

# **Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

## **Area Committee Meeting Minutes**

**June 2, 2012**

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<b>13</b>	<b>NEW BUSINESS.....</b>	<b>27-30</b>
	<b>a)</b> Discussion as to whether the District Committee Reports should be read at the Fall Election Assembly.	Joyce S.
	<b>b)</b> Discussion, Pre-Conference Assemblies	Mel C
	<b>c)</b> That the Area sub-Committee meetings during Assemblies be held on the Saturday to include all Chairpersons that can attend the Service Information Day only.	Gary C.
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**1. Opening**

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

Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions Read By Victoria B, Public Information Chair, District 18.

12 Concepts (Short Form) Read By Elaine Secretary, District 66

**Welcome to Quinte West** – This is our second Area Committee meeting of the second year in the term. This is your meeting and is an opportunity for you all to share what's happening in your Districts. Please feel free to voice any concerns or questions you may have. There may be someone in the room who has the same question or concern and it always helps to share. It is important for us all to think of our First Tradition - "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity". We are all here to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous remains unified and strong in Area 83 Eastern Ontario International. Our personal recovery, as well as the recovery of the still suffering Alcoholic, depends upon it.

**Some reminders**

This is a non-smoking facility. A break will be called sometime around 11:00 and again in the afternoon. Lunch is not shown as an agenda item, but we will break around noon. Please turn off your cell phones or anything else that might beep.

At this time I would like to introduce our Area Committee.

**Area 83 Officers**

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

**Area Committee Chairpersons**

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

**Introduction of Past Delegates:**

Today we have Panel 57 Past Delegate Dot D,  
We also have our Area Webmaster Todd. S. and our Area Alternate Webmaster Jim R.

This is your Area Executive for 2011 and 2012.

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**Housekeeping:** Our meeting schedule up to and including the tentative dates to the end of January 2014 will be included in the minutes. As Chair, I have arranged for the facilities to be secured in order to hold these meetings either here at Westminster Church or at the Ambassador Hotel. However, the incoming Chair has the option of changing the dates. The Area committee will meet here again on September 8<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. At the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting you will be electing the incoming Sub-Committee Chairs. Everyone is welcome to attend. The next Area Assembly and Service Information Day will be in Kingston on the weekend of October 26, 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>.

Year	Month	Date	What	Where
2012	January	January 07	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
	March	March 23, 24, 25	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
	June	June 02	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
	September	September 08	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
	October	October 26, 27, 28	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
	December	December 01	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2013	January	January 05	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
	March	March 22, 23, 24	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
	June	June 01	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
	September	September 07	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
	October	October 25, 26, 27	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
2014	January	January 04	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church

### Food:

Lunch has been arranged by our Treasurer, Jim at a cost of \$5.00, per item. Please put your money for lunch in the buckets supplied by him.

### Seating:

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

### Who votes?

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

### How do we vote?

#### Procedure:

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

### Voice of the Minority

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

### Calling the Question:

During the discussion on a motion, a member, once recognized by the Chair, may move to "call the question". This is a motion to end discussion and move to the vote. This motion needs to be seconded, is not debatable, and requires a 2/3 majority to pass. If it passes, we go directly to the vote of the motion or amendment we were discussing. I would caution you not to use this privilege too

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often or too early – many good points and opinions will come out in any discussions, and if discussion is prematurely cut off, we will not get to hear them.

### Who may address the committee meeting?

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

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

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

### Floor Motions

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

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

### Motion for simple majority

**Moved:** Miles C., District Committee Member, (DCM) District 30

**Seconded:** Gary C., District Committee Member (DCM) District 66

**Vote:** Carried

## 2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

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

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

**13 (c)** That the Area sub-Committee meetings during Assemblies be held on the Saturday to include all Chairpersons that can attend the Service Information day only. Gary C. DCM, District 86

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

Motioned: Wilf P. DCM District 34

Seconded: Claude L. DCM District 78

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

Result: Carried

## 3. ROLL CALL

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

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**4. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETING *January 7, 2012.***

**Motion:** ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETING January 7, 2012

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

**Seconded:** Heather M. DCM District 12

**Vote:** Carried

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

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

I would ask members to come up front to the mic to give their report. Order is determined by the chair drawing names from the bag. I will announce who is on and who is on deck. If you are "on deck", can you come up to the front and be ready to present when the DCM before you steps down. Please clearly state your name, your position and your District when you are up here. Thank you.

Before I start drawing the district numbers out of the bag, Carol Jamieson, who was the District Committee Member for District 04 Humber has requested to say a few words to everyone.

My name is Carol; I am an alcoholic and a member of the Tuesday Night Discussion Group. There was a motion at District 04 to disband as of June 1, 2012 and was carried by the District table. All groups have been informed of nearest District tables. Funds were distributed to Area 83, GSO, and Literature. We closed with a reading from "As Bill Sees It".

**District 02 Malton**

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

District 02 continues to be working fairly smoothly. Our meetings have been well attended with over 65% of the groups represented. We have all Committee Chair positions filled but Alternate Chair positions in Accessibility, Literature and Archives remain open.

Here are some highlights since our last meeting:

- We have two new groups that are coming to the District table; Rexdale United as the result of District 4 disbanding and a new Group in Brampton that has been formed called Spirit of the Big Book. We are open to any other of the Groups from District 4 should they wish to have District 2 as their home.
- Our Treatment Chair Shane H. has been finding it difficult to keep some of the group commitments in supporting the various Treatment meetings. He reached out to another District (outside Area, District 25 Halton/ Erin) for support and has commitments to support the Treatment meetings that were difficult to fill.
- With our District having a large portion of funding going to Corrections, we reached out again this year to Toronto Intergroup for literature support. They were gracious in giving us almost \$500 in Big Books and we thank them for this additional support.
- As Scott McD. from District 6 will highlight, our two Districts have been given the go-ahead to have a literature rack in the Wellness Centre at Peel Region. This is a start and we will continue to work in getting literature racks in the police stations.
- District 2 is holding a Service Day on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> and being chaired by our Alt. DCM Robert B. You're all invited to attend at Holy Family Anglican Church 10446 Kennedy Road North in Brampton, including a Pot Luck lunch.
- Finally, we were actively involved in Information AA Day which was held last Saturday at the Thornhill Community Centre. It was a good day of service with Toronto Intergroup and the 8 Districts working together for this 33<sup>rd</sup> year.

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

**District 06 Mississauga**

Good morning friends. I'm alcoholic, a member of the Bloordale group in west end Toronto & my name is Scott. Hi! It continues to be an honour & privilege to serve District 06 as the District Committee Member.

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As we roll along into summer our District fast approaches our upcoming elections for our incoming DCM & Alternate DCM for our next Panel 63 term. This month we had Mel visit the table as we carried out our regular bi-annual District inventory where everyone had a voice. As I've reported recently at our last joint sharing session on May 1<sup>st</sup>, our district reached an all time record with 82% in attendance in March. That was 27 of our 33 groups being represented.

We still await our Website guidelines in draft but are very excited to announce the launch of our new and improved District website at [www.aamississauga.org](http://www.aamississauga.org) Thanks goes out to Jim R. & Todd S. for their hard work on this.

I'm also excited about last Saturday's Information AA Day and the presentations that were shared with us including a story about a lonely Chinese man at an all Spanish AA meeting that Eva S., staff from G.S.O. shared with us. Thanks to Robb for taking us through his experience at the General Service Conference. Roy also did a great job as he started the day off by providing us with history of where Intergroup and General Service evolved around us in Toronto. Also, very successful was the potluck lunch coordinated by Elaine H. Elaine will also lead the Committee through another year of planning for the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Information AA Day in 2013.

Our District 02 & 06 joint effort to place literature within the Peel Regional Police wellness department is left with us to stock the rack that Gary got for us and just deliver it. This week we've decided on the 12 pamphlets that this rack will hold.

I look forward in seeing you all at the upcoming Eastern Canadian Regional Forum in St. Catharines on July 6<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup> in five weeks.

Mark your calendar for the 2012 Mississauga Fall Round-Up. It's scheduled for Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> again at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic church. Check [www.mississaugafallroundup.org](http://www.mississaugafallroundup.org) for info.

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

### **District 10 Toronto South Central**

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

District 10 is financially healthy and all our subcommittee positions are filled with the exception of Self-Support and Corrections.

We meet at 519 Church Street on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. If you wish any District 10 committee members, you can visit our website at [www.district10toronto.org](http://www.district10toronto.org) and go to the contacts page.

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

We will be hosting a service day this fall and I will have more information on that as details are worked out.

In love and service, Vince R.

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

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

Our district finances are stable and sufficient to meet our current service needs. We have each of our committee chairs filled, for the first time in a long time. We are now actively seeking alternates to learn the ropes for the upcoming term. We have had a few glitches in servicing our numerous Treatment facilities but it appears all is now on track.

We've decided to do a district inventory in the fall so I'll be speaking to possible chair candidates about their availability. We will also be holding elections in the fall.

Our new Alt DCM Greg H from the Hill group is in attendance this Saturday. He's a dedicated longtime table member and I am delighted to share the workload.

Our district has elected to break for the summer. I don't anticipate a long report in September.

Yours in Service, Heather M. DCM District 12



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**District 14 Toronto North Central**

Hello Everyone,

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

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

Our district was part of the I AA Day held in Toronto at the Thornhill Community Centre this turned out to be a great day by all and it was great to work with all the D.C.M. in the area that made the day a success.

All our bills and our finances are in great shape.

All our sub committees are doing well. Our District will be sending a case of soft big books and old Grapevines to the Lindsey Jail. Our Grapevine committee is now taking orders for the up and coming pocket planners and calendar.

Our District Service Workshop is confirmed [29 September 2012] and we are planning a Traditions only Workshop. It would be great to see all of you there.

Yours in service, Gary O. DCM District 14

**District 16 Distrito Hispano de Toronto**

Not present - report was submitted

Good morning everyone, I am an alcoholic my name is Cesar and I am a proud member of Group Unidad. I was the Anniversary Chair and the group celebrated the 26 anniversary of having the doors open to the still suffering alcoholic. We held a public meeting with live music and food and dance. It was well attended with over 150 people alcoholic and non alcoholic. We are happy for the outcome of the event. Fiesta District 16 continues to hold our meetings and take an attendance with a 70 percent of the General Service Representative (GSR) the district meet 3 times a month one business meeting, one study the service manual and one we share the service experience with the groups of district 16.

We have three committees up and running the archives, La Vina and Corrections, we hope in the future will be able to fulfill the rest of the committees.

We took part of the AA Information Day with the usual popular Latin American menu of pupusas and tamales for the taste of the area. At this Information Day our job of setting up the rooms, was really easy. Thanks to the Information Day committee for arranging the facility to do it.

Thanks to the District 16 and Area 83 for allowing me to serve as a DCM.

Cesar

**District 18 Toronto City East**

Hi everyone i am an alcoholic and my name is Patrick F. I am a member of the Danforth Group and currently serving as the District Committee Member for District 18 Toronto City East .

The district as been busy the last two months with Info AA Day and the East Toronto Archives Breakfast #7. Great turn out at both events.

We also had our District Officers Elections so we could know who the incoming D.C.M . Would be so we can sent him/her to the Easter Canada Regional Forum in St. Catherines Ont .in July . The new incoming officers are:

D.C.M . is Murray O.  
A.D.C.M. is Mary Lou M.  
Secretary is John L.  
Registrar is John M.  
Treasurer is Candace K.

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I wanna thank Robb W. for coming to help District 18 with our elections .For the A.D.C.M. we had to go to the hat. Out of the five positions we had to voted for three of them. It wasn't all acclaimed.

District 18 is also looking into making changes to its Procedures and guidelines. A member of the District table has bought forward some motions to help with bettering them. We will be looking at them in the upcoming months.

Then when that's all done we will need a group inventory

Yours in loving service, Patrick F.

### **District 22 Scarborough**

Hi everyone, I am an alcoholic, member of the Bellamy Group, serving as DCM for District 22 Scarborough and my name is Carolina C. Due to poor health I was unable to attend the Assembly, but our district was well represented by Bryan D, our ADCM.

At our April meeting we held a district inventory chaired by Joyce S which was well attended and had lots of participation by our GSRs.

The ETAB (archives breakfast) May 6<sup>th</sup> was a great success, good food, fellowship and excellent speakers. I had the privilege of chairing the speaker portion. It was energizing to be part of such a hard working committee who worked so well together.

May 26 was Info AA Day. The new location was great, and all who attended enjoyed themselves. Once again the food was great. Congratulations to all members of the committee, a great group with which to work. Kudos to Elaine and Vicky who ran the kitchen.

We will be holding our elections for the 2013 committee members June 10<sup>th</sup> facilitated by Jim A.

Our district meetings are well attended, even the meeting that was held May 13<sup>th</sup>, Mothers Day. All committee chairs are filled, with two lacking alternates. We are financially sound and sharing with Area and GSO.

Our district will be holding its first Scarborough Round Up October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Wexford Church. Committee members are hoping it will become a yearly event.

District 22's Service Day will be held September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Oak Ridges' Community Centre. Come join us, free lunch.

It is a pleasure to serve as DCM and would like to thank all GSRs for their help and hard work.

Yours in love and service, Carolina C, DCM Dist 22, Scarborough

### **District 26 Lakeshore West**

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

Our Group Inventory result is that in general, groups with representation at our last District 26 table May 20, 2012 are doing well and are attracting new members. Pringle Creek Gratitude Group has moved to their new location: All Saints Church in Whitby at 8:00 PM. For the months of May and June, Groups have reported 246 yrs. of sobriety amongst their members.

Because of poor attendance, our CPC chair joined the PIC meeting on May 20, 2012. The PIC Committee continues to busy themselves with such tasks of contacting hospitals, libraries, doctor offices at medical centres, schools, pharmacies, senior residencies, hotels churches and Durham Chief of Police, leaving AA literature and information where possible. Although there is lots of activity from PIC, they too experience low representation from groups in District 26.

An Ad Hoc Committee was formed September 18, 2012 to review our entire Operating Procedures and make recommendations. They have completed their task by distributing printed booklets which include a letter to each group in our District, a description synopsis; the Operating Procedures with recommended changes highlighted and a glossary of terms. The decision will now lie in group conscience.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakeshore Districts Conference, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> 2012 at General Sirkorski Polish Veteran's Hall is located on Stevenson Rd. N. Oshawa. The Conference Committee are moving right along with their planning and tickets are available for purchase. For those wishing to purchase their ticket today I do have some.

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Our Corrections position has been taken over by Tom C. from Pringle Creek Gratitude Group. Our relatively new Self-Support chair has slotted into his position nicely and has shown great initiative and our District new Inter-C Change Schedule was promised to be ready by May 20, 2012. Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2012 will be our last District GSR Table meeting as we recess for the summer and we resume the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September.

DISTRICT 26 WISHES YOU ALL A GREAT SUMMER! THANK-YOU FOR MY SOBRIETY & ALLOWING ME TO SERVE  
Diane M. DCM District 26

### **District 28 Lakeshore East**

Hello friends. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the *Orono Easy Does It* Group, and my name is Garth W. I have the honour and privilege of serving as DCM for Lakeshore District 28 East.

As our term continues, general service continues to be strong in District 28. Our PIC and CPC sub committees have settled in, their attendance and outreach activity continue to be strong resulting in the message of recovery been carried to our communities.

Our Treatment and Corrections committee continues to help facilitate meetings at Pinewood Detox Centre, Brookside Youth Centre, and Lindsay Correctional Institution. We have active Archives, and Grapevine chairpersons, who continue to try to create interest but still haven't received much support.

We have amended our DOP's to include a self-support chairperson position, lessen the requirements for candidate DCM's and ADCM's and to increase our prudent reserve (specifically our carry forward).

Financially our District is in much better. Our group contributions are gradually picking up and we have restored our prudent reserve. We are looking forward to, and invite all, to both our (jointly with District 26);

1. 40th Annual Lakeshore Districts Conference, August 10-12, and
2. "Bring a Friend" meeting, November 12.

Wishing a healthy, safe and sober summer to all.

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

### **District 30 Quinte West**

Present but no report submitted

### **District 34 Quinte East**

Good morning Madam Chairperson, Area Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs, fellow D.C.Ms and honoured guests I am an alcoholic, a member of the Stirling Friday night group it is an honour and privilege to serve district 34 as it's Committee Member, my name is Wilf P. Hi.

District 34 is doing well attendance is usually good at our monthly meetings although it was down slightly this past Thur. night with only 12 groups and 5 sub committee chairs and 4 district officers present.

**PIC/CPC** is doing a great job with the local media /Radio, our new automated telephone answering service is working well.

Our district **Treatment** chair is carrying the message of hope to all local treatment facilities although she is concerned that we are not getting back contact information from bridging the gap.

**Grapevine** is right now setting up our district display at the tri county roundup which you are all invited to attend after our area meeting is finished its just a 10 min drive east of Belleville. Country style Roundup / dinner 7<sup>th</sup> tradition only.

Our new **Archives** chair is very excited and getting things in place look for a archives display for district 34 in the near future. **Self support** is still hanging around.

Our **Correctional Facilities** chair is very concerned with the volunteer coordinator at the Quinte detention centre, seems she is very difficult to deal with (his opinion) making members that have been going there for years get new clearance's then taking as long as 9 months to approve them then complaining that A.A has not been in the detention center since Dec./Jan. (Her opinion) that he is very rude. What we have here is a

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failure to communicate and a personality clash, **OH WHAT FUN TO BE D.C.M.** We will work towards a solution to carry the message of hope to those incarcerated.

Financially District 34 is in good shape and meeting all commitments and keeping a prudent reserve.

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

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

Kingston and the Islands is now rolling along smoothly just in time for us to begin discussing the importance of "ROTATION OF SERVICE" as well as our upcoming elections in September to replace ourselves.

Meanwhile, one of our two vacant District Committee Chairs has been filled by a young, energetic and self-confessed nervous person. That being said, she has held 2 committee meetings, got the team focused and heading in one direction and she herself has visited a couple of local organizations that have requested A.A. information. Then she had the "NERVE" (lol) to come to the District meeting and ask for \$ 1 million dollars to make the committee run (lol). So, the enthusiasm is there; now for a little fiscal financial balance ... 000 to be new in service again.

All in all we are actually doing pretty good (well?). District meetings are well attended and the chatter seems to indicate interest in what's going on in AA.

The groups have sent to Tony (our beloved AREA REGISTRAR) updated information for our CANADIAN AA DIRECTORY.

DISTRICT 34/36 ANNUAL CONFERENCE will be held SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23 in Napanee at the Lion's Hall. Please come and support us.

Expect to see our alternate DCM at the upcoming Regional Forum in St. Catherines.

All said and done, all is well in Kingston by the Fall Assembly we will have elected our 2013-14 team of service people to carry on in the tradition upon which AA is founded. Hopefully, they will be here along with their outgoing counterparts to help with the "easing-in" process. Together we can!

Until then, yours in service, Roxane T.

### **District 38 Thousand Islands**

Not present and No Report Submitted

### **District 42 St. Lawrence International**

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

Since we met at the Assembly in March, some of our personnel have changed but our outreach efforts in Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community have been consistent. Our PI chair resigned and we elected a new CPC chair, long-time member Tania M. who expressed a desire to get back into service and I replied "do we have a deal for you!" Kaytlin F Volunteered to be our literature/Grapevine coordinator. And Allan C. is our new co-webmaster.

One of the regular agenda items of our District meeting is the "GSR/Group contact reports". A few years ago the district decided to move this item ahead of the District officer reports to emphasize the importance of listening to the groups. This is a time to find out how the groups are doing and offer shared experience for any situations which may be arising. Topics brought up for discussion in recent months include:

- How to get more group members and to get those already "one the list" to help with group jobs
- Whether or not the district should take responsibility for the coffee expense for one of our treatment center meetings (the facility won't furnish coffee, only creamer and sugar).
- Whether or not to cancel our June district meeting, since it is only six days prior to the delegate's report. (We decided to meet anyway to keep consistent.)
- Missing 7<sup>th</sup> tradition funds and books and how to prevent that from happening.
- The difficulties some AA members have in crossing (or not!) the border into Canada to participate in service events.

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We have been doing a survey of AA literature available inside our three NYS prisons and our county jail. We want to make sure enough is on hand and available to inmates. This is a slow, but worthwhile process.

I also selected a few of the Conference Agenda Topics, made information packets, and collected group conscience from about six groups to forward to Robb prior to his trip to the General Service Conference. We look forward to hearing his report on June 23 in Cornwall in cooperation with Districts 48 and 50.

I, along with Mary H. – one of our GSRs, attended the Archives workshop in Ottawa in April. As always, it was both interesting and informative.

We are starting planning for a District Day of Sharing in September. As always, the purpose is to encourage service participation, especially since our elections will probably happen in October! This service panel has flown by!

We still have vacancies at Alternate DCM, Archives chair, and Public Information chair. More shall be revealed. And our treasury has been well supported from active groups in our district.

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

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### **District 46 St. Lawrence Adirondack**

Not present and No report submitted

### **District 48 Seaway Valley North**

Not present and No report submitted

### **District 50 Cornwall**

Hello Everyone,

Things are going very well with our district. The Spring Conference was well attended and fun was had by all. The 2012 Fall Conference Committee members are working hard to prepare for the November conference which will be held at the Ramada Inn in Cornwall. Flyers are being distributed.

As some of you are aware, we have been struggling with the telephone line for some time now. Good news: We have a new Telephone Chair and things are going very well with that.

We are currently preparing for the upcoming Information/Service Day which will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Our district has many active members who are there to reach out the hand of A.A. to the still suffering alcoholic and I am honoured to be a part of that. Thank you and have a good day.

Yours in Loving Service, Linda C

### **District 54 Ottawa Rideau**

I am an alcoholic, a member the Search for Serenity Group in Orleans and my name is Greg C. It is my pleasure to represent District 54 as District Committee Member.

We are in a good financial position, and able to make our necessary commitments. Committees have all been very active but looking forward to slower summer months.

Today is the Vanier Roundup, boasting French and English meetings all day, speakers, sporting activities, a turkey dinner and dance all for \$10.00.

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June 24<sup>th</sup> will see Gratitude Day sponsored but the 3 Ottawa Districts. District 58 is taking the lead as host this year, and we are all looking forward to hearing from Rob W.

We are also looking into the possibilities of having a "Concepts Workshop" similar to the Joe and Charlie Big Book Workshops. The planning is still in its infancy but we have enthusiastic support and hope for a very successful event.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer,  
Yours in Service, Greg C

### **District 58 Ottawa Bytown**

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

Gratitude Day will be held Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Hintonberg Community Centre between 10am and 2pm. We are grateful to be hosting along with Districts 54 and 62. Tickets are available from the GSR's and Committee members from each District at a cost of \$5.00 Lunch and Drinks will be provided.

Attendance at the District is remaining steady at approx. 7 groups, we have many opportunities for service at the District with vacant positions in Grapevine, Public information Committee and Co-operation with the Professional Community to name a few. Each month we have the opportunity to hear from each of the Groups in attendance on how they are doing, and ask questions regarding service. Recently, attendance at business meetings as been a topic of conversation.

Financially, we have been able to make a contribution of \$250 to Correctional Facilities and Treatment Facilities as requested.

Yours in Service, Bonnie

### **District 62 Ottawa**

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

The District is healthy and busy spreading the AA message. All our Service Committees are staffed and working hard except for Archives. which is in need of volunteers for all positions. As of the May report, they do not have a quorum to hold meetings. As such David T. is extremely busy.

At the last Area meeting I told you about the new District 62 Service Pamphlet: "**So you want to Get Active in Service**". Well the final name of the pamphlet, for a short period of time, was "**District 62 Needs Your Help**". I say "for a short period of time" as shortly after it got out in print both Districts 54 and 58 contacted us. Both districts wanted to be able to use the pamphlet and requested that the name to be changed to "**Ottawa Area Needs Your Help**". This was unanimously approved and new copies have been produced. I am extremely grateful to Glen W., our District Registrar who proposed this project and led it to a successful completion.

The Ottawa Area had a successful Spring Conference and our yearly Gratitude Day is coming up, but as District 62 is not the host this year I'll leave the details to District 58, who is.

Yours in service, Ian B. District 62 Committee Member

### **District 66 Golden Triangle**

Good morning everyone my name is Gary, and I am a grateful member of the Seaway Group, and I am currently serving as District Committee Member for District 66 of the Golden Triangle.

The District is pleased to report that the finances are in good shape at this time. All the members in the district are doing a very good job of keeping everything in order.

As of now the District 66 alternate seems to have too many things on the go and we may be getting someone else to fill the position for the rest of the term.

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District 66 held their annual spring roundup on the 14th of April, and again it turned out to be a great day of fun and sharing, and would like to thank everyone who attended and took part as Committee Member for District 66.

I wish all of you a very safe and sober summer.

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

### **District 70 Renfrew Pontiac**

Good morning, brothers and sisters, my name is Terry C. and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to be a member of Arnprior Steps and Traditions group on Wednesday nights. I have the honour to be the District Committee Member for Renfrew-Pontiac District 70, one of your interprovincial districts.

Our part of the world of recovery is going well. We have good attendance at our district table and excellent participation by our GSR's and Chairs in our district events. Our March Round-up was a big success and now we are looking forward to our Ottawa Valley Service Information Day next Saturday. The day is hosted by Renfrew-Pontiac this year in cooperation with our sister districts Pembroke and Madawaska Valley. We will welcome speakers from this Area Table, namely, Delegate Robb W., Alternate Delegate Mel C., Self-support Chair Ruth F. and Treatment Facilities Chair Rod S.

We look forward eagerly to welcoming them and any guests who may join us at the Cobden United Church for a day of thoughtful fellowship.

Yours in love and service, Terry C., DCM, Renfrew-Pontiac

### **District 74 Pembroke**

Hi, I'm an alcoholic and my name is Jack. Nothing new to report since my last report. We have the usual problems as other groups. See you at the Info Day in Cobden next Saturday or a meeting in Pembroke.

Jack B. DCM District 74

### **District 78 Madawaska Valley**

I am an alcoholic and DCM for District 78. My name is Claude L. Our little district of 6 groups is doing well financially and we have 100% support at the district table. All the chairs for the committees are not filled.

Group rotations are going well. This is an idea where each month one in the district attends, and chairs another meeting in the district. This helps boost attendance in the meetings and gets people out to meetings they may otherwise not go to.

Our upcoming one day roundup is on Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the dinner is \$20.00 and the day is 7<sup>th</sup> tradition. It is a popular roundup and we always have a excellent turnout from surrounding districts. I have tickets here.

Our AA phone line (1-888-214-0473) is not as busy as we would like it to be. We have a listing of meetings and then a space for people to leave a message. We have about 2 messages a month. The phone line is a call in, where a member calls in from their phone to pick up messages and then returns the call.

The big highlight is that we have a new and wonderful website-[www.aamadawaskavalley.org](http://www.aamadawaskavalley.org). Feel free to make any links from our website to yours. Check us out.

Yours in service, Claude L.

### **District 82 Victoria Haliburton**

Hi I am an alcoholic, District Committee Member of District 82 and my name is Greg M.

This May was our 33<sup>rd</sup> annual AA Round-Up. It was held at the Lindsay Curling Club. We had good attendance, with a steak BBQ dinner. The Conference Committee did a great job.

On Thursday evening (May 31<sup>st</sup>) was the 10<sup>th</sup> year the staff from Central East Correction Facility had a dinner for all the volunteers that attend meetings in the jail. The correction facility truly appreciated all who give their time to go into the jail and carry the message of hope.

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At our district table, we still have 3 positions vacant but have good attendance from most groups in District 82. Financially we are well supported and making regular contributions to Area 83 and GSO.

Our district table will break for the months of July and August and will resume in September.

Yours in service, Greg M. DCM District 82

## **District 86 Kawartha**

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

Since we last met, John L. has resigned as Alt. DCM and our new Alt. DCM is Cathy U. Cathy is with us today. You will know Cathy from her time served as Area Archivist. Also in attendance today is our District Treasurer, Kathy C. We have 22 Registered Groups in Kawartha District and paperwork has been submitted to that effect. I did note that the Roll call form at the Spring Assembly still listed our District as having 23 Groups. I have a list with me today of our current Registered Groups.

I'd like to say a big *Thank You* to both our Delegate and Alt. Delegate for their presentations at our May 27 Service Information Day. Robb did an excellent job of describing his experience at the General Service Conference and Mel with describing his Service Journey to date. Total attendance was about 35 from Districts 30, 82 and 86 and we also had a couple of attendees from District 28. We will probably reassess whether or not this is the best format for our Delegate to communicate his GSC experience to part of our Zone. Our Intergroup Office offers an ideal Central location for this report but, as always, we are open to suggestions.

Our 51st Kawartha District Conference will be held June 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> at the Evinrude Centre in Peterborough. Please pick up a Flyer today. The Theme is "New Beginning – New Life" and there are many good out-of-town Speakers booked.

Financially our District is in good shape and the Group attendance at our District meetings continues to be excellent. In an attempt to foster improved interest from our District, we have attempted to increase the compensation to our subcommittee Chairs for attendance at the SID and Assemblies and we will be keeping a close watch on our District Expenses as the year progresses. I think it fair to say that many in our District have not fully recovered from the 2008 economic recession.

We are still in need of a Corrections Chair. It has been a somewhat frustrating position over the past year with so many last-minute cancellations. We will do our best in helping to cover Volunteer meetings at Lindsay CECC as asked and it sounds like the meetings are slated to start again in June.

In closing, I say "***Let Gratitude be your Attitude***", Gary C., DCM, District 86, Kawartha.

## **6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

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

**Rob McA.**

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

Since we last met I have attended two functions in our Area. At the District 86 Service Day our Delegate Robb W reported on the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference and our Alternate Delegate Mel C spoke about his journey in General Service. The day was well attended and much was learned. Members from District 82 were invited to attend the May District 28 PI Committee meeting as they were looking for ways to get their Committee more active. I gave a presentation on Public Information, and Vic M from District 28 spoke about carrying the message to schools. It was nice to see two Districts from our Area cooperating so well. Most Districts in Area 83 have active PI Committees who continue to carry our message.

In my last report I mentioned an interview I had done with Good Life magazine in Mississauga. The article appeared in the May issue however my interview seems to have been edited out. It was a good experience for me as I had never done anything like this before. The writer who interviewed me knew little about Alcoholics Anonymous and seemed to be interested to learn. We never know when the seed may be planted.



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There were several items on the agenda for the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference that involved Public Information. I look forward to reading all about them when the final report comes out.

I plan to attend the Eastern Canadian Regional Forum in St. Catherine's next month and hope to see all of you there. It's a pleasure to be of service to Area 83. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. My email address is [pi@area83aa.org](mailto:pi@area83aa.org) and my phone number is 905 431-8633.

Yours in Love and Service  
Rob M.  
Area 83 PI Chairperson

**b) Cooperation With The Professional Community**

**Herb W.**

Good morning everyone. My name is Herb and I am an alcoholic. I have the honour and pleasure to serve as your Co-operation with the Professional Community chairperson for Eastern Ontario Area 83 International and I am a member of the Russell Saturday Night group in District 48.

We have just finished another National event in Toronto, The American Academy of Physician's Assistants Event . May 27-31. I would like to thank the C.P.C. Committee in Toronto for the great job facilitating and getting the job done and despite personalities, keeping principals and our "primary purpose" first. I would also like to thank the Public Information Committee for their support in that event. I am amazed at how well we can work together when we see a need for help.

The People in Motion event, also held in Toronto, is finishing today and I will report on it at the next meeting in September. I have received a request from the Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto through the General Service Office requesting to form an AA group. I will contact them this week.

There was also a request for AA literature from the Morrisburg Court to G.S.O. and I will also follow up and inform the District 48 PI/CPC representative .

Thanks to everyone for their survey input at the CPC workshop at the last Area Assembly. It helps so much in seeing what I do right and what I can improve to better serve Area 83.

I will be attending Districts 42, 48 and 50 Service Day on June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Cornwall.

Keep sending your minutes and please don't hesitate to invite me to your service events. A big thank you to all who had patience with me in a very trying summer full of changes and am looking forward to the journey ahead as I will be relocating to Trenton in July.

Thanking you all for the opportunity to serve,  
Gratefully,  
Herb W

**c) Corrections Report** (not present Chair read report)

**Deirdre B.**

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

I had the honour and privilege of sharing on Corrections at the Brampton Bramalea Spring A Thon on May 5. It was a good day lots of energy and food.

The Greater Toronto Area Intergroup Corrections meeting was held on May 7<sup>th</sup> it was very informative and exciting. It was well attended and Toronto Intergroup is very supportive of the Correctional Facilities in Toronto handing out free soft covered 12 and 12's and Big Books and used Grapevines.

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It was nice to hear that District 10 has been able to start putting literature in their District's police station. Since taking on the Correctional Chair position there have been twenty-two Bridging The Gap requests. There are quite a few districts out there very active in correctional work and it is a pleasure receiving the minutes and reading about these activities, some are having difficulties with shutdown and staffing issues at the facilities they are in. Hang in there it's worth it!

If you need my assistance please contact me via e-mail at [cf@area83aa.org](mailto:cf@area83aa.org) or via phone at 416-633-7650.

God bless you all, Deirdre B

**d) Treatment Report**

**Rodney S.**

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

I am amazed that a year has passed by. Last year at this time I was in Sacramento at the Bridge the Gap Weekend Workshop and had a pretty good time.

Since that time Bridge the Gap has pretty much stayed the same in Eastern Ontario. Despite all attempts to get more activity there continues to be really only one center in Eastern Ontario that is sending any contact requests. There has been more activity to and from area 86 lately than ever.

I have heard from some people that they have approached local centers explainaing bridge the gap and that those centers were unaware of this program and they may take advantage of it. That means that some districts are getting the message that although they have meetings at all these facilities, these facilities are largely unaware of this service we can offer them. It seems to be a well kep secret about AA.

I have approached a center who has regular aftercare meetings in Toronto. That centers operates north in the Muskokas and as such is the responsibility of Area 86. I have passed on the information to Pat S, Area 86 Treatment.

As always I stress, an important portion of Bridge the Gap that continues to be forgotten is the final response with confirmation that the contact took place. This is not being done regularly and I am having to solicit this information. Lately with my current work schedule I have been finding this difficult. The attached spreadsheet of contacts shows all the contacts this year. Those highlilgted I am still looking for information on.

Most of you know that there is a plan for my wife and I to relocate back to Vancouver. I was supposed to have moved two weeks ago and that got put off until november, then I was told that it may actually be August, now I am being told that it may be Oct-Nov again. It is supposed to happen, I just am not sure when. It is my intention to keep working with Treatmen as long as possible, to put on a workshop at the last assembly if I can and to continue to provide the link I provide for Bridge the Gap until the end of the year.

I will be attending the tridistrict service day in Cobden, next Saturday. I am told that some folks who work at the local Treatment centers will be there so I will address my workshop on issues of interest to them and how we in AA can be of service to them.

If my schedule permits I will be attending the Regional Forum in St-Catharines. I have penciled it in but things have been changing on me a lot lately.

Yours in love and service  
Rodney S

**Questions/Comments:**

Greg C, DCM District 82 – Bridging the Gap at Corrections – inmates do not know anything about it  
– wants to provide the Corrections Coordinator with info  
– **contact Deirdre Area 83 Corrections Chair for program info**

Wilf P, DCM District 34 – District Treatment Chair has concerns regarding District contacts – not getting contact info back  
– This is why Rodney noted in his report that he needs the info back and Districts need to “remind” their Corrections Chair at their respective tables

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**e) Grapevine Report**

**Leo MCK**

I am an alcoholic and my name is Leo M, my home group is the Little Oak Group in District 82 Victoria Haliburton and currently serving as your Grapevine Chair for Area 83.

I would like to start by thanking Districts 66, 30 and 82 for having the Grapevine as part of their round- up. They were all a good day of carrying the message, caring and sharing, meeting new friends and let's not forget the good and plentiful food.

The Grapevine Pocket Planners and Calendars are the same price as last year @ \$4.00 and \$8.00 respectively. Your mail box will have an order and summary form to be returned by our September meeting so the orders can be sent in as one bulk order that will be delivered at the Fall Assembly in October.

The Grapevine News that I have received for May is that the Grapevine has ended the first quarter of 2012 in the black. The Grapevine has moved its office to a smaller more economical space which will see a big saving.

The audio plan was approved at the conference and there will be more information on how we can participate in it. Coming in June to the AA website there will be a free daily 'Grapevine Quote'.

AAgrapevine.org can now be easily viewed on your smart phone or tablet.

In the eBooks - 'Emotional Sobriety II', and 'Step by Step', will be out shortly followed by 'Emotional Sobriety', 'Spiritual Awakening', and 'Spiritual Awakening II', followed by 'Young and Sober'.

Have a good summer and hope your dry date never changes.

Yours in Friendship and Service  
Grapevine Chair Area 83  
Leo MCK,

**f) Self-Support Report**

**Ruth F.**

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

Self Support has been busy! We would like to welcome three new Self Support Chairs, from Districts 3, 26, and 28. I have been in communication with all, and sent along information to help get them on their way. The [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) website is also a wealth of information!

Birthday envelopes have been the hot topic lately. I cannot keep them in stock. I am confident that when each distributed Birthday envelope has been filled out, filled up, and returned to the General Service Office, any/all of AA's financial worries will be over! Hehehe. Please distribute the Birthday envelopes you have, and encourage their use! Every amount helps. It doesn't have to be big... whatever you can afford, will help. Thank you so much!

We are in the early stages of the process of converting the resources that I have gathered in hard copy, to a disk. This will make it easy to provide everyone, with everything that is in the Area 83 Self Support binder. Awesome!

Version one of the fun little page the Area 83 Self Support Chairs put together is available now! Version two is already being compiled! This page is an interesting and informative comparison of the prices over the decades of such things as: coffee, cigarettes, gas, pop, and the amount we put into the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition basket at our meetings. It is a good conversation starter. We are hoping that it may encourage members to dig a little deeper. We are grateful for AA. It saved my life... does what I put into the basket to keep AA going, reflect my gratitude? Hmmm, just a thought.

I enjoyed being at Info AA day! It was an awesome day. It is always great to have the opportunity to be with people who love AA and talk about how much it means to us. And the food... was excellent!

Later this month, I am off to Renfrew/Pontiac, to Cornwall, and possibly to Ottawa. I can't wait! Thank you for allowing me to talk about Self Support!

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If you have any questions, comments, or ideas about Self Support, please talk to me, or send me an email. I would love to talk with you! Please send me your District minutes, I like to hear about what you are doing.

Life is good!

Ruth

### **g) Archives Report**

**Peter N.**

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

There are several items of interest which have occurred in Archives on which to report.

Notes from the Archives Workshop "Our Fond Hope: What Do We Collect" from the Spring Assembly, along with a software copy of The Eighty-Three, our Archives Newsletter, were sent out to all District Archives Chairs with an email address and to all DCMs, for local distribution.

April 21, the Area 83 Archives Workshop was held in Ottawa at the Bronson Centre. Our theme was "Archives: One Yesterday at a Time". It was well attended with a feisty bunch of Attendees and presenters who came from as far away as upstate New York, Eganville in the Ottawa Valley, Toronto, and Ottawa. Carolyn Bart-Riedstra from the Archives Association of Ontario did an excellent presentation on "What We Collect" and databases. Jim W., Apprentice Archivist from the GTA Archives led a workshop on Oral Histories. Milner G. and Cathy U. did an actual Oral History, similar but very different from the presentation which they made at the Fall Assembly in Kingston. The workshops were all interactive with great participation, and the food was excellent.

May 5, I attended a meeting at GTA Archives with Eddy G. GTA Archivist, Katrina (a member with professional expertise in this Area), David T. and Marrey from District 6, regarding standardizing the new Archives Database. We have already received a sample of what is being used in District 82 Kawartha from Gary C. and are looking to implement a system that will eventually standardize our work and allow remote access from across the Area.

May 6, I attended the East Toronto Archives Breakfast. The event was well planned, well attended, with good food and great speakers. Congratulations to Districts 18 and 22 for a well run event.

May 8, I attended the 25<sup>th</sup> Medallion for Eddy G., GTA Archives Archivist.

May 12, I attended the District 30 Service Roundup in Brighton. Again, another well planned and attended event with good food and panelists. Do you remember when we didn't eat because we were drinking?

As a result of attending the Roundup, I fell into a discussion with Pierre B. and Les C. who take a meeting into the Warkworth Institution. There is a member who is about to be released, who has knowledge of the history the meeting. We are hoping to get a Group History from him. To that end, I sent a generic Short and Long Group History form to the District Secretary Kim S.

In addition, I have sent two Excel Spreadsheets on Area and District demographics, created by Milner G., former Area Registrar to Miles C., DCM, about the start of the District in 1977.

June 23 I will be presenting a workshop in Cornwall at the Districts 42, 48 and 50 Service/Information Day.

At the ACM today, I was approached by Rob McA. who is not only the PI Chair for the Area but also Chair of the 40<sup>th</sup> Lakeshore Conference. They have a member who has knowledge and memory of all 40 and will be attempting to get an Oral History from this member for The Eight-Three, our area Archives Newsletter. Gary C. from District 86 Kawartha provided a similar history for us starting with The First Central East Conference Kawartha District 86.

From the General Service Conference, under Additional Considerations to the 2012 Conference Advisory Actions, "the Committee requested that the trustees' Archives Committee develop that the Archives Workbook on digitizing archival collections intended to provide guidance to local archivists and archives committees responsible for maintaining Area or District archival collections". As reported above we are already working on this. Ironically, the theme of the Conference was "Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age."

Please continue to send us your District minutes, we read them all. If there is any way in which David T. or I can be of assistance to your District please let us know.

Yours in Love & Service, Peter

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**h) Service Information Day Report**

**Heather M**

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

I'd like to again introduce the committee: Vince R Dist 10, Gary O Dist 14, Diane McL Dist 26, Miles C Dist 30, Gerry S Dist 48. We hope you enjoyed Service Information Day this spring as much as we did. It nice to hear someone has gotten into service; it is very encouraging to hear someone say that service got into them as a result of Service Information Day. That's something I heard at the Service Talk-a-thon held after the banquet. It's a very good meeting and is fairly well attended. It's definitely not something to take out of the weekend.

Thanks again to the DCM's, who did the Traditions workshop, Joe, Barb, Dot and Sandy, along with all of the workshop presenters.

We have reviewed the surveys and have forwarded the applicable sections to the presenters.

Traditions 10, 11 and 12 are up next. Two of three DCM's have volunteered. We need one more DCM of those who have not yet participated in Service Information Day to volunteer.

We attempt to rotate all the workshops so that no one is always stuck in a particular time-slot, no one is always stuck with no PowerPoint if that's not their choice. Presenters if you prefer not to use PowerPoint and prefer to leave the other rooms to those who do or if you prefer a later afternoon slot, please tell us! Presenters, remember that if your workshop is in the Ontario West room you will NOT have a PowerPoint projector, you will have an overhead projector. Also remember that while multi-media presentations are great, low-tech alternatives in case there's a tech problem are always recommended.

Please remind GSR's to ensure they book their Fall assembly registration well in advance. Also remember that the Fall assembly is a voting assembly and so everyone should prepare in advance to stay late to complete the voting. We are planning workshops centered around the voting process as well as some other surprises in store.

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

**7. Registrar's Report**

**Tony A.**

Good day, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Church Street Group in District 10 and currently serve as your Panel 61 Registrar for Area 83 International and my name is Tony A.

The roll call for today is **13** Area Officers (including Webmaster & Chair), **1** Immediate Past Delegate, **1** Past Delegates, **20** DCMs, **8** Alternate DCMs and **12** Visitors.

For voting purposes there are **12** Area Officers eligible to vote (includes our Immediate Past Delegate) and **21** DCMs or Alternate DCMs for a total of **33** votes. Total delegation for this meeting is **55** people.

Since my last report given at the area assembly, I have been steadily busy with group changes and related registrar work. As promised, I sent out by email the group information sheets to all of the DCMs and corresponding district registrars. Thank you for your submissions in getting me the updates for the regional directory. The updated directory should be made available to the membership later this summer.

All group changes and forms submitted to me have been entered and are up to date. Any groups that are currently listed with an unknown status but known for certain to be inactive or no longer meeting please send me an email so I can forward this information to the GSO records department.

A reminder about group status – active status means there is a contact associated with this group and the General Service Office is able to send information to this group. Unknown status means the group is **still active** but does not have a contact associated with the

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group record. Inactive means the General Service Office has received information that the group has disbanded or is not currently meeting – this might be due to returned mail.

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

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

I request that you pass this information on to groups if needed so they are able to contact me if there are any concerns. I am the link between the home group and the General Service Office. In my past experience, I am often made aware that information was not getting transmitted and usually at the area assembly.

The information has been passed on to me from Carol J, former DCM of District 4 Humber, regarding the disbanding of District 4. The groups and offices of this district have been informed of the protocols for re-districting. The district number will remain in the GSO FNV database as an inactive district and this is the same process as with groups that no longer meet but stay listed as inactive.

I attended Information AA Day last week and this was indeed a great day. I always feel so blessed to have one of the few that get the privilege to do this work for Alcoholics Anonymous especially when I hear our guest speaker from the GSO.

The area secretary and I were most delighted at the positive feedback from our presentation at the spring area assembly. I hope these were helpful to you and if there any questions at all, I would be pleased to help in any way that I can.

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

In loving service,

Tony A  
Registrar-Area 83 International  
[registrar@area83aa.org](mailto:registrar@area83aa.org)

### 8. Treasurer's Report

**Jim A.**

Hi everyone. I am an alcoholic and my name is Jim A. I am a member of the St. Andrew's group conveniently located at the SE corner of Victoria Park Ave. and the 401, come see us some Saturday night if you are in the Big Smoke. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as the Area Treasurer for this term

I would like to start by thanking the 15 districts and 80 groups who have so far contributed to Area 83 for their generous support. Your efforts today make it possible for the message of service and recovery to be shared now and in the future, kind of like paying it forward.

Since Todd our Area Webmaster put the contribution split information on the Area Website, I have gotten only two email inquiries for contact info. I have however, received lots of letters. It is working perfectly. As usual, I have brought some pre-addressed envelopes. May I please ask that groups dispose of all old envelopes with my Larkhall address and any envelopes from previous terms. I have also been informed of some letters that were sent in November but never arrived. If that was one of yours, the cheques in those envelopes are now stale dated and can be replaced perhaps.

I still get the occasional an envelope with a cheque but no return address or group number. Thanks to the help given by district registrars and by Tony, we get the mystery solved. Group acronyms are not helpful. Thankfully there will be no mail strike this year.

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## The numbers:

And now for the present, this year's financial results up to and including May 31<sup>st</sup>. I have placed a copy of this report for you and your ADCM in each of your folders. It was also sent out by email yesterday.

## Receipts

The first page is a summary of the entire year to date for receipts and expenses. The reserve account remains at \$20,000.00 in the form of a GIC that will mature on Sept 16, 2014. The next/only interest payment will be at maturity and is estimated to be \$937.50 (at 1.85% c.a.).

Moving to the income section, you can see the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition collected from the Jan 2012 ACM and the March 2012 Area Assembly is **\$2,492.62** (\$2300.94 in 2011); group/district contributions of **\$19,148.75** (\$18,946.07 in 2011) up very slightly **\$169.04** from this time last year, and \$20.00 for one group's GSO flow through. Cost recoveries of **\$160** are from the sale of the last of the service manuals and PI kits. Total inflows to the operating account were **\$21,952.14**.

## Disbursements

To the expenses section, which total **\$30,456.56** YTD. The first grouping of expense items are for the committee expenses for 2012. The YTD total for this group is somewhat lower than last year due to fewer literature purchases.

The second grouping is for items such as this meeting and onetime events forums and is significantly higher than the previous year. Other expenses have been incurred, close to 48% of the 2012 PSG. This is expected as these expenses always occur in the first part of the year. June and July are historically months with few expenses. Notable figures are the **\$6,000.00** (\$500 more than 2011) the estimated assessment for this year's General Service conference paid to GSO, a **\$300.00** top up for the 2011 GSC to bring our contribution up to the \$5800 actually incurred, **\$1,790** (\$780 more than 2011 in Brantford) for attendance of our Delegate and Alt. Delegate at this year's Ontario Delegates Conference in Sudbury. And of course the **\$4,000.00** (\$0.00 in 2011) contribution to GSO as passed by the floor at our last Assembly. Our cheque was cashed in April and I provided a pro-rata breakdown acknowledging the groups and districts of Area 83 that made this contribution to GSO possible.

At the bottom of this page you can see the change in the Operating Account for the year. A beginning balance of **\$34,977.40** plus inflows **\$21,952.14**, less expenditures of **\$30,456.56** leaves a balance of **\$26,472.98**. ( $\$32,987.79 + 21,823.80 - 25,355.38 = \$29,366.21$  in 2011).

## Expenses Detail

The second page is a detailed breakdown of the expenditures summarized on the first page. This shows who spent what and on what. Trusted servant down the left side, and are of spending across the top of the page. The last two column show how much is left and the percentage that has been spent.

The biggest single number on this page so far is the spring Assembly costs, which is marginally above last year. Beginning with this fall's Assembly we will be charged \$600 + HST = \$678 for set up. The new total for the Ambassador figure will be close to \$7,000.

At the bottom are two boxes. The one on the left shows a breakdown of the cash receipts to date, same as the top section of the previous page. The box on the right compares 2012 with 2011. As you can see the group and district contributions are just about equal in total for the two years. And 2012 expenses are higher as expected, and difference has been mentioned previously. The participation rate by groups has lessened at the same time as the participation by districts has increased. More about this later on.

## Looking forward:

From now until our next meeting in September I expect: Travel costs for the Info AA day in Toronto last weekend or other recent service days (Brighton D34) Peterborough (D82/86); maybe a few literature purchases, two Area committee meetings (today and September); travel costs for the Eastern Canada Regional forum in St. Catherine's July 6-8th. These upcoming expenses are as expected and allowed for in the PSG. The guesstimate total for these expenses is \$8,500.00.

## Contributions

Page 3 of your hand out is the Contributions by Group. Only comment I wish to make is that it appears that those groups that can, are sending smaller cheques to Area, but more often. And groups appear to be supporting their respective districts more than ever. This also means that districts are moving excess funds forward more often as well. Some contributions just take longer to get to their destination. It shows that group treasurer's are leading the conversation about contribution splits at their business meetings and recommending changes if warranted.

## Summary

All invoices are paid, and all checks received to date have been deposited. The bank is reconciled daily thanks to online banking. The total of the operating account and the reserve account is therefore \$46,472.98, (about 79% of our annual spending). At present, that would represent a true reserve of about 9.5 months. Almost all receipts have been mailed, the exceptions being placed in DCM's mail slots today.

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Good things continue to happen in Area 83, this is the Responsibility Declaration in Action. See you in September. Have a great summer.

I would like to make a friendly reminder that our service work continues during the summer too. So when the loonies go north to cottage country, leave them there..... Don't forget about Area 83. Big or small I will cash them all, so keep those letters coming. I thank you both as a philatelist (stamp collector) and as your trusted servant.

Service rock\$! Thank all of you for this opportunity.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition for today - \$164.21

Yours in love and service.

James A.  
Panel 61 Treasurer  
Eastern Ontario International Area 83

**9. SECRETARY'S REPORT** not present – report read by Sandy S, Immed. Past Delegate **Kim S.**

Hello, everyone. I am an alcoholic, I have the honour of serving as your Area 83 Secretary and my name is Kim. I am truly sorry to not be with you today. I have not missed an Area Committee meeting since I became Alternate DCM almost 8 years ago. It was a difficult but wise decision to stay home and heal properly from the surgery. Thank you for all your best wishes and the outpouring of support from everyone.

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

- Area Committee Meeting Agenda
- Area Assembly Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2012
- District Roster
- District Committee Member (DCM) list
- Alternate District Committee (ADCM) list

I was very fortunate to facilitate and chair the group inventory for the Westmoreland Group on April 14, 2012. It is always a privilege to be of service and to see the AA traditions in action.

Please send me your reports asap. I will still type the minutes and since I am currently off work for another month, I will have a lot of time to do them. So the sooner I get the reports, the sooner you will receive the minutes. Winner for the first report in is .....Deirdre B. our Area 83 Corrections Chair. Since Deirdre is not able to attend today, I have assured her that she will get her prize in September.

If you have any District Chair changes, please let me know. If someone in your District has not received their kit, please let me know.

I am been working on the document called WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS from the Spring Assembly. I have not been able to finalize anything to send out. Having the surgery has deterred me from finishing this. I am confident that I will be able to make this available soon to anyone that wishes it.

My email is [secretary@area83aa.org](mailto:secretary@area83aa.org).

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

Yours in loving service,

Kim S  
Area 83 Secretary



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**10. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT**

***Mel C***

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

I've had a busy time going forward from our Spring Assembly, being occupied with many and varied Area activities. I've been all over the map, both in the types of service work I've been involved in and the location of that work.

Intergroups

I have been available for the Intergroups that I liaise to; Ottawa, Peterborough, Lakeshore & Toronto. They all seem to be getting along quite well. I had some contact with Lakeshore and Peterborough at the beginning of the term on 7th Tradition issues around AI-Anon contributions and that was sorted very nicely. I have been attending as best I can the regularly scheduled Toronto Intergroup-District Sharing Sessions and they have been fantastic, with great representation from the 9 Districts that comprise Toronto I/G. I have been sought out and have been having a running dialogue with the new Toronto Intergroup Chair around current issues that Intergroup is facing; that has been interesting.

If anyone has an Intergroup issue that you think I can help with, please corner me anytime; I'm glad to help if I can.

Bayview Group Inventory

On May 1 I assisted the Bayview Group in facilitating their Group inventory. A nice night was had by all I think.

District 30 Roundup

On May 12, I participated in a D30 Service Information Day (SID) in Brighton, ON., speaking on my service journey. It was a full day of A.A. in a great venue. Miles and crew did an amazing job organizing that.

District 06 Inventory

On May 16 I assisted D06 Mississauga with their District inventory. Scotty and Elaine did a bang up job and I couldn't believe the number of groups they get out for their meetings. A very healthy District indeed.

Rainbow Round-up, Manitoulin

May 18-20 I attended the Rainbow Round-up on Manitoulin Island. I did so at my own expense and mention it here only as I was speaking around my service journey and somewhat as the Alternate Delegate of Area 83. I had the opportunity to spend time with people like Gerry D. and Gail R., Delegate and Alternate Delegate of Area 85 and that was good. If you've never been to this Conference, I highly recommend it for a road trip.

Info A.A. Day, Toronto

I attended Info. A.A. Day at its new location on May 26. I think the numbers were down a little perhaps due to the new location but the day was full and informative and it was my first chance to hear Robb's report. A good day was had by all.

D30, 82, 86 SID - Peterborough

On May 27 I was invited to and attended a Service Information Day in Peterborough for District's 30, 82 and 86. I heard Robb's talk for the second time and I am happy to report it was substantially the same as the first, which is good. No funny business going on. I again spoke around my particular service journey.

RC Conference Call

On May 28 I participated in the Remote Communities conference call where all members of the Canadian (& Alaska) Remote Communities Work Group are invited to share. It seems there are many initiatives going on in the various Areas and much is learned by everyone when we share. All are looking forward to the Regional Forum in St. Catharines where we hope to carve out a little time, perhaps on the Friday night, to have a meeting on RC's. If you are there and would like to attend, please look for it and do.

CM June 2

I have one item in play today - a discussion of re-dedicating our Spring Assemblies toward being pre-conference Service Assemblies. I'll have a hand out and hopefully we can have a good discussion on that.

Going Forward

D70, 74, 78 S.I.D. Cobden, ON

I was asked to attend and will the D70, 74 and 78 SID in Cobden, ON .on June 9 and am looking forward to that.

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Spoke in Barrie, Area 86

I will be speaking in Barrie on June 14. I mention it only as it is in Area 86 and I will be perceived as the Alternate Delegate.

Eastern Canada Forum, St. Catharines

I am very much looking forward to the Eastern Canada Forum being held in St. Catharines July 6-8. It's getting a lot of talk around our Area and I encourage you to keep talking it up. It's really quite unlike most other A.A. events and I have found that the deepen and broaden your perspective around A.A. in ways you might not imagine.

Georgina Archives Breakfast

On Sept 15 I have been asked to present at a new Archives breakfast in Georgina, ON. Not sure what that'll look like, but I'll show up and do my best!

I have much more I am working on around our existing operating procedures and guidelines. Their organization, some inconsistencies we have, things like that, but I can only bring so much to the Table before, as Peter is won't to threaten, I am impeached for being too much of an A.A. nerd.

Thanks for your trust; I'm still having the time of my life as your Alternate.

YiL&S,

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

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

***Robb W***

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

Since the Assembly back in March, I've not done an awful lot. Attended the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference, facilitated the elections in District 18 (thanks Patrick for the invitation) and given the delegates report in Toronto and Peterborough.

I attended a 30 year medallion in Collingwood for a friend of mine on Wednesday night. It really warmed my heart when someone got up during the announcements and announced the Eastern Canada Regional Conference. I hope that everyone here is taking this information to their Districts and encouraging the General Service Reps to announce this at their groups.

I won't be talking a lot about the conference as you'll all hear the full report at your respective service days. To that end, if you haven't invited me, don't expect me. Currently my plans include being in Cobden on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June. Two weeks later I'll be in Cornwall on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and Ottawa on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Two items from the conference that I would like to address are the agenda item to review the personal contribution limits to Alcoholics Anonymous. As I mentioned at the Assembly, the agenda item was only to review the limits. The Conference committee recommended to the Conference that the individual contribution limit be increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and that the one-time bequest be increased from \$3,000 to \$25,000. There was a lot of discussion about these recommendations and both recommendations failed. There was concern about trying to fix the financial issues at Alcoholics Anonymous World Services with large contributions from individuals in the fellowship. As well, it was brought forward that, in the last 5 years, only a handful of people had actually contributed the limit. One of the Trustees mentioned that what we need to do is encourage more of the membership to contribute small amounts more often rather than looking for fewer, larger contributions. In the end, both motions were defeated. There was a motion brought to the floor later to increase the one time bequest from \$3,000 to \$5,000. This motion passed after much discussion.

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The other item that I wanted to discuss here was the motion that was brought to the floor by the General Service Board. The purpose of bringing the motion to the floor was to gather input from the Conference. I'm going to read to you the motion that was finally wordsmithed to the satisfaction of the Conference. I think that it's important that everyone here think about this and talk about what it means to Alcoholics Anonymous. The motion reads as follows: "*The General Service Conference supports the General Service Board's development of a plan to restructure the current A.A. World Services, Inc. and A.A. Grapevine, Inc., corporate and governance structures. The plan may, among other things, address the separate corporate existence of both entities, as well as issues of governance and operations. The plan will be designed to increase unity, better reach and connect the General Service Office and the Grapevine to the broader Fellowship while addressing financial stability. The plan will be submitted to the 63rd General Service Conference for approval prior to implementation.*"

I look forward to visiting with you all as I travel around our Area and pass on some of my experience at the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference.

See you in September!

Yours in Love and Service,

Robb W.  
Panel 61 Delegate  
Eastern Ontario International

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

**Motioned:** Rodney S Area 83 Treatment Chair

**Seconded:** Diane M DCM District 26

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Carried

### 12. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

### 13. NEW BUSINESS

#### a) Discussion as to whether the District Committee Reports should be read at the Fall Election Assembly.

At the Fall 2010 Assembly the meeting started at 9:00 am, as usual. After the election of the Area Officers had been completed, the assembly was officially closed at 4:55 p.m. The District Committee Members did not give verbal reports. Their reports were sent into the Area Secretary at the time and were included at the end of the assembly minutes. The only verbal reports that were given were from the Area Officers and Sub-Chairs.

Heather DCM, District 12 – clarification – this Assembly or always?

Chair responded with this Assembly only

**Motion: That we do not have DCM Verbal Reports given at the election Assemblies. To help speed up the process for elections.**

**Motion:** Miles C, DCM District 30

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

Robb W, Area 83 Delegate made a friendly amendment for motion to read "verbal reports"  
Amendment accepted

Herb W asked for clarification that written reports will be accepted and included in the Assembly minutes.  
Peter N., Mel C and Rob McA spoke that it is at the discretion of the chair to decide if reports are to read

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Miles withdrew his motion. Vince agreed

Sense of the room: 4 DCMs want reports read.  
Remainder of room do not want reports read

**Result:** No DCM reports will be read at the Fall 2012 Assembly.

## **b) Discussion, Pre-Conference Assemblies**                      **Mel C. Alternate Delegate**

This is background material pertinent to our discussion around (a return to) designating our Spring Assembly's "Pre-Conference Assembly's".

Below, I describe what went before (in Dot and Sandy's time), what happened, Barb K. recent experience in Area 78 Alberta / N.W.T. and a statement around how we might move this concept forward should there be an Area desire to do so. I will have a short presentation with handout material on June 2 so there is nothing for you to print or bring.

In case the thought pops to mind, this is not necessarily a discussion you need have with your District Table at this point, though it's certainly appropriate if you decide to. There may come a time when it needs to go to your Table, but that time is not now. At this stage, I am just hoping that you will make the effort to go over the material I enclose to get a feeling for where we as an Area stand on the idea. With an open mind, I am trusting you will be prepared to have an informed discussion around the pros and cons of re-purposing our spring semi-annual Assembly with a more Conference focused agenda.

### FIRST PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY INITIATIVE

The ACM minutes of Dec 02, 2006 (attached) tell us that an ad hoc committee was struck by Sandy S. to review the Inventory taken during Panel 55 (Dot chaired that inventory). The ad hoc committee was chaired by Joe D. The scope of this committee was to "make recommendations" from the Inventory.

The committee's recommendations were:

Recommendation 1 - That the Delegate share as soon as possible, the preliminary and final General Service Conference agenda with DCM's and Area Committee chairpersons and officers (only the agenda, not background)

Recommendation 2 - That the Delegate and/or designate present a workshop annually on the General Service Structure paying close attention to enhancing the communication links between the various levels of service and that GSR and DCM workshops emphasize the importance of communication throughout our service structure

Recommendation 3 - Not applicable to this discussion

Recommendation 4 - That Area 83 consider having each Spring Service Information Day a General Service Conference "Pre-Conference Assembly" for a trial period of no less than 4 years. (Two suggestions of how to implement the changes were provided).

### WHAT HAPPENED

Unfortunately, not a lot. I have polled a number of people for their recollection of what happened at the time and the consensus is that not much of anything changed. That is how I remember it as well. Dot dutifully and according to Hoyle sent out CD's of her panel's GSC agenda topics to every single person she should have according to the plan, and some committees responded as was hoped they would (one magnificently) for that first go, but basically, over time, the idea simply fizzled. Very soon we reverted back to the same type of Service Information Days (S.I.D.'s) we were used to. Personally, I suspect this was because of rotating S.I.D. committees and the reality that they drew their instructions (and their inspiration!) from the Service Information Day Guidelines as attached to our Operating Procedures - Appendix 2. Funnily enough, if you follow the guidelines as written, you get a Service Day that looks just like the one we always have!

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## BARB'S TRIP TO AREA 78 ALBERTA / NWT

Barb K., our very own Trustee-At-Large Canada, was invited to participate in this year's pre-conference Assembly in Area 78, Alberta / NWT. After doing so, she arrived at our spring assembly singing its praises, much impressed. I know the Delegate from that Area and emailed him asking for a copy of their Agenda. It is attached to this email. Their pre-conference Assembly is entirely different than our two day Assembly weekend - ours with a Service Day on the Saturday and the Assembly proper on the Sunday, there's a combined and intermingled affair producing a completely different A.A. experience to ours. Please keep an open mind when you examine their agenda. As in everything, according to your tastes, you will find it superior in some areas, inferior in others

## LAST ASSEMBLY

*Did you know ...* that in a nearly unprecedented move, at the beginning of this year our General Service Board spoke out to the Grapevine and AAWS Boards about the Grapevine's current difficulties and in so many words told them to figure out a strategy that better serves our fellowship? (Shall we read integration?). That this is a Concept 8 action taken by the G.S. Board nearly/essentially telling alcoholics what to do. That the fact that they did this is very SIGNIFICANT. At the last Assembly I discussed with a number of members these two issues (the Grapevine problem itself and the Board intervention in its subsidiary boards) along with their ramifications and the response was always the same: "Why don't we know about this?"

*Did you know ...* that the issue of "delisting A.A. Groups" has finally hit the agenda of the GSB? That in the future if a group fails to act in a particular way it could possibly be excluded from A.A.? That your GSB is venturing into this territory now to try to come to some conclusion on these thorny and uncomfortable topics, probably due to pressure building on the atheist / agnostic front?

*Did you know ...?* I could go on. Really, I could. There's a world of stuff happening above (below) the Area level, all quite important to our members in A83.

My starting assertion on June 2, 2012 at our ACM will be that our fellowship wants to know of these things - *in general terms*. Citing the results of the 2005 Area 83 inventory mentioned above - 98% of those members responding felt they were not getting enough information about what is happening at the General Service level. (Which of course is why we decided in 2006 to designate the spring assembly "pre-conference" assembly's in the first place!).

## CURRENT PRE-CONFERENCE INITIATIVE

Big Picture: I think because our rotation got out of whack with me attending the 61st GSC, we've been presented with a unique opportunity. Every change needs someone to drive it and that hiccup is at work here.

Past Delegates returning from "their" conference have had to attend their first GSC before they really knew how important a pre-conference Assembly was. The problem with that is that they then had only one year to promote changes after they come back, and they were so busy giving Delegate reports and attending to everyone's requests and needs that they just couldn't do everything. I believe Previous Delegate's will attest to this. Because I went last year, and have been sitting on my hands since, I am in the unique position of being able to turn up the heat on this issue, driving the discussion and helping to walk it to any conclusion the Area Committee might like to come to - whether it be re-instituting the protocol or simply letting it go.

## **Comments/Questions:**

**Herb W., CPC Chair** - Agenda items received prior to Assembly were confusing as he had no background on it. This initiative would provide more information to all.

**Dan N., DCM District 02** - Would Service Information Chair find this difficult?

**Heather, Chair** - no- Area 83 is well educated in AA, adding another level would only benefit.

**Bonnie F, DCM District 58** - provides specific "stream" of service

**Rodney S., Treatment Chair** - in favour due to Area 87 & 90 experiences

**Scott M, DCM District 06** - do we have to change Service Information Day procedures?

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**Miles C, DCM District 30** – in favour

**Robb W, Delegate** – Final Agenda comes out late February – not a lot of time for Service Information Day Agenda

**Greg C, DCM District 54** – the more information the better

No motion is required – when the Service Information Day meet in January 2013 – the Chair and SID Chair will work to implement

Sense of the room was to ensure that this initiative is taken into account.

- c) That the Area sub-Committee meetings during Assemblies be held on the Saturday to include all Chairpersons that can attend the Service Information day only.**

**Gary C. DCM District 86**

Notice of Motion for September 8 Area Committee Meeting

- d) I wish to make the following motion: I propose that the Operating Procedures of Area 83 be amended as follows: "The Area Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster is required to attend the Area Committee Meeting and the Area Assembly.**

**Gary O. DCM District 14.**

Motion was seconded by Mel C., Alternate Delegate

Motion was carried

For: 27

Opposed: 0

Abstentions:0

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

- John K. passed away last month. He was a past Area Corrections and Archives Chair.
- Dot D. Past Delegate, Panel 57 spoke regarding communication – GSRs want information and want to be able to discuss the General Service Conference (GSC) topics and that is our responsibility
- Elaine, District 66 – GSC topic provides information and transparency –widens input pool  
New group in Athens – May 31 was first meeting
- Patrick F. DCM District 18 – new group at Metropolitan Church opened May 14, 2012

#### **15. NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Joyce S. – Area Chairperson**

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on **September 8, 2012**. Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?

Motioned: Bonnie F. DCM District 58

Seconded: Robb W. Area 83 Delegate

Approved: All in favour

Motion carried

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**16. CLOSING**

It is now 3:00 p.m. and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you all a safe drive home. Enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing you again on September 8<sup>th</sup>, if not before.

May I have a motion to end this meeting?

Motioned: Sandy S. Immediate Past Delegate

Seconded: Leo M. Area Grapevine Chair

Result: Carried

**CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE**

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

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**Appendix A – Financial Reports**

<b>EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83</b>			
<b>AS AT: May 31, 2012</b>			
	Actual	Guideline	+/-
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>			
January 1, 2012 Opening Balance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
Interest (\$87.85 accrued in 2011)	148.77	275.00	-126.23
Transfer to Operating	-148.77	-275.00	126.23
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
7th Tradition	\$ 2,474.62	\$ 6,200.00	-\$3,725.38
Cost Recoveries	160.00	525.00	-365.00
Flow Through to GSO	20.00	-	20.00
Grapevine Seasonal	-	4,500.00	-4,500.00
Group & District Contributions	19,148.75	52,000.00	-32,851.25
Interest Accrual			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 21,803.37</b>	<b>\$ 63,225.00</b>	<b>-\$41,421.63</b>
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	148.77	275.00	-126.23
<b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$ 21,952.14</b>	<b>\$ 63,500.00</b>	<b>-\$41,547.86</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Accommodations	3,695.50	7,990.00	-4,294.50
Meals	5,383.89	11,660.00	-6,276.11
Travel	5,119.62	15,075.00	-9,955.38
Long Distance	48.00	100.00	-52.00
Postage	309.98	550.00	-240.02
Printing	922.61	3,900.00	-2,977.39
Literature	313.16	1,150.00	-836.84
Stationery	432.10	1,000.00	-567.90
Miscellaneous	1,416.68	2,201.61	-784.93
Area Web Site	98.39	98.39	0.00
<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 17,739.93</b>	<b>\$ 43,725.00</b>	<b>-\$25,985.07</b>
Ad Hoc Committees	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Area Contribution to GSO	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Area Committee Meetings	245.96	900.00	-654.04
General Service Conf. Assessment	6,424.46	6,600.00	-175.54
Bank Service Charges	6.88	135.67	-128.79
Forums	250.00	1,750.00	-1,500.00
Grapevine Seasonal	0.00	4,500.00	-4,500.00
GSO Flow Through	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ontario Delegate's Conference	1,789.33	1,789.33	0.00
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,716.63</b>	<b>\$ 19,775.00</b>	<b>-\$7,058.37</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 30,456.56</b>	<b>\$ 63,500.00</b>	<b>-\$33,043.44</b>
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>			
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2012	\$ 34,977.40	\$ 34,977.40	
Total Income & Transfers	+ 21,952.14	63,500.00	-41,547.86
Total Expenses	- <u>30,456.56</u>	-63,500.00	33,043.44
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 26,472.98</b>	<b>\$ 34,977.40</b>	<b>-\$8,504.42</b>



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Eastern Ontario International Area 83  
Expenses Detail Statement  
As at May 31, 2012

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Annual Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	-	33.90	340.90	48.00	-	-	-	-	-	422.80	2,900.00	2,477.20	14.58%
Alt. Delegate	-	124.65	187.25	-	-	10.98	-	-	-	322.88	1,900.00	1,577.12	16.99%
Immediate past Delegate	-	68.57	333.59	-	-	-	-	-	-	402.16	1,325.00	922.84	30.35%
Chairperson	-	75.46	307.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	382.76	1,025.00	642.24	37.34%
Secretary	-	106.55	216.30	-	98.65	589.87	-	107.28	-	1,478.65	3,750.00	2,271.35	39.43%
Treasurer	-	106.39	185.00	-	194.06	115.29	-	29.83	300.00	830.57	1,550.00	619.43	60.04%
Registrar	-	172.32	219.50	-	-	-	-	115.18	-	507.00	1,200.00	693.00	42.25%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	108.46	50.42	347.90	-	-	-	-	-	88.39	605.19	1,250.00	644.81	48.42%
Archives	136.34	140.57	467.55	-	-	-	-	-	77.41	821.87	2,425.00	1,603.13	33.89%
Archivist	348.15	113.74	75.00	-	-	72.87	-	-	60.00	689.76	1,750.00	1,080.24	38.27%
Cooperation with the P.C.	-	12.40	236.60	-	-	8.48	-	-	67.80	325.28	1,250.00	924.72	26.02%
Corrections Facilities	-	-	322.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	322.00	1,100.00	778.00	29.27%
Grapevine	105.77	323.10	666.40	-	-	59.88	-	5.00	-	1,160.15	1,425.00	264.85	81.41%
Public Information	-	90.00	246.40	-	-	-	201.63	8.24	-	546.27	1,350.00	803.73	40.46%
Self Support	-	84.66	140.14	-	17.27	47.74	-	78.18	-	367.99	1,150.00	782.01	32.00%
Treatment Facilities	-	130.70	362.79	-	-	7.50	111.53	-	-	612.52	1,450.00	837.48	42.24%
Service Info Day Cntr	718.68	350.97	465.00	-	-	-	-	88.39	-	1,623.04	3,275.00	1,651.96	49.56%
Spring Assembly	2,278.08	3,399.49	-	-	-	-	-	561.47	-	6,239.04	6,450.00	210.96	96.73%
Fall Assembly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,200.00	7,200.00	0.00%
<b>TOTAL COMMITTEE EXP.</b>	<b>\$ 3,695.50</b>	<b>\$ 5,383.89</b>	<b>\$ 5,119.62</b>	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	<b>\$ 309.98</b>	<b>\$ 922.61</b>	<b>\$ 313.16</b>	<b>\$ 432.10</b>	<b>\$ 1,515.07</b>	<b>\$ 17,739.93</b>	<b>\$ 43,725.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,985.07</b>	<b>40.57%</b>
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00	0.00%
Area Committee	150.00	95.96	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000.00	245.96	900.00	654.04	27.33%
Area GSO Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.88	6.88	135.67	128.79	5.07%
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250.00	250.00	1,750.00	1,500.00	14.29%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,424.46	6,424.46	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00%
GSO Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175.54	175.54	6,600.00	175.54	97.34%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	100.00%
Ontario Delegates Conf.	563.43	253.90	959.57	-	-	12.43	-	-	-	1,789.33	1,789.33	0.00	100.00%
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 713.43</b>	<b>\$ 348.86</b>	<b>\$ 959.57</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 12.43</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,681.34</b>	<b>\$ 12,716.63</b>	<b>\$ 19,775.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,058.37</b>	<b>64.31%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 4,408.93</b>	<b>\$ 5,733.75</b>	<b>\$ 6,079.19</b>	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	<b>\$ 309.98</b>	<b>\$ 935.04</b>	<b>\$ 313.16</b>	<b>\$ 432.10</b>	<b>\$ 12,196.41</b>	<b>\$ 30,456.56</b>	<b>\$ 63,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,043.44</b>	<b>47.96%</b>

Income Summary	
7th Tradition	2,474.62
Bank Interest	148.77
GSO Flow through	20.00
Contributions	19,148.75
Cost recoveries	160.00
Grapevine Seasonal	-
	<b>\$ 21,962.14</b>

	to May 31st	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	Change
INFLOWS	21,962.14	21,823.80		128.34
OUTFLOWS	30,456.56	25,355.38		5,101.18
	<b>\$ 8,504.42</b>	<b>\$ 3,531.58</b>	<b>\$ 4,972.84</b>	
Contributions	\$ 19,148.75	\$ 18,979.71	\$	169.04
Contributing Groups	80	90		-10
Contributing Districts	14	10		4

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<b>GROUP &amp; DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL 2012 YEAR TO DATE AS AT May 31st 2012</b>
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			<u>TOTAL</u>
District	00	Unspecified	\$ 0.00
District	02	Malton	737.18
District	04	Humber	309.18
District	06	Mississauga	999.17
District	10	Toronto South Central	3,509.08
District	12	Toronto South West	641.08
District	14	Toronto North Central	1,912.18
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	0.00
District	18	Toronto City East	2,195.17
District	22	Scarborough	1,429.17
District	26	Lakeshore West	717.96
District	28	Lakeshore East	260.00
District	30	Quinte West	0.00
District	34	Quinte East	313.18
District	36	Kingston And The Island	1,300.00
District	38	Thousand Islands	14.71
District	42	St. Lawrence Internation:	81.04
District	46	St. Lawrence Adirondack	0.00
District	48	Seaway Valley North	1,220.00
District	50	Cornwall	100.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	150.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	82.41
District	62	Ottawa West	757.24
District	66	Golden Triangle	750.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	200.00
District	74	Pembroke	320.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	210.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	400.00
District	86	Kawartha	540.00
Total Contributions YTD:			<b>\$ 19,148.75</b>
Total from Groups			14,420.88
Total from Districts			4,727.87
Total Contributions YTD:			<b>\$ 19,148.75</b>