

# **Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

## **Area Committee Meeting Minutes**

**June 4, 2011**

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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 Sue B., Alternate DCM District 62.

12 Concepts (Short Form) Read By Murray O., Alternate DCM, District 18

**Welcome to Quinte West** – This is our second Area Committee meeting of this term. This is your meeting and is an opportunity for you all to share what's happening in your Districts. Please feel free to voice any concerns or questions you may have. There may be someone in the room who has the same question or concern and it always helps to share. As we start off this new term, I can't help but think of our First Tradition - "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity". We are all here to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous remains unified and strong in Area 83 Eastern Ontario International. Our personal recovery, as well as the recovery of the still suffering Alcoholic, depends upon it.

**Some reminders**

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

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

**Area 83 Officers**

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

**Area Committee Chairpersons**

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

**Introduction of Past Delegates:**

Today we have Panel 51 Past Delegate currently serving the fellowship as a Director of World Services, Joe D. We also have Panel 53 Past Delegate, Roy R., Panel 55 Past Delegate and recently elected as Trustee at Large for Canada at the 61<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference, Barb K and Panel 57 Past Delegate Dot. D.

We also have our Area Archivist David T. and our Area Webmaster Todd. S.

This is your Area Executive for 2011 and 2012.

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**Housekeeping** Frequency of meetings. As we are still early in our term, I think it's worthwhile just to review the schedule of meetings for our term, for both the Area Committee and the Area Assembly. The Area committee meeting will be held three times this year and four times next year. The Area Assembly and Service Information Day are held twice each year, once in the spring and again in the fall. Our next Area Committee meeting is scheduled to be held here on September 10, 2011 and our next Area Assembly will be held in Kingston on the weekend of Oct 28<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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

**Food:**

Our Treasurer, Jim, has made arrangements with Shirley at the church for a BBQ today. There will hamburgers & hot dogs for a price of \$8.00. This includes drinks and deserts. Jim has placed the collection buckets at the back of the room for those of you who are participating. Jim will also be passing the buckets around at the first break.

**Seating:**

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

**Who votes?**

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

**How do we vote?**

**Procedure:**

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

**Voice of the Minority**

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

**Calling the Question:**

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

**Who may address the committee meeting?**

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

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

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

**Floor Motions**

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

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

**Motion for simple majority**

**Moved:** Vince R., DCM District 10

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

**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?

**Agenda item #15-Date should read September 10, 2011 not September 11, 2011.**

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

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

***AS Chairperson, I would like to add the following under New Business:***

**13 ( 1) The appointment of the Alternate Web Master for Area 83.**

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

Motioned: \_Miles C. DCM District 30

Seconded: Wilf P. DCM District 34

All in favour

Opposed to the motion: none

Abstentions: none

Result: Carried

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**3. ROLL CALL**

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

**4. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETING January 8, 2011. -Deferred until after lunch.**

**Motion:** ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETING January 8, 2011

**Moved:** Diane M. DCM District 26

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

**Vote:** Carried

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

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

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

**District 02 Malton**

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

Since our last Area Committee Meeting, it is with profound sadness to report that our ADCM Mike H. passed away after a courageously short bout of cancer. He was terrific at service work in AA as a sponsor many times over, at his group and of course at the District table holding several positions over the years. Even at the end, he decided to step down due to health as Alternate DCM for the good of our District. He will be missed. We are very fortunate that Robert B. who is with me today is our new ADCM and he will continue the excellent work started by Mike.

With respect to other positions at our District table, all are filled with the exception of the Grapevine Chair who stepped down recently to dedicate his time to his home group- One Day at a Time- whose attendance has been dwindling. District Meetings have been well attended with over 70% of the groups represented. Our Brampton Roundup held May 14<sup>th</sup> was packed, well organized and the food and band excellent! With our Committee work, there are several initiatives on the go and I'm pleased to report that the Committee chairs for the most part are participating at Toronto Intergroup committee meetings.

Our District is alive and well. I'm attending as many Group meetings in my District that I can and I'm pleased to report that the ones attended so far are well attended, upbeat and strong. I plan on attending those groups that have not participated at District table and also to solicit input individually from GSRs on any specific issues they have, like dwindling attendance, and solicit help on how the District table can assist.

Our District has been actively involved in Information AA Day, supported by Toronto Intergroup and 9 Districts in Toronto and surrounding area, which was held at Lansing United on May 30<sup>th</sup>. As you will hear today, the session was well attended and very informative. I was pleased to be able to be part of the Committee as Secretary and also to chair the CPC, PI and Grapevine breakout session.

I wish all attending this Area Committee meeting a very safe and sober summer.

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

**District 04 Humber**

Good morning. I am a alcoholic, a member of the Tuesday Night Discussion Group, am currently serving as DCM for district 04 Humber, and my name is Carol J.

District 04 now has an alternate DCM. We are happy to announce that Maire OB is now serving in that capacity. We are grateful to have her on Area Committee Minutes June 4, 2011

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board, as she comes with much experience. She is helping the ADHOC committee updating the procedures and guidelines for the district.

We continue our service commitment to the Downsview Dells, a transitional house for men. The latest change there is that the facility has decided that they only want the meeting to be open for their residents. We have taken the necessary steps to inform the rest of AA. We continue to co-operate with the facility, so we can carry the message of hope. Our other commitment, the Gift of Life meeting which is held during the day, once a week in a hospital, is being serviced jointly between District 12, 14, and us. All is going well there.

Our next district meeting takes place Sunday June 12. We have been experiencing a lower turnout at the table recently. I have been visiting groups and encouraging people to come out, so we shall see what happens.

I am grateful for this opportunity to learn and grow. Thank you for my sobriety.  
Yours in love and service  
Carol J.

**District 06 Mississauga** (Read by Elaine H., ADCM)

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

Thanks to Elaine for taking the reins today as I have a family commitment in Nova Scotia this weekend.

This term, our 33 Groups have an attendance rate of 69% on average. 91% of these groups have attended at least one meeting this term. And, as of yesterday, a 34<sup>th</sup> group registered with the GSO with GSR and Alternate GSR already elected.

Our table has all our Sub-Committee chair positions filled & quite a few alternate positions are filled as well. There is always an opening for someone to take on an alternate position or to be part of a District sub-committee to assist the chair. We have Big books going into Dufferin-Peel Separate schools through P.I Our groups continue to discuss to allow ASL signers at closed meetings and report if they are wheelchair accessible. We continue to find it easy for Groups to volunteer a monthly commitment at one of our Treatment Facilities. This is a weekly Peel Region Family shelter meeting on Tuesday nights in Mississauga. Credit Valley Hospital Treatment Centre will also be provided with literature. Our Self-support chair has researched and is willing to bring a presentation on AA history to our groups. Our Archives chair had to step down & the position was quickly refilled.

For the upcoming directory, we have succeeded to find elected GSR's or points of contact for 100% of our Groups.

Last month the Kingsway group celebrated 65 years of service to the community.

We are currently reviewing our Operating Procedures including web guidelines and thank those Districts who have shared their Procedures with us.

As for things we cannot change...unfortunately, we also recently lost one of our long-time members, Judy B., of the Oakville Group. Judy was active in service and sat on the Board of Directors for Women's Renascent. She will be missed.

Please continue to visit our District website at [www.aamississauga.org](http://www.aamississauga.org)

That's all folks. Have a wonderful summer!

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

**District 10 Toronto South Central**

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

Well, it's been a busy and eventful first 6 months of the term!

District 10 is still financially healthy and we are getting about 75% of the groups represented at the table. We also email the District minutes to a few groups that can't send a GSR to the table so that they can stay in the loop. All of our subcommittee positions were filled as of last week but



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we now need to find a new Intergroup Liaison. With the great people that attend our district table though, I'm confident that we'll fill that position at our next meeting.

We have decided to do some procedures and guidelines for District 10. I expect this will be a slow process that will be completed by the end of this term. We have also decided to have our own website, hopefully completing that by the end of this year.

Due to very poor attendance, we have discontinued one of the service meetings we put on at CAMH. One of our groups has decided to take it on themselves going forward. We are continuing to put on the closed meeting in the withdrawal management unit for patients only on Saturday mornings. The Tuesday meeting at Harbourlight is going well and we are also doing one at Women's Own on Mondays.

I had the pleasure of Chairing Information AA Day which was held last week and it seems to have been a great success. We estimate that there were a little over 200 people in attendance. I have received lots of good feedback and a little constructive criticism that was very helpful. I would also like to thank all of the Area Committee members that came out to support the event as well as our past delegates Joe and Barb. Chairing this event was rewarding, educational and frightening! I would also like to thank the entire Info AA Day committee, most of which are in this room, for doing such a great job and making my job so much easier.

I am looking forward to a quieter summer filled with sunshine and barbeques!

Yours in love & service  
Vince. R

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

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

Our district finances are stable and sufficient to meet our current service needs. Our resources are sufficient to service our large number of Treatment Facilities with literature.

We have filled all of our sub-committees except Self-Support. Our Archives, Access-Ability, Public Information, Treatment Facilities and Cooperation with the Professional Community chairs are all involved in doing the work required in the district. Our new Grapevine chair and alternate are learning the ropes as is our new Corrections chair. We've had issues with one of our Treatment Facilities and are working hard to make sure that commitments are met. We continue to have a record number of GSR's active at the table and have had we've had a couple of visitors as well.

Our district has voted to break for the summer. At our June meeting this coming Wednesday we will be filling all 4 of our monthly Treatment service commitments for all 3 months. Our next district meeting after June will be in September.

Yours in Service,  
Heather M.  
DCM District 12

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

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

All is well in District 14; our bills are paid and group contributions are coming in every month. Robin our Registrar has the district's information up to date and Sue our secretary does a great job keeping our meetings recorded and information distributed.

In January we came to the table with 5 committee positions not filled: Accessibility, Archives, CPC, Corrections and PI. We are pleased to confirm all positions are filled with the exception of CPC.

Gord M. our ADCM will be the Committee chair of District 14's third annual service day in October; we will have more information at the September meeting.

Veronica our Corrections Chair is in the process of compiling a meeting list of facility specific meetings in York Region and North Toronto for the Toronto bail program and should have it completed for our next meeting.

Grant our Grapevine chair has been setting up our display at a several group anniversaries and members birthdays throughout our district.

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Gord and I have been busy contacting the inactive groups in our district and are making some progress. In reviewing the list supplied by Tony at the beginning of the year I confirm there are quite a few groups that have started that are no longer active. We have had the pleasure of attending several anniversaries since the last time we met.

On May 28<sup>th</sup> we attended Information A.A. day at Lansing. The day was well represented by the districts and was a great day by all.

I look forward to seeing you all in September.  
Yours in service  
Gary O.  
DCM District 14

**District 16 Distrito Hispano de Toronto**

Hello everyone, my name is Cesar, I am an alcoholic,, a proud member of the group "Unidad" Unity and it is a privilege to serve as DCM of District Hispano #16. I am glad to be here. We continue to hold our meetings and share the service experience with the seven Spanish speaking groups of our Distrito Hispano and to take attendance with the lowest GSR attendance for the last three years. For the past two meetings we had no GSRs in attendance. We have 5 committees, Archives, Public Information, Cooperation \With the Professional Community, Corrections and La Vina but we are concerned about the GSR attendance. We are trying to keep the groups motivated on service.

We continue to have problems with La Vina. The last order we received Grapevine instead of La Vina. It translated the same but the difference is the language.

We continue to support Area 83 . Also our district help organize the chairs and tables at the Information AA Day and also support the potluck with Spanish food. To my surprise one of our district members who is over 75 years old was that morning helping with the chairs.

If any district has any advice on how to bring the groups to support the district will be appreciated. That is all I have to inform.

Yours in service  
Cesar H  
DCM

**District 18 Toronto City East**

Hi everyone:

I am an alcoholic and my name is Patrick F., a proud member of the Danforth group in Toronto. I am currently servicing as the District Committee Member for District 18 Toronto City East.

Our district is doing ok financially. I would like to thank Katrina E., our secretary for all her work getting the minutes together every month. Our alternate DCM Murray O. is filling in as are registrar until we can find a new one. Our table gets about 20 members every month. We have 4 service commitments: 2 hospitals, a men's shelter, and the Scarborough Probation meeting, that is put on by the groups from the district table on a rotating basis. This year I was on the 6<sup>th</sup> East Toronto Archives Breakfast committee and they let me chair the speaker meeting and what a feeling that was. This was the 6<sup>th</sup> annul event, in co-operation with District 22. it just keeps getting better. Last but not least, I was also a part of last weekends Info AA Service Day (I got to chair the treatment /corrections work shop and make gallons of coffee).

**Around District 18**

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, the East York group held their annual service day. Another fine day!

Upcoming medallions: Sarah M. 20 yrs Don Mills June 15; Tim R. 20 yrs Chartwell June 16<sup>th</sup>; Susan 25 yrs St. Andrew's June 18<sup>th</sup>.

All is well. Have a great summer everyone, see you in September.

Yours in loving service  
Patrick F.

**District 22 Scarborough**

No report was submitted.

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**District 26 Lakeshore West**

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

Group inventory in our District in general are doing well with attendance, some increasing, and 2 groups needing support. Medallions for the month of June are as follows:

6-1yr.	1-10yrs.	1-20yrs.
2-2yrs.	1-12yrs.	1-22yrs.
3-3yrs.	1-14yrs.	1-30yrs.
2-5yrs.	1-16yrs.	1-36yrs.
2-6yrs.	1-19yrs.	

Our District groups have been generous with their financial support to our District Table in order to help carry the message.

Sobriety is well and thriving in District 26.

PIC—is very active with 3 ongoing projects, 7 challenges for next month, and 5 ongoing projects.

CPC—are dealing with 5 ongoing projects and discussing more activity for next month

Grapevine—is still active with connecting with group Grapevine reps.

Archives—are working with District 28 Archivist, DCM and I on a new project along with support that we're hoping to get off the ground.

Corrections and Self-Support are a little shaky but hope to address their needs in the near future.

We have confirmation from our Alternate Delegate Mel C. of his visit Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Alano Club on Thornton's Rd. to give the Delegate's report at 3:00 p.m.

A reminder of our Lakeshore Districts 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, "There is a Solution", August 12, 13, 14, 2011 at the General Sirkorski Polish Veteran's Hall on Stevenson's Rd. N. in Oshawa.

Conference information:

Registration only--\$20.00

All Inclusive-----\$45.00

Banquet-----\$30.00

Alateen-----\$5.00

Our Area 83 PIC Chairperson Rob McA is Lakeshore Districts new Conference Chairperson for 2012---Congratulations Rob!

Our new Spring Roundup chairperson is Deb F.

In closing, congratulations from District 26 to Area 83 Past Delegate, Barb K. on her new position as Trustee at Large for Canada. KOODOS to you Barb, you truly are an inspiration!

Thank-you for allowing me to serve

Diane M.

DCM, District 26, Lakeshore West

**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 honor and privilege of serving as DCM for Lakeshore District 28 East.

As the new term continues, general service continues to be strong in District 28. Our new PIC and CPC sub committees are settling in, their attendance continues to be strong.

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.

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 our Annual Conference, August 12-14 in Oshawa. We are also eagerly awaiting a visit from our Delegate Robb W., one week from tomorrow, Sunday June 12, 3PM to our Alano Club, 200 Thorton Road, Oshawa.

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

Garth

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**District 30 Quinte West**

My name is Miles C., I am a member of the Trenton Group and currently have the privilege of serving as District Committee Member for District 30. Things are quiet here in Quinte West.

A couple of upcoming events: Trenton Group will be celebrating their 43<sup>rd</sup> group anniversary on September 17 (flyers are in mailbox or on our website), District 30 & 34 Service Day is August 27<sup>th</sup> with more information to follow.

We had 2 groups change their address-Pine Ridge Group in Brighton and the Friday Port Hope Group-new address on website. We also had one meeting from the Redwood Group close their Friday night meeting due to lack of support. Their Sunday am meeting is alive and well attended.

We are adding more old timers interviews to our District Archives. All District positions are full except for CPC.

Yours in service  
Miles C.  
DCM

**District 34 Quinte East**

Madame Chair, Area Committee members, fellow DCM's, and honoured guest's, I'm a alcoholic a member of the Stirling Friday night group and have the privilege & honour to serve district 34 as DCM. my name is Wilf P.

Welcome to the Quinte east Area I hope your stay will be pleasant and your trip home safe. District 34 is very active with all but one chair filled at this time, PIC/CPC our chairperson is stepping down this is a very busy chair taking care of our telephone answering service plus all of the other responsibilities of carrying the message to the media and public in general. Treatment is busy with bridging the gap, Grapevine is active and sales are good, our Web master is doing a great job posting all upcoming activity's, Corrections has just purchased a case of pocket Big Books for distribution in facilities in district 34. Self support & Archives are quite. Our treasure has us on a short leash and our district is in good financial condition. As a district we are constantly looking for ways to better carry the message and get more groups out to the district table we are averaging about half of 30-34 groups the same 15 or 16 every month. We our hosting a service information day with district 30 (Quinte West) on Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> when Our Delegate Rob W. will give his report all other chairs are invited and encouraged to attend Lunch will be available, also our annuals District 34/36 conference in Napanee the first of September and the Belleville and Area Roundup mid Nov. this Sun (tomorrow) we will celebrate 50yrs for Ken F. of the Picton new hope group 10am. Please stay over and join us I've been informed the speaker has over 50yrs.

Yours in love & Service  
Wilf P.

**District 36 – Kingston & The Islands**

The "flow" of the District seems to have begun; the "hiccups", more of being a new District than anything else, seems to have gone away. Our one vacant District position (District Correction's Representative) has been filled at our last meeting. Our alt. DCM Lynne H., who has been temporarily filling in as D-CR, is now working along side Russ to make for as smooth a tradition as possible. He seems most enthusiastic when he speaks of service in AA and is a welcome addition to "the team".

Our new District treasurer (Sandy B.) continues to help us run a tight ship. The books remain balanced; the District is in good hands!

We continue to work on the re-vamping of our Policies and Procedures. It is hoped by the end of this term all Committees will have re-worded (if necessary) their purpose and focus. The role and expectations of the DCM also is going to be put in print; I sure hope they don't make me obsolete?

An Alateen meeting (Fridays 8:00 p.m., Sydenham United Church, Kingston, Ontario) is up and going in Kingston. Yes, it is an arm's length from AA group and Al-Anon will be handling its' "business affairs", but it is an arm to say the least, has begun in Kingston.

The Area Archives Conference, this year, is being held in Kingston on October 1 at St. Paul's (Anglican) Church. It is hoped that any archivists or wann-a-be ones please consider attending. History unrecorded either ends up repeating itself, or worse, just disappears and that itself is a shame.

As you know, both the Spring and Fall Assemblies are held in Kingston, and as I understand it, Area asks our District Secretary to host the Registration Desk. She is doing a fabulous job I hope you agree, but to do so requires a lot of time and energy. Her presence is a must on

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Friday, Saturday and early Sunday (as well as much prep time before each Conference). Does Area require that our Secretary fulfill the position? And if so, with respect to self-support, should we not be financially compensating her (meals, mileage) just as we do anyone else performing service for the good of AA?

Finally, the District 34/36 Conference (the last Sunday of every September) this year is being headed by our very own Heather E. She is looking for your support and assistance, if possible; chairs are needed for a few of the sessions, for example. Of course, your attendance on Sunday, September 25 at the Lion's Hall in Napanee would be the best support of all. However, if you can help on the day of the event please see me afterwards and I will give you her telephone number.

Of interest to our District, does anyone have a "short form" of the 12 Concepts that we could read at our monthly meeting? We are reading a "short" version, but I am sure there is a shorter one. If you do, could you e-mail me with a copy of it? My e-mail address is karrox2000\_ca@yahoo.ca. I know of many at the District meeting who would be ever so grateful!

Yours in Service,  
Roxane T.

**District 38 Thousand Islands**

No Report Submitted

**District 42 St. Lawrence International**

No report submitted

**District 46 St. Lawrence Adirondack**

No report submitted

**District 48 Seaway Valley North**

Hi I'm Gerry and I'm an Alcoholic, member of 12 & 12 Study Group Morrisburg and DCM of District 48.

Our little District is well. We have many positions open, but what we lack in attendance we make up for in commitment. We are hoping to have someone chair the next round up for February. The GSR's have brought it back to the groups that we need someone. We are looking forward to attending the Service day with district 50 and district 42 on June 18th. Our commitment in the Ogdensburg Jails are still being attended by our members and the inmates are responding by swelling the meetings by numbers, as there are more attending each time I go in to chair. We don't purchase literature from other districts anymore

Our new Literature Librarian Yohann C. is purchasing literature on behalf of the District from GSO. She is working close to our PI Chair Neil W. to disburse said Literature to the schools, Library's, Doctors' Offices, Hospital and the Churches in the district.

We added one more Group to our fowl and the GSR Donny O has been attending our District Meetings. The group is in Williamstown on Monday night at 8:00 PM Open Speaker. We have a new add in the Morrisburg leader that simply has our name and contact number.

All our commitments are being filled in the district thanks to Sara M and the groups seem to be well attended from what I see at first hand and what I hear. Thanks for all the hard work that all the GSR's and members of district 48 do and thanks to the area for listening with interest to what we are doing in our district.

Yours in Service  
Gerry S.

**District 50 Cornwall**

Hi everyone, my name is Elaine M, I am an alcoholic, and a member of the Sunday Morning Group and DCM for District 50. Firstly, congratulations to Barbara K., our new Canadian Trustee at Large.

I attended the May 14 Conference by Lancaster Just for Today Group. Although not a district conference it was well attended by district members and it was an excellent day. Congratulations to the Lancaster group for passing the message and keeping AA alive. I have brought some flyers for the Fall Conference and left them on the table.

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We have been announcing the June 18 Information Day at Canton with Districts 42 and 48 and hopefully we have some representation. There has not been much interest shown. However, I am looking forward to the day and will continue to try to motivate people to attend with me. Unfortunately, one of our groups (Williamstown) has moved to another district. We will miss them at our table and welcome them back should they ever want to return.

On a more positive note, we now have someone filling the BTG position. He is trying to recruit and hopefully we can come up with a full committee.

Our new PI committee is meeting regularly and working very hard with the plan to start visiting and presenting in community in September. Presently they are working on studying the literature and doing role playing in preparation. Our PI Chair is EAGER to say the least!

I am happy to report that we now have as of Thursday, June 1 this week, a new Alt. DCM in the name of Linda C. Unfortunately, she could not attend today but plans to attend in the future. I am hoping she can go to Canton on June 18.

We have already had to make some amendments to the Operational Procedures and I'm sure before the 2 year review is up we will make more. This tells me we are learning and open to change. A good thing.

Our attendance is good. The table has voted recently not to have a 7th at District as it is a business meeting. I had considered this a level of service as stated on the Green Card but alas I am not God and they won. We also have many visitors who will hopefully be our future and keep us alive and contributing to the suffering alcoholic in District 50 and around the world.

Thank you for continued your support.

Yours in Love and Service,  
Elaine M. District 50

### **District 54 Ottawa Rideau**

Good morning my friends. My name is Greg C. and it is my pleasure to represent District 54 as District Committee Member. I am an alcoholic and a very active member of the Search for Serenity group in Orleans.

District 54 is operating OK. All committee positions are filled and all committees very active. There has been a drop in attendance at our district meetings of late, but much of that was due to poor weather. Today is our Vanier Roundup and all tickets were sold well in advance.

June 25 will be our Gratitude Day and Robb W. will give his presentation. With regret I will miss Robb's talk as family duties take me to Val Gagne, ON for my son's wedding. I am sober, they want me there.

Our Alternate District Committee Member has indicated an inability to continue on in the DCM position at the end of his term. The district table as unanimously agreed to pursue finding a replacement for Rob prior to the end of his term.

On a sad note there will be a memorial service today in Maxville, ON for Brian F. Brian was around the AA program in Orleans and Ottawa for many years. Unfortunately he was not able to achieve any long term sobriety and he finally succumbed to Alcohol. They tell me some have to die so others will get it.

On a pleasant note at my home group this past Wed. evening we had a record 5 desire chips handed out. AA is alive and active in Ottawa.

Yours in service,  
Greg C.

### **District 58 Ottawa Bytown**

Good morning everyone, My name is John V. and I am a grateful recovering alcoholic. I am currently serving as ADCM (Alternate District Committee Member) for District 58, Ottawa Bytown and I am a member and GSR for the Laurier / Sandy Hill Group. I am attending this morning on behalf of Bonnie F. ; who was unable to attend. Since the New Year, there has been an increase to as many as 13 GSR's at the district table, which represents a substantial increase from last year's attendance. We have a temporary CPC (Co-operation with the Professional Community) representative but still require a PIC (Public Information Committee) and Archives representatives. David, Don and Peter from 62 continue to give us updates for their respective positions at our table.

We are currently working with districts 54 and 62 to host a 'Gratitude Day' on June 25/2011 at the Bronson Centre, which will be an excellent opportunity to introduce people to AA and AA service. We are also working with CFTF (Correctional Facilities and Treatment Facilities) and OWMC (Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre) to bring about some changes to how the 'Detox' commitments in Ottawa are being fulfilled and how to improve this extremely important service.

Financially, District 58 is healthy, with solid prudent reserve and we are able to disperse money to subcommittees as they ask for it.

Yours in service,  
John V, ADCM

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**District 62 Ottawa West**

Hi everyone, I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Barrhaven Tuesday Night Group in Ottawa and currently serving as District Committee Member for Ottawa West District 62; my name is Ian B. I'm accompanied here today by our Alt/DCM Sue B.

It has been quiet in our District since the report at the Spring Assembly in Kingston other than a very successful Spring Conference on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The District continues to be fiscally healthy and all Service Committees are actively spreading the AA message: PIC & CPC are busy at help fairs and getting literature out; CF/TF keeps meetings going at local facilities; and, our Grapevine Rep continues to attend various meetings around the district to display available AA material.

Archives now has a full committee after a period of low participation and, as a result, has recently completed a draft of a new Group History Form and which will be distributed when complete

Our major focus right now is planning Gratitude Day with Districts 54 & 58. It will take place on June 25, 2011 at the Bronson Centre, in Ottawa. Rob will be presenting his report and anyone who happens to be in Ottawa is more than welcome.

Yours in service  
Ian B.  
District 62 Committee Member

**District 66 Golden Triangle**

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

Attendance at our monthly meetings average around 70% and our financial situation is good. Our annual roundup held on April 10 was once again a great success with good attendance and a nice day of sharing and fellowship. Thanks to all that attended. There were more people there than the hall could handle, so we are looking for a larger place next year.

Contributions from the groups has been good. Our treasurer had to leave us but we were able to get someone to step into the position.

This is about all that District 66 has to report for now.  
Yours in love and service,  
Gary C

**District 70 Renfrew Pontiac**

Good morning, everyone. I am Terry C. and I am an alcoholic. I am honoured to be the DCM for Alcoholics Anonymous District 70, one of two Area 83 interprovincial Districts.

District 70 is having a very good year so far. We held a Saint Patrick's Day Round-up at Renfrew on March 13<sup>th</sup>. As I reported at the Kingston Spring Assembly, the Round-up was a big success with over two hundred in attendance and a good program. The Round-up is run by the newly elected GSR's of the District. We encountered a couple of problems with the Round-up springing from the inexperience of the GSR's. subsequently a committee of interested members has analyzed the 2011 Roundup and prepared a new set of guidelines in readiness for the same event next year. Our expectation is that clear guidelines and a year's experience will lead to a smoother production next time.

Sobriety continues to grow and flourish in District 70. All of our eighteen groups are in good shape and members have started two new meetings that help to make the Program available to even more people. The District Table has a good prudent reserve in hand and we have forwarded contributions to both the Area and the GSO.

With all blessings and wishes for a good twenty-four hours in the Fellowship for all of us,  
Terry C., DCM, Renfrew -Pontiac District 70.

**District 74 Pembroke**

No Report Submitted

**District 78 Madawaska Valley**

Hi, I'm an alcoholic DCM for District 78 Madawaska Valley and my name is Claude L.

This past month our secretary resigned, but I am hoping to have the position filled in the near future. Our attendance at the district table has been really good. Most of our positions are filled.

The attendance at most of our meetings has been down lately, I don't know if it's because of the hockey play-offs. The Bancroft New Hope group has moved to it's new location, which is at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic church.

I was hoping to have tickets for sale today for our round-up but the chairperson is having a hard time finalizing the cost of the catering and also I don't have the final flyer for the round-up. Everything should be done by our September Area Meeting, I'm praying that it is, if not you will get e-mails for updates on our situation.

This past Wednesday I went to Howard's 30 year anniversary at the East Gate group. At this time the district is struggling financially, but I hope that will be looked after by the groups. Right at this time I am in the process of moving to a temporary location, in the hope of finding something permanent for the end of August. That's my report for today.

Yours in love and service  
DCM for District 78 Madawaska Valley  
Claude L.

**District 82 Victoria Haliburton**

No report submitted

**District 86 Kawartha**

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

Unfortunately, Dave U. has found it necessary to resign his position as District PI/CPC Chair. I thank Dave for his valuable contributions in this position to date. Nominations for a replacement will be taken at our District meeting tomorrow. Hopefully, this important position will not stay vacant for long.

Our SID was held May 15 at our Intergroup Office in Peterborough. Our Alt. DCM, Steve L., organized this event and we had attendees from both Districts 30 and 82 in addition to our own District. Mel C. gave the GSC Report and made it both informative and interesting. I also thank our Delegate Robb W. and Carl C. of Lakeshore East for their contributions to the event. By all accounts it was a very successful day.

Financially our District is in good shape and the Group attendance at our District meetings continues to be excellent.

I'm pleased to mention that our Kawartha District Conference will be celebrating its **50<sup>th</sup> year** on June 24 and 25. The Conference will be held at the Evinrude Centre again this year. I have brought some Conference Flyers with me today so grab one before you leave. It's been quite a journey from the first Central East Area Conference held in Peterborough in June of 1962 until this year's upcoming Conference. We have brought in some very good Speakers for our Conference and I have tickets for sale here today for anyone who might be interested in attending this very special event.

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 M. I have the honour and privilege of serving as Area 83 Public Information Chair.



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Thank you to the Districts who continue to send me their meeting minutes, I do read them as it's a good way for me to keep in touch with what's going on in your Districts.

Since we last met I have attended the GTA Intergroup Public Information Committee meeting, the District 86 Service Day in Peterborough, and Info AA Day in Toronto. At Info AA Day I had the chance to again meet Mary C from GSO. Mary informed me that when the GSO staff assignments rotate in July she will be the new PI staff member. I believe this will also make her the Eastern Canadian Regional Correspondent. Hearing Mary share her story and getting to know her a little was good for me as she will soon be my contact at GSO.

On Thursday I received a letter from GSO. As a result of their annual anonymity mailing to media professionals a community newspaper editor in District 66 returned a request card for more information about Alcoholics Anonymous. The PI coordinator at GSO sent some literature, and asked me to contact the editor. Only a mailing address was provided so I have composed a letter to send by mail which includes the Area 83 website address, the district 66 website, and a local member's contact information. While composing this letter it occurred to me that Area 83 doesn't have a mailing address and if I wanted to include a return address I would have to use my own. I don't mind doing this, but I'm not sure if it's the best way to handle Area mailing. This was also a concern when requesting that our Area Assemblies be listed in the Grapevine and Box 459 events calendars, as they require a mailing address. Perhaps we should consider a post office box for Area 83?

Speaking of Grapevine and Box 459, watch your fall editions. Hopefully you will see the Area 83 Fall Assembly listed in the events calendars.

I haven't received many requests to be of service to our Districts, but I will continue to keep communicating with the Districts, and be available to serve.

Yours in Love and Service  
Rob M  
Public Information Chairperson  
Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

**b) Cooperation With The Professional Community**

***Herb W.***

Hello everyone, my name is Herb and I am an alcoholic and am a member of the Russell Saturday night group in District 48 and have the honour and privilege of serving as your area 83 Cooperation with the Professional chairperson.

Since the area assembly in March I was able to attend the Toronto Information Day on May 28<sup>th</sup>. It was a pleasure to meet Mary C., the General Service CPC Staff Coordinator. She gave a wonderful AA message. Also, I would like to mention that Naveen A. from District 02 gave a great presentation on CPC at the workshop.

We had three National Events that we were approached by the General Service Office to fulfill.

The Ottawa CPC Committee set up a display at the Canadian Counseling Association May 17-20, 2011. And I heard that everything went well. I was unable to attend as I was scheduled to work.

The Canadian Psychologist Convention was held in Toronto, from June 2-4, 2011, which I attended yesterday and also had the pleasure of manning the booth from 12:30- 3pm. I would like to report that Alcoholics Anonymous was well represented at that event and there were a lot of interesting people and interesting questions. Marv, Mary Lou, Victor, Naveen a thank you for your dedication, help and enthusiasm in coordinating the event.

The People in Motion had a display also from June 3-4, 2011 and Cathy Z. an accessibility representative from Toronto took care of that event. I have asked all Committees to send me their reports on their event and have received Ottawa's already and will report on them at the next area meeting in September.

I would like to thank everyone who dedicated their time and service for these events and for their unity from start to finish to pass on the message of Hope and Freedom that was so freely given to us.

Yesterday morning there was an hour of spare time so it was off to the Toronto Intergroup office for a visit and a tour of the office, where I was blessed with a coffee and great cheer!! I found the archive material along the walls fascinating!

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The General Service office has sent a request from a non-alcoholic Padre on the base in Petawawa, who asking to have an A.A. meeting started in his chapel. I have called and will pass on that information to the District Committee member in District 74. I would also like to thank District 42, 48 and 50 for their invitation to their service information day on June 18, which I regretfully cannot attend.

Thanking you for the opportunity to serve in Alcoholics Anonymous!

With gratitude and joy in service,  
Herb W.

**c) Corrections Report**

**Deirdre B.**

Good morning my name is Deirdre B and I am an alcoholic. It is my privilege to serve as Area 83 Correctional Facilities Chair. Things have been slow not much to report. Since taking on the Correctional Chair position there have been twelve Bridging The Gap requests. This is an enjoyable part of the position and hearing the stories from the other AA members doing the 12 step work is awesome.

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.

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

God bless you all, Deirdre B

**d) Treatment Report**

**Rodney S.**

Good mornign, 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. Since taking on this position I have been trying to get District information concerning TF Facilities in each district. Some have Treatment Centers and some don't. Most have hospitals and some have detox centers. From what I can gather most districts that have hospital meetings are meeting their commitments as they should and the whole deal is pretty much understood. With the exception of setting up new meeting in such facilities there is very little that the Area has been asked to do in this regard.

Gary from NY called me one day and asked about protocol of starting a meeting in a sex offenders unit in a state hospital. I looked into it a bit and found that there is not a lot of precedence in this. New York told me that they were unaware of such. It was their hope that such a meeting, if started, would be similar to any other meeting. I tried to contact Gary by email and included our CF Chair Deirdre because it couldn't figure out if this was more of a CF issue than a TF issue. I have not heard back from Gary so I called him but have not heard back by phone either. I have been informed by David T that this is a long standing issue. Of concern is how to get members to volunteer in such a facility. Also of concern is can we, AA, meet such a commitment. I understand there is difficulty getting volunteers for the regular prison meeting. So far this issue is unresolved.

I have made it known from the beginning when I began to look into the needs of TF that there is a big hole in the BTG program. For all intense and purpose it almost doesn't exist. Just for a quick idea, how many districts present have at least one Treatment Center in their district.

\_\_\_\_\_COUNT THE HANDS. Some of you may have more than one like district 12 in Toronto that has 12 or so. BTG locally is pretty informal. You meet a person at a local meeting and show them around the district when then get out. BTG for those who are returning to some other town is more involved.

So far, out of all 28 district only one district is formally forwarding BTG requests to their local TF Chair. That district being Bellville. I have had 11 contact requests since the last assembly 9 of which came from the center in Bellville. What are all the other centers in Eastern Ontario doing. Some, like Renescent in toronto, have their own contact program where they match the person being released with an alumni near their home town. I don't know how effictive this is. I do know that not every member of every centers stays sober and I have hear tales of contacts being assigned who are back to drinking. The possible truth is that such centers may, or may not have a way of establishing each contacts current sobriety. However, when a BTG request is made, the TF chair in the receiving district pretty much makes sure that a sober member will be making the call.

We need to get out there and approach the Treatment Facilities to see if we can help in this area. I am unsure but I suspect there has been some issues in the past. If we have a proper program in place, with documented follow up and feedback we are in a better position to be successful.

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Below is a copy of my current database of contacts. Each contact is followed through until contact is made and a brief synopsis of how that contact went is communicated back to the originating TF chair who then communicates it to the originating center. So far we have done well.

Name of Client	Location of Centre			Destination of Contact			Name of Contact	Date of release	Date of Contact	Contact Confirmed	Confirmation relayed to originating district	Comments	
	Area	District	District Name	Country	Area	District							District Name
Andre	83	34	Quinte East	Canada	83	62	Ottawa West	Fabio	March 26, 2011	March 27, 2011	Yes	Yes	
Wes	83	34	Quinte East	Canada	86	19	Burlington	Ian M	April 9, 2011	April 10, 2011	yes	yes	Attempt was made on Monday May 11th. Message was left. Try again at night
Scott	83	34	Quinte East	Canada	83	86	Kawartha	Paul R	Unknown	March 20, 2011	Yes	Yes	
Richard H	86	13	Niagara South	Canada	83	6	Mississauga		Unknown	March 31, 2011	Yes	Yes	We were too late with this one. The information coming out of the center was too old. By the time we called him he was drinking
Justin	83	34	Quinte East	Canada	83	36	Kingston	Gerry J	April 30, 2011	May 1, 2011	yes	yes	was actually an NA client
Sean	83	34	Quinte East	Canada	83	28	Oshawa		April 30, 2011	May 1, 2011	yes	yes	Was reached and seems motivated
Derrick C	83	34	Quinte East	Canada	83		Ottawa West	Kevin	23-Apr-11	April 26, 2011	yes	Yes	Turns out this was for an NA contact and client had no interest in AA. We will try to get him in touch with NA.
Chris G	86	13	Niagara South	Canada	83	26	Lakeshore West	Al Cochrane	5-May	May 6, 2011	yes	yes	Contact called client but learned client was already bridged into AA. Had a sponsor and was attending meetings.
James	83	34	Quinte East	Canada	83	12	Toronto West	David M	21-May-11	May 22, 2011			Tried to reach David but were unsuccessful for the first few tries. Still waiting for feedback
Shane	83	34	Quinte East	Canada	83	26	Lakeshore West			11-Jun-11			
Martin	83	34	Quinte East	Canada	86	8	Barrie			11-Jun-11			
Number of contacts	11							Number of successes			8	72.73%	

I have been in touch with the Area 83 TF Chair and discussed this procedure and tracking format. He agrees that if we both follow the same process southern Ontario will be well taken care of. Once firmly in place we can then introduce it to our Northern counterparts in Area 84 and 85. I have already had conversations with the Delegates from those areas at the ODC and provided them the direction I have been thinking. They agree that a procedure is needed.

I am looking forward to attending the BTG Weekend Workshop in Sacramento CA in September. It will be of great interest to see what other areas are doing. I have already seen how varied the process is outside of Ontario is. One thing that is clear is that in the BTG plan or procedure that I am in the process of trying to put in place, I am relying heavily on the General Service Structure and the District to be the foot soldiers in the process. This is not what our American friends are doing. I will know more at the next assembly.

As time draws on I hope to have something in place to pass on to the next chair so that we won't have to restart from scratch. It is my hope that this process can be maintained.

Yours in love and service  
Rodney S

### e) Grapevine Report

**Leo Mck**

I am alcoholic and my home group is the Little Oak Group in District 82 Victoria Haliburton and serving Area 83 International as your Grapevine Chair person and my name is Leo Mck. The Grapevine Web Site has been newly re-launched introducing the Grapevine on line.

They have made changes and as such I was able to get a picture of our Area Display on the site and hope everyone gets a chance to see it. The Grapevine Board welcomed two new directors; Donald C. Eastern Canada Regional Trustee and Michele G. Class A Trustee.

Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. new annual subscription prices are as follows;

Grapevine on line \$24.97

Grapevine (digital) Archive \$26.97

Grapevine Audio \$21.97

Grapevine digital \$21.97

Grapevine in print magazine \$28.97, with a \$ 12.00 discount for any two versions.

As for the Pocket Planners and Calendars, I do apologize for the figures I gave at the Assembly as they were not meant to be final. My mistake. Today I have a final price set at \$4.00 for the Planner and \$ 8.00 for the Calendar. This takes in discount, HST, exchange, and shipping.

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If anyone was going to give me money today then the Area would refund the difference. In price or the district can re-issue a cheque with the proper amount. Thank you and hope this has not caused any inconvenience.

Our Past Delegate Dot D. attended the 1st year anniversary of the new group. In District 38 and as a thank you was presented with a copy of a photo that will appear in the 2012 Grapevine Calendar by Gari V.

Happy Selling  
Yours in Friendship and Service  
Area 83 Grapevine Chair  
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 is a part of everything we do in service. It encompasses every minute, and every amount we give back in Alcoholics Anonymous. There are so many grateful AA members out there! They are giving back in so many ways. They are setting up chairs. They are making coffee. They are sponsoring others. They are putting money into the basket as it passes. It is all crucial to our personal recovery and to the survival of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thank you to the Committee at Info AA Day for all the hard work that went into putting on the day last Saturday. It was a great demonstration of Self Support in action. I would like to thank them for the opportunity to share on a panel, provide literature and information, and to talk with so many people. The message was indeed passed on!

I have been challenging people to go back to their groups and thank the members that are active in service. I believe that our groups are doing a good job of carrying the message in meetings all around us. All too often, we take for granted the hard work of members. Thank someone today!

Our Delegate said something very important when he gave his report at Info AA Day. He reminded us that while we say we are self supporting, in reality we are not. We quote that we are responsible. We say we are grateful. We think we are doing our part. I am convinced that we mean to be. I believe that we want to be. I am equally as sure that we easily CAN be. So I also challenge you to do a little more, and give a little more. Do it as you are able to... and with gratitude as people whose lives have been saved, despite ourselves. And don't forget to thank someone this week.

I will be linking the Self Support Chairpersons in every District in the coming days. If your Self Support person has not heard from me by the end of June, please contact me as I must not have correct contact information. Where there is no Self Support contact in the District, I will send the information to the Alternate DCM. Please pass the information that I send out, to your groups if you find it useful/helpful.

Alcoholics Anonymous is an amazing organization. It saved my life. It gave me a life worth living. I am grateful to be a member. I hope it shows by what I do and give. And I can do more...

Thank you, for all that you do!  
Peace and serenity, Ruth F

**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.

We have finalized a date for the first Area Archives Workshop of our term. It is usually held in the spring but we were not well enough organized to feel that it would be a success, so we postponed to the fall. I accept full responsibility and would like to thank David T. our Archivist for doing all the heavy lifting to get us organized for the fall. In addition, Kathryn G., Archives Chair for District 36, Roxanne T. D.C.M. and Joe D. have provided great assistance. The date is Saturday, October 1. It will be held in St. Paul's Church in Kingston, starting around 9:30 or 10:00AM. There will be a full day of informative workshops, with a potluck lunch, and a visit to the Queen's University Archives to complete the day. We will have the Agenda as soon as we have final confirmation of our invited guests. Naturally, we are expecting strong support from across the Area. Car pool and come on down.

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In order to better understand the four year rotation of the Archives Workshop locations I was asked Maire O., our first Area Archivist. The reason that the Workshop rotates between Peterborough, Kingston, Toronto and Ottawa is that all but Kingston have local A.A. Archives, and Kingston has other rich archives assets.

The 83, our Area 83 Archives Newsletter is ready. We found multiple contributors at the Area Assembly in Kingston at the end of March. We received articles from Poala R. regarding the first part of her history of the Kingsway Group, which celebrated 65 years as a group on May 4; an article from Milner G. in DCM District 42, our past Area Archives Chair on why "archives" is important to our present and future; the history of the 50 years of the Kawartha District Conference which started as Central East by Gary C. from District 86 Kawartha, on a group's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; and an article by Jim W., GTA Archivists Apprentice on how he compiled the group histories of District 6. It is great reading. You all got copies in your folders, and they are available electronically to all GSRs and group members. Please go to our blogspot Area83.Archives.blogspot for past editions.

The GSO Archives Newsletter "Markings" is available by contacting archives@aa.org.

On April 10<sup>th</sup> I attended the Hamilton Archives Breakfast; the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kingsway Group May 4; the East Toronto Archives Breakfast on May 15 and Info AA Day, May 28. On June 5 I will be at the GTA Intergroup/District Sharing Session and on June 18 in Canton NY for the District 42 Service Day.

In addition, I am attending the monthly meetings of the GTA Archives Committee. These are always well attended, lively and informative. On Sunday, July 17 there a workshop in Toronto at Dufferin & Lawrence on Oral Histories conducted by Maire O., our past Archivist.

## **News from GSO**

Archives is not a 'primary' committee like the others but rather a secondary committee. None-the-less we are still part of the General Service Conference. Here is the update from the Conference Committee on Archives (with thanks to Joe D.).

### Conference Committee on Archives

- > The committee reviewed the contents of the Archives Workbook and accepted the revisions, including a minor change to the Research Application Form and a new section, "Tools and Suggested Activities For Archives Committees," which will provide sharing and suggestions for Archives committees.
- > The committee requested that the G.S.O. Archivist solicit new material and stories for the "Shared Experiences" section of the Archives Workbook, by contacting area archivists and area Archives Committee chairs via a memorandum, with a copy to area delegates, so that this section can be updated in a future printing of the Workbook. The committee also requested that the "Shared Experiences" section be updated every five years.
- > The committee requested that the trustees' Archives Committee develop an informational piece on basic archival preservation procedures intended to provide guidance to local archivists responsible for maintaining the physical and intellectual integrity of the collection.

Coming to a close, I would like to get a sense of the room as to possibly moving the Workshop to a new District to see if we could attract more attention and generate more enthusiasm.

Please make sure with you are sending me your District Minutes; I read them all. If you need, both David Topp and I are available to come to your District events. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Have a safe and sober summer.

Yours in Love & Service,  
Peter

## **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 picked from the hat to be your Service Information Day chair, my name is Heather M.

I'd like to introduce the committee: Vince R Dist 10, Gary O Dist 14, , Diane McL Dist 26, Miles C Dist 30, Gerry StL Dist 48. It was a growing and rewarding experience putting on our first Service Information Day.

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I hope on the wall behind me is our agenda for the Fall Service Information Day. Our committee met this morning before the ACM to speed our day along. Workshop presenters, please review your workshop time and location and confirm your attendance today. Remember that if your workshop is in the Ontario West room you will NOT have a PowerPoint projector, you will have an overhead projector. There was miscommunication with this in the spring and I apologize for that. There have been workshops in the past where technical difficulties midway through have prevented a presenter from continuing in PowerPoint and so having overheads pre-printed as a back-up is always a great idea regardless of the room you are in. While multi-media presentations are great, low-tech alternatives in case there's a tech problem are always recommended.

Thank you to the 6 DCM's that took on responsibilities for the spring Service Information Day. DCMs that have not been involved yet, we would like to get you involved. We will be asking DCM's for every Service Information Day to handle the Traditions workshops. For the fall, Traditions 4 5 and 6 are up. If there is someone who would like to step forward to take on the 10 minute presentation on one of the traditions before we start asking around, please do so. Other assignments will present themselves, no doubt.

We have a list of suggestions from the Spring Service Information day that we are trying to implement for the Fall. Suggestions for venue changes and for room enlargement cannot be addressed by the Service Information Day committee.

Some of the highlights to look forward to for our Fall Service Information Day are:

- as always our General Service Conference report
- our Remote Communities workshop by Mel C will include highlights from the conference in Iqaluit
- our Bridging the Gap conference report with the Treatment Facilities workshop
- our Young People in Service workshop
- our Access-Ability workshop
- other items to be decided by the committee at our meeting prior to the Area Committee meeting.

This is your reminder to book your rooms for Kingston well in advance and remind everyone in your districts and groups to do so as well.

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

## **7. Registrar's Report**

***Tony A.***

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

The roll call for today is 15 Area Officers (including Webmaster & Area Archivist), 1 Immediate Past Delegate, 4 Past Delegates, 20 District Committee Members, 12 Alternate District Committee Members and 5 visitors. For voting purposes there are: 17 Area Officers eligible to vote (including 1 Immediate Past Delegate and 4 Past Delegates) and 23 District Committee Members or Alternate District Committee Members for a total of 40 votes. Total delegation for this meeting is 57 people.

Since my last report at the Spring Assembly, I feel like I truly have my bearings with this position. To all of the table officers that have been submitting your group changes, I thank you for your patience while I was in the learning curve.

The cutoff for group changes to be submitted for the upcoming regional directory was yesterday as indicated by Karen H., Manager of Administrative Services at the General Service Office. All group change forms submitted up until yesterday have been processed and are up to date. I trust that all incoming general service reps have received their kits.

I have emailed the district committee members a copy of the updated spreadsheet roster for their districts and have sorted this spreadsheet by group status for your convenience. This spreadsheet contains all of the group information so it may seem like a bit much at first. If you have any questions regarding this, kindly call me and I can help you navigate through it. Unfortunately, I did not have an email address for district 82.

A reminder that when we refer to the status of a group, as in being active, this 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 has not contact associated

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

If you know that a group is active, but the spreadsheet indicates otherwise, I need a full mailing contact to change the group status. This can be any member of that group and not only a general service rep or alternate general service rep. I have been told by the general service office that it can also be the district committee member or alternate district committee member if needed. This needs to be submitted formally to me by submitting a group change form with the necessary information.

Please also note that I have updated the Group Change and New Group forms to include an email address field of entry. I kindly ask that updates or new group forms are sent to me by email and created in a Word format for easier transcription. You can also scan and fax if needed to me at 416-924-6149. It seems that most are comfortable with the email format to sending this information and I thank you very much for accommodating. Once again, the email address to submit changes is [registrar@area83aa.org](mailto:registrar@area83aa.org).

I attended the Information AA Day last weekend and was a really great day. I was also reminded of the privilege our higher power has entrusted to us to be of service to our wonderful fellowship.

In closing, I will make myself available to districts and groups to assist with registrar related issues where I can and please remember that communication is essential. Thank you for the trust that you have placed in me and it has been my honour to be of service to 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.***

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

I would like to start by thanking the 10 districts and 87 groups for their generous support of Eastern Ontario International Area 83.

I have recently sent the contribution split information to the current DCM's again. I will be sending it again with an updated address. I am in the process of moving by the end of July. You will all be informed as events unfold. AS such I did bring some pre-addressed envelopes. Could I ask, please, that groups dispose of all old envelopes, as it eliminates the possibility of stale dated cheques if sent to previous addresses in error. So far this year I have received an envelope from the 2005/6 treasurer, and 2 that were sent to Joyce who was the 2007/8 treasurer.

Some groups are taking anonymity to extreme. I get an envelope with a cheque but no return address. So that I may be able to send a receipt, a return address is needed. Otherwise, I will be enlisting the help of DCM's to hand deliver some envelopes for groups in their district. I made this comment at the assembly and thankfully I was able to put the lone receipt in a group members hand. Keep Canada Post in your prayers, that the simmering labour dispute does not cause a disruption of mail service in the very near future.

And now for the present. This year's financial results to May 31<sup>st</sup>. I have placed a copy of this report for you and your ADCM in each of your folders.

The first page is a summary of the entire year's receipts and expenses. The reserve account remains at \$20,000.00 as per the directive of the Oct 2008 Assembly. A GIC for the entire amount will mature on March 16, 2012. The next interest payment will be in October. Moving to the income section, you can see the the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition collected from the Jan 2011 ACM and the March 2011 Area Assembly, \$2300.94; group/district contributions of \$18,946.07, down very slightly from this time last year, \$40.00 for one group's GSO flow through. Cost recoveries of \$356 are from the sale of service manuals, PI kits and some Archives materials. Total inflows to the operating account were \$21XXX.

To the expenses section, which total \$25,971.11 YTD. The first grouping of items are the committee expenses for 2011. The YTD total is significantly lower than the previous year. The improvement is more a matter of timing than of planning. Travel costs for the Info AA day in Toronto last week end have not been included yet. As usual, at this time of year the significant expenses. Notable figures are the \$5500 contributions to GSO for this years General Service conference, \$1010.09 for attendance at this years Ontario Delegates Conference in Brantford; \$1500.00 travel advance for the Alt delegate to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> Eastern Arctic conference in June at Iqualit.

At the bottom of the page you can see the change in the Operating Account for the year. A beginning balance of \$32, 987.90 plus inflows \$21,267.00 less expenditures of \$25,971.11 leaves a balance of \$29,897.79.

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All invoices are paid, and all checks received to date have been deposited. The total of the operating account and the reserve account is \$49, .

The second page is a detailed breakdown of the expenditures summarized on the first page. The biggest single number on this page so far is the spring Assembly costs, which include \$3196.00 listed under meals. That is the charge for coffee at the Assembly.

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

Page 3 is the Contributions by Group. Last week Deirdre sent each District an email statement showing the annual contributions by group for that district. This is a practice I will continue.

The last page of your package is a comparison of the Group/District contributions for the years 2007 to 2011 by month.. You can see that 2011 contributions are almost the same as 2010. Good things continue to happen in Area 83, this is the Responsibility Declaration in Action.

See you in September. Have a great summer.

Yours in love and service

James A.  
Area 83 Eastern Ontario International  
Treasurer.

## **9. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

***Kim S.***

Good afternoon, my name is Kim, I am an alcoholic and I am your Area 83 Secretary. It is an honour and privilege to serve you.

I will start my report by apologizing that it took me so long to get out the last Area Committee Meeting minutes. This will never happen again. I will only say that I have learned a great deal in the six months that I have been the secretary. There have been growing pains that should make me as tall as Peter. That said...I will also say that when you know better, you do better.

Now that I know better and wanting to do better, my goal is to have the ACM minutes done and distributed within 3 weeks. That means that I need your reports. If I do not receive your report within 2 weeks of the meeting your report will not be in the minutes. I will send out a reminder and possibly a second one but in order to do my job efficiently I must process the minutes in a timely manner. If I send you a reminder email and you have already sent me your report, please do not ignore the email. Let me know that you have sent it. If I am sending you a reminder, it means that I did not receive it and it is necessary for you to send it again. I would like to thank everyone that has sent me your minutes thus far. I have received 12 reports. Yes!

I apologize to the people that sent their reports back in January and they were lost and regret that I had to ask for them again. I was having some problems with the area web email and didn't realize that I did not receive some reports. That is not the case anymore. All email issues have been resolved for quite some time and there should be "hopefully" no further problems.

In all your mail folders you will find

- Today's Agenda
- Jan AC Minutes
- Spring Assembly Minutes
- Amended Area Procedures

In the DCM folders there are two copies of everything to provide the Alternate DCM a copy of everything.

I apologize that you do not have a District Listing. Unfortunately the printer did not receive my email with the attachment to print and my printer ran out of ink before I was able to print it. I will send it to everyone and you can print your own copy or forward to your secretary or registrar.

Also speaking of printers...I just wanted to mention that printing the minutes is very costly. The Assembly minutes alone were over 1,000.00. I had a total bill of 2490.00. I know this was brought up when Joyce was secretary and the Area Committee wanted to continue receiving the printed minutes. It is of course totally up to you. I just wanted to let you know that it is very costly to print the minutes, agendas, etc.

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If you are missing your name card please let me know and I will redo your card.

If you have a committee member in your district that has not received their kit, please let me know and I will follow up with GSO. Also please keep me informed of any district changes so that I can keep our records and GSO's records up to date.

Again, it is a total pleasure to serve you and if I can do anything to help you, please let me know.

Yours in service,  
Kim S

## **10. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT**

***Mel C***

Good morning everyone, my name is Mel and I am an alcoholic. P61-A83 Alternate Delegate, Eastern Ontario International. Good to be here, good to be sober.

As many of you know, I have had a busy few months on behalf of our Area. I was under the impression that the Alternate's job was to sit and listen and look after a few trifles, but it has not turned out that way so far! Remote Communities has been ramping up to the conference, I went to NY, Toronto Intergroup has made a decision on God and it's in his favor, the four Quebec Area's are doggedly forging ahead with a Canadian Eastern Region AA Service Assembly and we've been asked to come along so I've been participating in that ... Barry W., one of our past Delegate's was fond of saying "When all was said and done,. more was said than done", but that's exactly not the case here. Let me go through each one and a few more:

### Remote Communities Conference Calls March and May

- All going along well
- talk of newsletter - adjunct to "Remote Communicator". I submitted name "Aurora Borealis". May or may not get going.
- Talk of Bob P., being rotated - we voted to keep him in till year end
- Work in jails continues
- Saskatchewan working with Cree, Newfoundlander and Labradoreans working with Innu, Alaska working with Aleut.

### April Retreat in Guelph 4-5, 10-11

- Participated in a weekend Retreat, went for the day.
- Not so much an Area service event, but was out of Area, so I report

### General Service Conference

- Hardly even know what to say.... discuss briefly & generally

### SID D86 Peterborough

- Gave Delegate's report at the D86 SID
- Great turnout, enthusiastic crowd.

### Info AA Day Toronto - attended

- Just attended on our behalf.
- Robb gave just a great report.
- Everyone was mightily impressed

### Iqaluit - from NY to the north pole.

- Convention will be opened by Premier of Nunavut
- Entire convention will be in Inuktitut & English
- Gaining much traction - originally 30 or 40 now feel over 100 will attend

### CERAASA Conference Call in May

- We had three meetings in NY
- Very exciting

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- Robb will elaborate but I am all for it

Intergroup / District sharing session Tuesday next

- Shout out to all Districts - let's repeat last time

Yours in love and service  
Mel C.

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

***Robb W***

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

Well, lots happening since the spring assembly! As most of you know, I could not attend the General Service Conference last month. I had a family emergency that meant I had to be at home for that week. I was a difficult decision but the only one I could possibly make at that time. Our Alternate Delegate, Mel C., was able to attend and did a fine job representing Area 83 even with such short notice. I will be attending the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference in Rye New York next year.

Of course, the big news from the 61<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference was the election of the new Trustee at Large Canada. I'd be willing to be that there isn't anyone in the room that doesn't know already that our very own Barb K., Panel 55 Delegate, was elected. Congratulations Barb!

\*\*\* Talk about the eBooks here \*\*\*

Another item from which much discussion arose at the Delegates Regional luncheon was the talk about a CERAASA, Canadian Eastern Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. "The purpose of CERAASA is to develop greater unity among the members, groups and Areas of the Eastern Canada Region; to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA." The other Areas in Eastern Canada have decided that there will be a CERAASA. To that end, a committee has been formed that includes all of the current Delegates and Alternate Delegates from the 10 areas in the Region. We had our first teleconference just this past Tuesday. The result of that meeting was that Richard B., Panel 60 Delegate for Area 90 Northwest Quebec is the Chair, I will serve as Alternate Chair and Estelle F., Panel 61 Delegate for Area 89 Northeast Quebec, is the Secretary. The aim of this committee is to put together plans for the first CERAASA as well as some guidelines for the event. Currently, the plan is to hold the first CERAASA in Montreal but, failing that Areas approval, we may look at the eastern end of Area 83. It is my feeling that our Area should support this initiative as it is the will of the majority in the Region. I'm sure that I'll have more to report on this in September.

Mel and I drove up to Peterborough two weeks ago for the first report back. Mel gave the report and did a commendable job. I'm really grateful to Mel for being able to attend the conference in my stead and give the first report. Last weekend I gave the report at the Toronto Info A.A. day. Another great service day! Mary C. was the guest speaker from the General Service Office and gave a great talk.

Next weekend I will be attending the District 26 & 28 Service Day in Oshawa, the following weekend I'll be in Canton New York to give the Delegates report to Milner's district and the weekend after that, I'll be in Ottawa to give the report to districts 54 and 62. I believe that these are all the dates that I currently have in my calendar. Please, if you'd like me to come to your district, let me know so I can put it in my calendar.

Some of you have asked about a rather prominent anonymity break in our Area in the Hamilton Spectator. I have written a letter to the member reminding them of the importance of our tradition on anonymity. I have as yet received no response.

Another issue that has come up in our Area is the existence of a couple of groups that have their own interpretation of the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. The issue is whether these groups can be considered A.A. groups. I had written an email to those involved with my suggestion that based on tradition 4; a group may do as group conscience dictates within the confines of the group. A.A. cannot force conformity although we do find after much trial and error that conformity is usually the easier and softer way. What I also mentioned in my letter was that the second half of the tradition is sometimes ignored in the defense of what a group may be doing (or not be doing). The second half of the tradition reads "...except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole". I plan on visiting these groups in the next little while to see for myself how meetings are put on. More will be revealed on this issue in the near future.

Some of you have already seen the lapel pins that are floating around. I would like to say that, a couple of years ago I tried, unsuccessfully, to get these pins made so that Sandy could take some to the General Service Conference and we would have some for the 2010 International in Area Committee Minutes June 4, 2011

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San Antonio. Unfortunately, a number of things happened and we ran out of time to get them manufactured. Well, Rodney took it upon himself to go ahead and get some. As he travels a lot, he felt that he should have a pin, much like most other areas, to hand out during his visits afar. After seeing the pins myself at Info A.A. Day, I decided that I would purchase some of these pins myself for the same reason. I'm just putting this out there so that people know the history of how this came about. There is nothing on the floor about this nor will I be putting anything on the floor. This is something that, I think, everyone can discuss and, if someone thinks there is merit, they can put forth a motion that the Area considers buying some at some point in the future.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous and look forward to seeing you all over the coming months leading up to our Fall Assembly.

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:** Claude L. DCM District 78

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Carried

## 12. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

## 13. NEW BUSINESS

**13-1) The appointment of the new Alternate Web Master for Area 83.**

**Joyce S Chairperson**

A call letter for Alternate Web Master was sent out at the beginning of the year with an expiration date of May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our By-laws state that the Alternate Webmaster is "*to be appointed (or re-appointed) for a two year term by the Area Committee, on a recommendation of the Area 83 Chairperson after consultation with any other members of Area 83 deemed suitable for advice by the Area 83 Chairperson*"

After consideration of resumes received, I would like to put forward Jim R. name for disapproval for the position of Area 83 Alternate Web Master. Jim is currently the Web Master for District 06, Mississauga.

Does anyone disapprove of this appointment? There was no disapproval and Jim thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve Area 83.

**13-2). Secretary Procedures**

**Dan N. DCM District 02**

**Motion:** Motion to recommend to the Area 83 Assembly to amend the Secretary procedures to print a maximum of 3 paper copies per District of any minutes, procedures & guidelines, that electronic copies be distributed and be available online in a secure way.

Seconded by Heather M., DCM District 12

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Discussion: Is DCM to copy the minutes? Some Districts cannot afford it. Sense of the room is that everyone has email. Many copies will end up in the garbage so some do not even want to take their copies to their district.

Vote: For 35  
Against 4  
Abstain: 1

Voice of the minority spoke and 4 people wished to change their vote. Discussion continued on the original motion

**Motion: Carried**

**13-3). Registration Table Host Reimbursement Roxane T. DCM District 36**

**Motion:** That the person hosting the Registration table for the Area Service Assemblies, in the spirit of Self Support, be reimbursed for their service to AA, since they are expected to “man” the tables (or at least oversee the “manning” of the table) Friday night, all Saturday and finally Sunday morning (meals and mileage)

Seconded by Carol J. DCM District 04

Discussion: The Area Registrar has full responsibility of the Registration tables at the Assemblies. District 36 (usually the Secretary) volunteers to look after the volunteers and greeters. None of the volunteers are required to be present all day.

Vote: For 1  
Against 37  
Apposed 0  
**Motion defeated**

**13-4). Recommendation for Support of CERAASA Herb W. Area CPC Chair**

**Motion:** Recommend that Area 83 participate and support CERAASA (Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly)

Seconded by Peter N. Area 83 Archives Chair

Discussion: Why are we discussing something we voted down in the past?  
Sense of the room was that we can participate in the conference calls and Robb can bring any developments back To the table.

Vote: For 33  
Against 3  
Abstain 1

Voice of the minority spoke and no one wished to change their vote.

**Motion Carried**

**14. SHARING – WHAT’S ON YOUR MIND?**

## 15. NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

### Joyce S. – Area Chairperson

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on **September 10, 2011**. Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?

Moved: Robb W. Area 83 Delegate  
Seconded: Carol J. DCM District 04  
Approved: All in favour  
Motion carried

***Just a reminder that the Fall Assembly is October 28, 29 & 30, 2011.***

## 16. CLOSING

It is now 3:08p.m. and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you all a safe drive home. May I have a motion to end this meeting?

Motioned: Claude L, DCM District 78  
Seconded: Patrick F. DCM District 18  
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>	
<i>AS AT: May 31, 2011</i>	

<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>	
January 1, 2011 Opening Balance	\$ 20,000.00
Interest (\$87.85 accrued in 2010)	+ 148.77
Transfer to Operating	- (148.77)
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>

<b>INCOME</b>	
7th Tradition	\$ 2,300.56
Cost Recoveries	354.76
Flow Through to GSO	40.00
Grapevine Seasonals	-
Group & District Contributions	18,979.71
Interest Accrual	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>\$ 21,675.03</u>
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	148.77
<b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; TRANSFERS</b>	<u>\$ 21,823.80</u>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Accommodations	3,418.15
Meals	4,786.43
Travel	4,663.22
Long Distance	48.00
Postage	194.68
Printing	896.61
Literature	1,309.70
Stationery	457.77
Miscellaneous	1,257.12
Area Web Site	83.40
<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 17,115.08</u>
Ad Hoc Committees	0.00
Area Contribution to GSO	0.00
Area Committee Meetings	150.00
General Service Conf. Assessment	5,528.95
Bank Service Charges	11.26
Forums	1,500.00
Grapevine Seasonal & Service Info.Day Recoveries	0.00
GSO Flow Through	40.00
Ontario Delegate's Conference	1,010.09
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 8,240.30</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 25,355.38</u>

<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>	
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2011	\$ 32,897.79
Total Income & Transfers	+ 21,823.80
Total Expenses	- (25,355.38)
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<u>\$ 29,366.21</u>

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Details of Expenditures  
As at: May 31, 2011

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Annual Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	-	88.00	340.90	-	-	20.00	23.75	-	-	472.65	3,510.00	3,037.35	13.47%
Alt. Delegate	-	93.00	322.00	48.00	-	-	71.70	-	-	534.70	2,215.00	1,680.30	24.14%
Immediate past Delegate	-	70.15	143.12	-	-	-	-	-	-	213.27	1,040.00	826.73	20.51%
Chairperson	-	108.84	303.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	411.94	1,100.00	688.06	37.45%
Secretary	-	93.00	-	-	133.66	679.47	67.59	78.87	500.00	1,552.59	4,175.00	2,622.41	37.19%
Treasurer	-	91.62	376.10	-	61.02	75.95	45.15	82.54	119.52	851.90	1,500.00	648.10	56.79%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	214.70	175.98	70.00	-	-	-	-	201.32	-	447.30	1,005.00	557.70	44.51%
Archives	-	25.00	267.40	-	-	-	-	-	83.40	590.50	800.00	208.50	73.81%
Archivist	214.70	120.75	510.30	-	-	-	-	-	50.00	681.05	1,900.00	1,218.95	35.84%
Cooperation with the P. C.	-	24.81	319.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	619.27	1,620.00	1,200.73	34.03%
Corrections Facilities	-	36.00	318.50	-	-	-	35.83	-	-	556.81	1,200.00	643.19	46.40%
Grapevine	-	102.89	354.20	-	-	77.00	-	-	-	390.33	1,815.00	1,424.67	21.51%
Public Information	-	105.00	298.90	-	-	-	134.16	11.30	-	545.39	1,535.00	988.61	35.53%
Self Support	-	76.68	156.80	-	-	5.77	-	13.65	-	551.71	1,830.00	1,278.29	30.15%
Service Info Day Omte	1,056.45	196.27	154.00	-	-	38.42	762.35	21.76	-	2,228.25	3,190.00	960.75	69.88%
Treatment Facilities	-	97.00	196.00	-	-	-	169.18	48.33	-	510.51	2,500.00	1,989.49	20.42%
Spring Assembly	1,932.30	3,196.77	-	-	-	-	-	-	587.60	5,716.67	5,700.00	-16.67	100.29%
Fall Assembly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,700.00	5,700.00	0.00%
<b>TOTAL COMMITTEE EXP.</b>	<b>\$ 3,418.15</b>	<b>\$ 4,786.43</b>	<b>\$ 4,663.22</b>	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	<b>\$ 194.68</b>	<b>\$ 896.61</b>	<b>\$ 1,309.70</b>	<b>\$ 457.77</b>	<b>\$ 1,340.52</b>	<b>\$ 17,115.08</b>	<b>\$ 43,725.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,609.92</b>	<b>39.14%</b>
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.00%
Area Committee	150.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150.00	700.00	550.00	21.43%
Area GSO Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00%
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60.00	48.74	18.77%
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.26	11.26	4,000.00	2,500.00	37.50%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00%
GSO Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,950.00	421.05	92.92%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.00	40.00	0.00	100.00%
Ont Delegates Conf.	630.56	187.48	135.10	-	-	56.95	-	-	-	1,010.09	1,010.00	-0.09	100.01%
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 780.56</b>	<b>\$ 187.48</b>	<b>\$ 135.10</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 56.95</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,511.26</b>	<b>\$ 8,240.30</b>	<b>\$ 19,260.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,019.70</b>	<b>42.78%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 4,198.71</b>	<b>\$ 4,973.91</b>	<b>\$ 4,798.32</b>	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	<b>\$ 194.68</b>	<b>\$ 953.56</b>	<b>\$ 1,309.70</b>	<b>\$ 457.77</b>	<b>\$ 2,851.78</b>	<b>\$ 25,355.38</b>	<b>\$ 62,985.00</b>	<b>\$ 37,629.62</b>	<b>40.26%</b>

As at May 31st	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	Change
INFLOWS	21,823.80	22,622.77	- 798.97
OUTFLOWS	- 25,355.38	- 32,954.84	7,599.46
	<b>- \$ 3,531.58</b>	<b>- \$ 10,332.07</b>	<b>\$ 6,800.49</b>
Contributions	\$ 18,979.71	\$ 19,473.14	- \$ 493.43
Contributing Groups	89	94	-5
Contributing Districts	10	9	1

Income Summary	
7th Tradition	2,300.56
Bank Interest	148.77
GSO Flow through	40.00
Contributions	18,979.71
Coost recoveries	354.76
<b>\$ 21,823.80</b>	

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<b>GROUP &amp; DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL</b> <b>2008 YEAR TO DATE</b> <b>AS AT May 31, 2011</b>
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			<u>TOTAL</u>
District	00	Unknown	\$ -
District	02	Malton	2,545.00
District	04	Humber	0.00
District	06	Mississauga	675.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	2,378.01
District	12	Toronto South West	678.00
District	14	Toronto North Central	1,825.15
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	150.00
District	18	Toronto City East	933.23
District	22	Scarborough	660.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	492.12
District	28	Lakeshore East	133.84
District	30	Quinte West	500.00
District	34	Quinte East	500.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	1,700.00
District	38	Thousand Islands	0.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	72.78
District	46	St. Lawrence Adirondack	0.00
District	48	Seaway Valley North	800.00
District	50	Cornwall	600.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	260.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	164.64
District	62	Ottawa West	631.94
District	66	Golden Triangle	610.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	420.00
District	74	Pembroke	400.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	40.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	600.00
District	86	Kawartha	1,210.00
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Total Contributions YTD:			\$ 18,979.71
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Total from Groups			14,910.07
Total from Districts			4,069.64
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Total Contributions YTD:			\$ 18,979.71
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Flowthrough to GSO (YTD)			\$ 40.00
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Group & District Contributions to Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Contributions (\$)	Year by Month				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
\$2,335.36				\$2,802.83	\$4,159.06
\$3,075.95			\$2,155.56	\$1,806.21	\$1,707.18
\$3,800.42		\$4,372.60	\$4,569.00	\$4,028.35	\$5,883.39
\$2,844.43	\$1,751.47	\$3,014.65	\$3,436.68	\$5,916.12	\$3,215.00
\$6,703.00	\$3,986.58	\$1,911.41	\$4,464.50	\$4,919.63	\$4,015.08
	\$2,465.39				

- May
- Apr
- Mar
- Feb.
- Jan.

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