this meeting.

In your hanging folders, I have left copies of comments from the 58 completed Survey results from the spring Service Information Day. These are comments made regarding the new three streams – District, Area, and the General Service Conference, also general comments made for the day itself.

For the Fall Agenda, we are trying our best to accommodate all three streams. With this being said, and as this is not a pre-conference assembly, you will notice a slightly different Agenda than in the past. All Area Committee Chairs will be kept busy presenting workshops, but not necessarily on their Area Service Committee. They may be chairing other workshops which could be under the District or General Service Conference streams. One of the suggestions from the completed surveys was to have more interactive workshops. An example of one we are planning is to have a workshop titled "The History of AA in Ontario". Gary C., our Archives Area Committee Chair; would Chair this workshop involving a panel of presenters, and concluding with the usual ten minute question period.

Please inform your District's that we are planning an interesting day for all of you. Some workshops will be controversial; however will keep you apprised as to what is happening within Alcoholics Anonymous. Whatever the workshop will be, we believe you will find the day informative, interesting and fun. Please remind everyone in your District and Groups to book rooms for Kingston well in advance.

Yours in Love and Service,

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

7. Registrar's Report

Scott M.

Greetings to all and Happy Summer! I'm alcoholic, a member of the Bloordale Group in District 06 and my name is Scott M. Hi!

It continues to be an honour & privilege to serve the fellowship in this manner as your Panel 63 Area Registrar. Today is day 152 of our 730 day term. Yup, we're moving right along with a little more than 20% complete.

The roll call for today is 15 Area Officers (including Webmaster & Area Archivist), 1 Immediate Past Delegate, 3 Past Delegates, 21 District Committee Members, 10 Alternate District Committee Members and 13 Visitors.

For voting purposes there are: 13 Area Officers eligible to vote (including 1 Immediate Past Delegate) and 23 District Committee Members or Alternate District Committee Members for a total of 36 votes. Total delegation for this meeting is 65 people.

There continues to be no shortage of work relating to this position, as there are always changes & updates to be completed. It is still a task to obtain accurate group membership counts so that our Area can do our part for Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole and the next membership survey. Also, in order to not have as many unknown groups, it will be up to you, here, to attempt to contact or visit your District's unknown groups to investigate and report whether they are active or inactive. If they are still meeting, all we need is a contact name and they can have an active group status. Some may still be meeting and wish to be a service meeting instead. I ask that we work together to continue to reduce the number of unknown groups.

As a reminder, this terms' New Group forms and Group Information Change forms, updated with my address and contact email (registrar@area83aa.org) have been posted on our Area website (www.area83aa.org) under Resources and District Resources. They can be sent to me via email, fax or snail mail. If you are planning to fax documents, please call me first so I can have the machine turned on to receive your info. 905-454-5008

I also wanted to remind you all that there will not be a published directory this year for those that travel throughout U.S. & Canada so that General Service Office can save costs. A copy of the current 2012-13 Canadian A.A. Directory is here with me today should anyone wish to borrow it.

Thank you to those Districts that send minutes. I do read them. For those that do not, I'd love to be added to your distribution list.

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As this position entails collecting & sharing data, please send me your events so that I can add them to our Events Calendar in order to send these updates to you.

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

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

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

Rob M.

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

In the District Committee Members mail folders I placed 3 Area 83 contribution envelopes. Please share these with your District and Group Treasurers for future contributions. Our previous Area 83 Treasurer Jim A is still receiving contributions and his mailing address will soon change. It is important that all contribution cheques are mailed to me. Several of the envelopes are available on the side table, please help yourselves. Also in the DCM mail folders, as well as the Area Committee Members folders I placed copies of the financial statement for the period ending May 27, 2013. Copies of these are available on the side table and I would like to go through the numbers now. Page 1 is a financial summary. It shows our reserve account, which is set aside for unforeseen circumstances, has a balance of \$20,000 and is in the form of a GIC paying 1.5% interest maturing September 16th, 2014.

Total income for the period is \$18,180.11 and total expenses for the period are \$28,487.10 to date expenses are \$10,306.99 higher than income. Thank you to the 68 groups and 9 districts that have made financial contributions to Area 83. As of May 27, 2013 all cheques received were deposited and receipts along with return contribution envelopes were sent out.

The bank opening balance on January 1, 2013 was \$33,114.26. Total income of \$18,180.11 less expenses of \$28,487.10 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$22,447.27 as of May 27, 2013. The bank reconciliation has been done and the balance in the operating account is accurate.

The second page shows details of expenses. Here we see an itemized breakdown of expenses for the period. The top section lists Committee Members expenses to date, and the bottom section lists all other expenses to date.

Page 3 shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from the District, as well as Groups within the District. The 7th Tradition today was \$200. Thank for your generous contributions.

Yours in Love and Service
Rob M., Treasurer - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

[See Appendix A - Financial Statements]

9. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Tony A.

Good day. I am an alcoholic, a member of the St Clements Group in District 10 and currently serve as your Panel 63 Secretary for Area 83 International and my name is Tony A.

I have completed my first round of assembly minutes and this was not as challenging as I thought it would be. These minutes went out via email and I have placed 3 copies in your folders. Also placed in your folders are 2 copies each of today's agenda, the most current Alternate and District Committee Member lists and the most current district roster for your individual district.

All lists have been updated and are current according the information that I have received. Please go over your district roster to ensure accuracy and all filled positions are in fact correctly represented. When the vacant positions are filled, please report this to me promptly through a district change form. This is important so that area chairs can have the most up to date information to do their service work.

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Thank you to all who attended the Secretary/Registrar workshop during the Service Information Day at this past Spring Assembly. I would encourage you to attend at least 1 presentation so you can get a better understanding of what our work entails and its importance.

I attended Information AA Day last week and this was, as always, a terrific day filled with great fellowship, food, presentation and service talks. I always feel so blessed and inspired to be a part of the Alcoholics Anonymous service structure after attending one of these functions – in of like recharging my “service batteries” if you will.

The email address to submit changes and secretary related queries is secretary@area83aa.org. The downloadable district change form is available on our area website under the district recourses tab. When submitting your committee reports, please remember to submit these in a Word formatted document as this makes for a smooth transcription process and I thank you in advance for this and for those who have submitted your reports to me already.

Please remember to get your report to me from today’s meeting through email as soon as you can and continue to send me your district minutes as I enjoy reading them. There really is not much more to report and I am delighted to have the opportunity and privilege to be of service and thank you for the trust that you have placed in me.

Yours in love and service,

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

10. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

Joyce S.

Hello, everyone. I am an alcoholic, a member of the Twelve Steps Group in Scarborough, District 22 and my name is Joyce. It is also my honour to serve Area 83 as the Panel 63 – Alternate Delegate.

Since the Spring Assembly, I have participated in the following events:

- 1) Facilitated an inventory at the Unionville Group on April 19th
- 2) Attended and spoke on service at the roundup in Brighton for District 30 on April 27th.
- 3) Attended and spoke on service at the District 86 service day in Peterborough on May 11th
Both of these days were well attended and very informative. I generally pole the room to see how many members are there for their first service day and it is reassuring that there are at least a few new members who get so much out of these types of events. It's great when they ask lots of questions.
- 4) I was unable to attend the District sharing meeting at Intergroup on May 7th as I was participating in Anne M.'s 35 year medallion at the Little Oak Group in Lindsay. From what I understand the sharing meeting was well represented by our districts. Thank you District Committee Members.
- 5) Participated on the Remote Communities call on May 20th. The far North Area's by all accounts are pretty active. At the assembly, I handed out over 200 copies of the message and call for help from Area 85 with regards to volunteers who are interested in carrying the message by either, being an online Sponsor, Group Moderator, or helping directly as a working member on the Committee. I would like to thank the members who signed up as volunteers. I have placed in your folders copies of the same flyer that was at the assembly. I would appreciate it if you could bring it back to your districts to hand out to your members. If anyone has any questions, please let me know. I have also put in your folders another updated request from Area 85 and will request that our Secretary include it in the minutes.
- 6) On May 25 I had the opportunity to give a presentation on our General Service Structure at Information A.A. Day. The Chair of Toronto Intergroup, Bruce D. also spoke about Intergroup. It was another very informative day with a turnout of about 200 members. Once again, the committee did a splendid job and of course, Mel gave a great report which was well received.

While at Info A.A. Day I was approached by a member who asked me where he could get the Big Book in his native language of Inuktitut. GSO has not translated the Big Book into Inuktitut, however, I understand from the Remote Communities there is some literature that is translated. I sent out an email to those who participate on the Remote Communities conference calls and received a message from Peter M. from Area 90 Northwest Quebec letting me know that he has some literature. He will be phoning me sometime Sunday to discuss how he can get it to me. I also went to the website of Area 90 and downloaded the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions in Inuktitut. So, I am off to a good start.

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For upcoming invitations I will be taking part in the District 42, 48 & 50 service day on July 6 in Morrisburg and have been asked to facilitate a group inventory on July 14 at the Silver Birch Group. It truly is an honour to be asked and I appreciate the invitations. I get to meet so many new members and to catch up with long time members.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve and I look forward to seeing you at various functions between now and the fall assembly. Please continue to have your District Secretaries send me your minutes as I enjoy reading them. I wish you all a great summer.

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

[See Appendix B - Help Letter]

11. DELEGATE'S REPORT

Mel C.

Hello everyone, my name is Mel and I am an alcoholic, currently serving the fellowship as Panel 63 Delegate for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International - good to be here, good to be sober. I am a grateful member of The Hill Group in District 12, Toronto South West.

GSC

The conference was fantastic, mind-blowing and provocative. There was much discussion on many topics and I find I can talk for hours and hours on it. If you haven't heard my report yet, I can't wait to give it!

Final Reports of the General Service Conference

I have ordered a report for every single GSR and Committee Member in our Area. They will be here in time for the September ACM and at that time I will distribute them.

Date Bookings

On my bookings, I have already been booked for a fair number of dates, so if you want me in your locale for a Delegate report or something else, please contact me directly and as soon as possible.

I currently have:

D54, 58, 62 in Ottawa for June 8

D78 Barry's Bay June 15

D26, 28 June 23

D42, 48, 50 July 6

I have some other requests, but nothing nailed down. If you haven't heard your District and you think it's booked, please let me know.

I have been asked to travel to a couple of single Districts to give my report in 20 minutes just to GSR's to their District Table. I am not sure that that is the best use of Area resources and would welcome the chance to talk this over with those involved. Perhaps we could meet after the close?

GSO

I am sorry to report on Warren S. passing. I sent the notice to all GSR's, DCM's, Area Committee Members and Past Delegate's. Apparently the service was lovely.

There is a job opening at GSO - I sent that notice out as well. If anyone has any questions that I might be able to answer, please just corner me.

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Eastern Canada Trustee

Our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee will be rotating in 2014 and that means we need to put forward our choice of candidate for Area 83. Again, I advised everyone by distribution and we will be having that election at the Fall Assembly. All 10 Eastern Canadian Areas will presumably put forward their Candidate, We have a rich pool to pick from here in Area 83 and it will be interesting to see who lets their name stand. We have a set procedure for the election, resumes etc. Kim has an important part in the election and I have an important part in making sure our candidate resume is submitted in just the right way to be considered at 2014 General Service Conference.

New Group Announcements

Please note - I send DCM's the new group announcement I get and ask you to attend just to welcome them and make them feel important. You are a great resource to the new group - and they to you!

Newsletter

The Spring Newsletter is nearly complete and will be coming out the second week of June. I hope you like it!

ODC

It's a ways off but I'd like to start giving you warning that we, Area 83, will be hosting the 2014 Ontario Delegates' Meeting. Joyce and I have already been scoping out locations. We get this meeting every four years and the last time we had it Sandy made it happen in Ottawa so I suspect we might do it in Toronto, but we have open minds. More will come on this as it approaches.

CERRASA

This afternoon we are going to have a discussion on whether we will host CERAASA 2015. I know many of you have sought the guidance of the groups in your Districts and that is as it should be. I hope the 500 fact sheets I handed out around this have been distributed widely and given good consideration. If it has, we will find an informed group conscience here today. I urge you all to hear and contribute to the discussion and vote according to what you have been instructed by your District and ALSO according to what you have heard today.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Sincerely,

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

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

Motioned: Michael C., District Committee Member of District 48
Seconded: Herb W., Area 83 Public Information Chair
Discussion: None
Vote: Carried Unanimously

12. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to be brought forward.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13-a) Recommendation of Archivist, David T. for Re-Appointment for Disapproval

Kim S., Area 83 Chairperson

David's first 3-year term is coming up at the end of the year. He is eligible to be re-appointed for another term. Normally, this re-appointment would be discussed and voted at our September meeting. I have moved the topic of his re-appointment up to today as there didn't seem to be much sense in sending him to Illinois later in September if we weren't going to continue to have the benefit of his services going forward.

I have received advice from some members of the area committee that a call for resumes ought to be made prior to asking for David's re-appointment to a second term. I researched the re-appointment of our first Archivist, Maire O. and have found that no call for resumes was issued. Although the wording of the Operating Procedures may not be crystal clear, there doesn't seem to be much reason to ask for more applicants when the intent of the exercise is to re-appoint.

As outlined in our Operating Procedures, I am recommending that David be re-appointed for a second 3-year term. I have consulted with both the current and immediate past Archives chairs. Gary C. our current Archives Chair is in agreement that David be asked to serve another term.

Does the Area Committee accept my recommendation for the re-appointment of David T. as Archivist for a second 3-year term?

After some discussion, the Chair asked for a sense of the room on whether or not resumes should be submitted for the archivist reappointment. The sense of the room was that all but 3 did not feel that resumes were required at this time.

After further discussion, it was determined to table this item over to the September 7, 2013 Area Committee Meeting

13-b) Motion

Gary C., Area 83 Archives Chair

"That the Area 83 Archivist, David T., attend the National Archives Workshop in Springfield, Illinois, at a cost to the Area of approximately \$1,200.00"

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

Discussion: It was clarified that the date the workshop will take place September 12 to 15, 2013; Murray O. DCM of District 18 suggested that we change the wording of the motion to reflect that it simply states to fund the incoming Area Archivist; Pierre B. DCM of District 30 supports this motion and says is a good to invest in our history; Gary O. Area Corrections Chair asked for clarification of the full cost of the expense; Kim M. A-DCM of District 84 supports this motion; Michael C. DCM of District 48 asked for clarification in where these events are being hosted; Murray O. DCM of District 18 spoke in favour of the motion; Rob M., was curious as to who put on the workshop i.e. GSO?? It was confirmed that it is in fact an AA Archives Workshop; Murray O. DCM of District 18 asked for a recommendation from the treasurer as to whether we have the funds to send the archivist to this event. The treasurer confirmed the money is there but offered no recommendations.

Motion to call the question by Linda D., District Committee Member of District 34

Seconded by Kim M., Alternate District Committee Member of District 84

31 In favour; 2 Opposed; 3 Abstain

Motion to call the question carries

Vote: 32 In favour; 2 Opposed; 2 Abstained

Motion: Carried

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13-c) Motion

Joyce S., Area 83 Alternate Delegate

“To add the following to the Area 83 Procedures, Page 4, Item 6, Immediate Past Delegate, “and is to be reimbursed for attending the Area Assembly’s Area Committee Meetings and the first Ontario Delegate’s Committee Meeting of their term”

Seconded by James O'D. District Committee Member for District 10

Discussion: None

Vote: 35 In favour, 0 Opposed; 1 Abstained

Motion: Carried

****This motion will be placed as an agenda item for the 2013 Fall Area Assembly****

13-d) Motion

James O., District Committee Member for District 10

“I propose that we enact online donations on our area website”

Seconded by Michael C., District Committee Member for District 48

Discussion: There were many concerns about security issues of using the internet for this donating protocol. Todd S our Area Webmaster clarified the process for us and how we could use the system with relative safety and reporting can go directly to the treasurer through an email address; it was advised by that perhaps we could look at how other areas have done this donation procedure if any; Mel C. Delegate advised us that this is the way that the way of the future is to use 3rd party services and to use online services for this – AAWS is using this currently

Motion to call the question Pierre B., District Committee Member for District 30

Seconded by Gary O., Area 83 Corrections Chair

28 In Favour; 4 Opposed; 2 Abstained

Vote: 9 In Favour; 23 Against; 3 Abstained

Motion: Defeated

The voice of the minority had an opportunity to speak

Motion to reconsider was put forward by Sandra B., District Committee Member of District 86

Seconded by Michael C., District Committee Member of District 48

Vote: 13 In Favour; 22 Opposed; 1 Abstained

Motion to reconsider also defeated

13-e) Motion

Scott M., Area 83 Registrar

“To change the current Area 83 Operating Procedures, Page 5, Item 9, Registrar: simply changing the word “calls” to read “displays” in the last sentence of the job description.”

Seconded by Gary O., Area Corrections Chair

Discussion: There was some discussion from a few members that it was hard to see the display of the roll call during the assembly; Michael C. DCM of District 48 is against the motion due to the fact that it would be hard to see; Herb W., Area Public Information Chair will speak in favour of the motion; Kimberly M., DCM of District 26 suggested that a break be called during the roll call so that everyone can go up and read the display.

Vote: 25 In Favour; 8 Opposed; 1 Abstained

Motion: Carried

The voice of the minority had an opportunity to speak however a motion to reconsider was not put forward.

****This motion will be placed as an agenda item for the 2013 Fall Area Assembly****

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13-f) Floor Motion

Linda D., District Committee Member of District 34

“That Area 83 Delegate to ask permission of the current CERAASA Committee to host the 2015 CERAASA in Area 83”

Seconded by Robb W., Immediate Past Delegate of Area 83

Discussion: John V., DCM District 58 suggested that CERAASA might be considered to be hosted in Ottawa City as 2015 will be the 200th anniversary and is a functioning bilingual city with lots of hotels and the neighbouring districts are keen to host this event in the Ottawa area; most districts in Area 83 are in favour and support CERAASA being hosted in Area 83 and was discussed at their district tables; Mel C., Delegate indicated that an ad-hoc committee would need to be formed to support this venture; Robb W., Immediate Past Delegate expressed his idea this is so important and is strongly in favour and promotes unity amongst the areas; There was concern about what will happen after this CERAASA and who would be able host this event and for now we are in the learning curve

Vote: 34 In Favour; 1 Opposed; 1 Abstained

Motion: Carried

14. SHARING – WHAT’S ON YOUR MIND?

There is an upcoming conference in Peterborough and Barb B. has tickets if interested

15. NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Kim S. – Area Chairperson

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on **September 7, 2013**. Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?

Moved: Michael C., District Committee Member of District 48

Seconded: Herb W., Area 83 Public Information Chair

Vote: All in favour

Motion: Carried

Just a reminder that the Fall Assembly is October 25, 26 & 27, 2013.

16. CLOSING

It is now 4:03 pm and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you all a safe drive home. May I have a motion to end this meeting?

Motioned: John V., District Committee Member of District 58

Seconded: Louise T., Alternate District Committee Member of District 42

Motion: Carried

CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION:

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

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Appendix A – Financial Statements

EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83

AS AT: May 27, 2013

RESERVE ACCOUNT	Actual
January 1, 2013 Opening Balance	20,000.00
Interest	0.00
Transfer to Operating Account	0.00
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE	20,000.00

INCOME	
7th Tradition	2,725.30
Cost Recoveries	278.70
Flow Through to GSO	267.00
Grapevine Seasonals	0.00
Group & District Contributions	14,909.11
TOTAL INCOME	18,180.11
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	0.00
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS	18,180.11

EXPENSES	
Accommodations	3,274.29
Meals	5,331.95
Travel	5,642.97
Long Distance	0.00
Postage	252.23
Printing	928.42
Literature	633.91
Stationery	284.19
Miscellaneous	1,888.27
Area Web Site	98.39
Total Committee Expenses	18,334.62
Ad Hoc Committees	0.00
Area Contribution to GSO	0.00
Area Committee Meetings	328.05
General Service Conf. Assessment	6,949.13
Bank Service Charges	29.89
Forums/CERAASA	1,696.95
Grapevine Seasonal	0.00
GSO Flow Through	1,508.46
Ontario Delegate's Conference	1,508.46
Total Other Expenses	10,512.48
TOTAL EXPENSES	28,847.10

OPERATING ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2013	33,114.26
Total Income & Transfers	18,180.11
Total Expenses	-28,847.10
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE	22,447.27

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Area 83 Eastern Ontario International
Details of Expenditures
As at:12/07/2013

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Annual Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	95.60	249.88	867.01	-	13.33	30.51	-	-	65.44	1,321.77	2,920.00	1,598.23	45.27%
Alt. Delegate	-	116.76	308.00	-	-	-	44.12	58.75	-	527.63	2,310.00	1,782.37	22.84%
Immediate past Delegate	-	-	346.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	346.50	1,130.00	783.50	30.66%
Chairperson	-	112.82	322.70	-	-	-	-	-	-	435.52	1,420.00	984.48	30.67%
Secretary	-	147.45	179.60	-	95.72	472.56	-	178.63	-	1,073.96	3,660.00	2,586.04	29.34%
Treasurer	-	90.00	246.40	-	141.18	131.65	-	18.80	4.52	632.55	1,800.00	1,167.45	35.14%
Registrar	-	-	142.80	-	-	116.33	-	-	-	259.13	1,530.00	1,270.87	16.94%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	219.22	125.00	347.90	-	-	-	-	-	98.39	790.51	1,250.00	459.49	63.24%
Archives	-	59.63	594.30	-	-	-	-	-	446.40	1,100.33	1,870.00	769.67	58.84%
Archivist	219.22	115.85	577.15	-	-	103.40	-	-	-	1,015.62	1,670.00	654.38	60.82%
Cooperation with the P.C.	-	35.32	105.25	-	-	-	-	11.49	-	522.95	1,370.00	1,129.12	17.58%
Corrections Facilities	-	112.46	399.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	522.95	1,230.00	707.05	42.52%
Grapevine	-	100.80	227.50	-	-	-	169.60	-	-	328.30	1,270.00	941.70	25.85%
Public Information	-	34.50	299.70	-	2.00	-	31.09	16.52	-	538.25	1,370.00	849.68	37.98%
Self Support	-	90.90	414.26	-	-	-	207.12	-	6.00	579.37	1,270.00	731.75	42.38%
Treatment Facilities	-	74.11	264.90	-	-	27.24	181.98	-	-	926.38	1,270.00	690.63	45.62%
Service Info Day Cmte	328.83	368.84	-	-	-	46.73	-	-	-	7,174.65	4,500.00	3,573.62	20.59%
Spring Assembly	2,411.42	3,497.63	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,265.60	-	7,200.00	25.35	99.65%
Fall Assembly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,200.00	7,200.00	0.00%
COMMITTEE EXP.	\$ 3,274.29	\$ 5,331.95	\$ 5,642.97	\$ -	\$ 252.23	\$ 928.42	\$ 633.91	\$ 284.19	\$ 1,986.66	\$ 18,334.62	\$ 46,240.00	\$ 27,905.38	39.65%
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.00	50.00	0.00%
Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	328.05	328.05	700.00	371.95	46.86%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29.89	-	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00%
Bank Charges	-	-	775.69	-	-	-	-	-	25.00	1,696.95	150.00	120.11	19.93%
Forums/CERAASA	755.74	140.52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,680.00	-16.95	101.01%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00%
GSO Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,949.13	6,950.00	0.87	99.99%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	267.00	300.00	33.00	89.00%
Ont Delegates Conf.	519.80	181.03	807.63	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,508.46	1,500.00	-8.46	100.56%
OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 1,275.54	\$ 321.55	\$ 1,583.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 382.94	\$ 10,779.48	\$ 17,580.00	\$ 6,800.52	61.32%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,549.83	\$ 5,653.50	\$ 7,226.29	\$ -	\$ 252.23	\$ 928.42	\$ 633.91	\$ 284.19	\$ 2,369.60	\$ 29,114.10	\$ 63,820.00	\$ 34,705.90	45.62%

May 27, 2013			
	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	Change
Income To Date	18,180.11	21,952.14	-
Expenses To Date	28,847.10	30,456.56	-
Net Change To Operating Account	\$ 10,666.99	\$ 8,504.42	\$ 2,162.57
Contributions	\$ 14,909.11	\$ 19,148.75	-4239.64
Contributing Groups	68	80	-12
Contributing Districts	9	14	-5

Income Summary	
May 27, 2013	2,725.30
7th Tradition	-
Bank Interest	267.00
GSO Flow through	14,909.11
Contributions	278.70
Cost recoveries	-
Grapevine Seasonals	-
Total Income	\$ 18,180.11

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GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL

AS AT May 27, 2013

			<u>TOTAL</u>	
District	00	Unknown	-	
District	02	Malton	650.00	
District	06	Mississauga	1,100.00	
District	10	Toronto South Central	1,272.32	
District	12	Toronto South West	300.00	
District	14	Toronto North Central	375.00	
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	204.31	
District	18	Toronto City East	2,391.00	
District	22	Scarborough	635.00	
District	26	Lakeshore West	463.75	
District	28	Lakeshore East	1,171.58	
District	30	Quinte West	300.00	
District	34	Quinte East	450.00	
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	250.00	
District	38	Thousand Islands	-	
District	42	St. Lawrence International	108.36	
District	46	St. Lawrence Adirondack	-	
District	48	Seaway Valley North	400.00	
District	50	Cornwall	210.00	
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	1,100.00	
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	60.00	
District	62	Ottawa West	399.92	
District	66	Golden Triangle	950.00	
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	100.00	
District	74	Pembroke	300.00	
District	78	Madawaska Valley	500.00	
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	250.00	
District	86	Kawartha	967.87	
Total Contributions YTD:			<u>14,909.11</u>	
Total from Groups			11,375.26	68 Groups Contributing
Total from Districts			3,533.85	9 Districts Contributing
Total Contributions YTD:			<u>14,909.11</u>	

Appendix B – Help Letter

PLEASE HELP

Area 85, Northwest Ontario Remote Communities Committee is attempting to help start Alcoholics Anonymous Groups in twenty-six remote communities located in the far north of the Area. These communities are accessible only by air – no roads. It is our intention to offer electronic support to members **(SPONSORSHIP)** who are being discharged from prisons, jails, treatment centres or halfway houses located in the south of the Area and who wish to return to their remote communities in the north.

We are trying to recruit current AA members who would be willing to undertake this important Twelfth Step work in “Carrying the Message” to these new members by communicating with them by telephone or internet or video conferencing or online meetings through the Area website or by whatever electronic means available and agreed upon by the Sponsor and Sponsee.

We are asking for your help.

There will be online training available once a sufficient number of members agree to help. Once enough members are willing to commit to helping, contact will be made with those potential members currently incarcerated or in treatment centres to let them know of this available service.

The Committee has already had several video conference meetings with professionals living in the remote communities who are looking forward to the potential presence of AA in their communities and are willing to help in any way they can to get these Groups up and running.

The Committee is also looking for AA members who would be willing to chair or moderate meeting **(MODERATORS)** through the same type of electronic means for new Groups starting. Again, training will be available.

If you can help and are willing to commit to “Carrying the Message” in this manner, please contact theRemote Community Committee by e-mail at [**Area85remote@gmail.com**](mailto:Area85remote@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your interest in this important new initiative.

Diane D., Past Delegate (Panel 35)
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Alcoholics Anonymous