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1. OPENING

Good morning everyone. I am an alcoholic and name is Kim. I have the honor and privilege of serving you as the Area Chairperson for the term 2013 - 2014.

- Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer
- 12 Traditions Read By – Elizabeth H., Alternate General Service Representative
- 12 Concepts (Short Form) Read By – Laura M., Freedom Group

Welcome everybody! Did everyone enjoy the Service Day and banquet yesterday? Perhaps we can give a hand for the Service Information Day Committee? A thank you as well to Julio for his talk last night.

Introduction

This is our fourth and final Assembly of this term. Wow!!! Time flies when you are up here having fun!! Our common goal during this term has been and will continue to be is to keep Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83 vibrant and strong. Working together is the key for continued Unity in our Area. The A.A. Service manual defines an Assembly as follows: "The Area Assembly is the mainspring of the Conference structure – the democratic voice of the movement expressing itself." Just as your District table meets monthly to oversee the affairs of A.A. in your District, and your home Group meets, probably once a month, to handle matters that require a group conscience decision, the Assembly is the business meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83.

Some of us have been here before – as the Groups General Service Representative or Alternate, as District Committee Member or Alternate, or as visitors. For some, it will be their first Assembly and from personal experience it can seem pretty overwhelming! How many of you are here today attending your first Assembly? Could you raise your hand? That's great

I would like to repeat what I say at every Assembly. Being in service is a huge opportunity, not everyone is so fortunate. You will not be expected to learn or understand everything the first time or even second time. It takes time but it will make sense. As you were new to AA and didn't understand the readings or what was going on during the meetings, you eventually understood. Service is much the same way. So please keep coming back. Service in AA is not a department-it is up to all of us to be of service.

– welcome to all that are new and to those returning and enjoy the rest of the assembly.

We will make decisions on a variety of topics. The Area Assembly, like the General Service Conference, strives for substantial unanimity through ample discussion. Before a vote is held, plenty of time is taken for full discussion and questions. It is my hope that you all return home to your Groups and Districts with the feeling that you have done your part in keeping Alcoholics Anonymous strong and vibrant in your area and also that you have had a strong voice in our affairs where you've felt you ought to have it. With a spirit of love and cooperation, we will be able to get things accomplished and have some fun while we're doing it. Let's have some fun!

I would like to remind all those present who will be giving a report today to give whatever highlights are important, but that their written reports, if submitted to our Secretary Tony, will be transcribed in full in the minutes for all in Area 83 to share.

At this time I would like to introduce to you our Area Committee Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs, Immediate and Past Delegates, appointed individuals and noteworthy visitors. If you could hold your applause till the end of each section it will speed thing up a bit.

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DELEGATE	Mel C.
ALTERNATE DELEGATE	Joyce S.
SECRETARY	Tony A.
REGISTRAR	Scott M.
TREASURER	Rob M.
IMMEDIATE PAST DELEGATE for Panel 61	Robb W.
CHAIRPERSON	Kim S.

Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

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

This is your elected Area Committee Officers and Chairs for the 2013 and 2014 term.

I'd like to now introduce Past Delegates and today we have:

Panel 57 Delegate – Dot D.

Panel 59 Delegate - Sandy S.

Panel 53 Delegate - Roy R.

Panel 51 Delegate - Joe D. (Currently serving as a Class B Trustee of the General Service Board and Director of AA World Services)

We have with us serving in Appointed Positions:

Area Archivist – David T.

Area Webmaster – Jim R..

We have with us today as noteworthy visitors:

Julio – Staff Coordinator for the General Service Office

HOUSEKEEPING

Registration

Please ensure that you have signed in to the folders at the Registration area in the Atrium. These will be available only until lunch time and are vitally important to our Registrar Scott M.

SMOKING AREA

THE ONLY SMOKING AREA is outside, please use the butt containers provided by the hotel. It's unfair for us to have the hotel staff cleans up after us. If you leave this room for a smoke (or any other reason) please do so quietly, and please do not congregate just outside the doors.

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NAMETAG HOLDERS

When you leave for home this afternoon or evening, please leave your name tag holders in the boxes provided near the doors. We recycle them to keep our costs down.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

I think it's worthwhile to review the schedule of meetings for this term, for both this Assembly and the Area Committee:

The Assembly meets twice a year – the last full weekend in March and October. This afternoon we will vote on a date for the Spring Assembly in 2015. The Area committee, which is comprised of the Area Officers, Committee Chairs and District Committee Member's, has met three times this year. Our next meeting is Saturday December 6, 2014. A schedule of future meetings in 2015 will be included in the minutes. Please note that anyone can attend the Area Committee meeting in Quinte West. We welcome all visitors.

Year	Month	Date	What	Where
2014	October	October 24, 25, 26	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
	December	December 06	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
2015	January	January 3	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church
	March	March 27, 28, 29	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
Pending approval	June	June 6	Area Committee Meeting	Westminister United Church

SEVENTH TRADITION

I know that it seems as if the coffee and drinks provided this weekend may be free, but the hotel charges us a flat rate of \$9.00 per person for the weekend. Rather than have honour buckets beside the coffee urns, we have chosen to use the Seventh Tradition to cover these costs. We had a Seventh Tradition Friday night, again at the speaker meeting last night and we will have another one today. Please keep these costs in mind when the 7th is being passed around.

WHO VOTES?

Only members of the Assembly may vote. These are:

- All Area Officers, including the Immediate Past Delegate, but not the Chair.

- All Area Sub-committee Chairs

- All District Committee Members of Districts in Area 83; in their absence, the Alternate District Committee Member may vote.

- All General Service Representatives of groups in Area 83; in their absence, the group's Alternate General Service Representative has the vote. In their absence, a member of the registered group may vote. This includes the General Service Representatives of recognized Correctional Facilities Groups.

There is one vote per person.

After lunch, which is when we would expect to conduct Old & New Business, I would ask those with voting privileges to sit at the front, others at the back section. This will make it easier for us to count votes.

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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 would like to speak to the minority. To be able to do this, you must have voted with the minority on the motion. This next part may be unique to A.A. If, after the minority has spoken, one member of the Assembly who had voted for the majority on the issue stands at a microphone, and says, "I wish to change my vote" and they make a motion to reconsider, this motion must be seconded and I will ask for a show of hands (simple majority) on this question only: Should we go back to discussion?

If a simple majority of the room says we should, the matter is back on the floor for discussion.

The pace at which A.A. makes decisions may seem slow, but in truth it is measured. The goal is always to achieve a substantial unanimity, and the process is in place to prevent hasty, emotional decisions.

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 ASSEMBLY?

Only voting members of the Assembly have a voice. This is important for two reasons:

- it keeps the focus on the fact that the assembly is the business meeting of the area – assembly members are carrying and presenting their groups' wishes, rather than their own
- it maximizes the time available for those members to voice their group's opinions and needs

All who are attending may say their piece during sharing time. I would ask for your cooperation on 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 everyone is welcome to participate and their opinions will be listened to.

On the topic of sharing time, please, if you can, stay until the end of the Assembly. I realize that many of us drive a long way to get home, and that Monday morning comes early, but the Assembly truly isn't over until it's over. We have asked our guests and visitors to have their say during sharing time, and as hosts, it's polite to stay and hear their views. It's also quite possible that something important will be said.

To allow me to facilitate discussions, when you are ready to speak, please use one of the microphones around the room, and identify yourself by name, position, Group and District number.

If you are making a floor motion for the Assembly to consider today, it would be much appreciated if you would write your motion out and give it to our secretary Tony before standing at the microphone. I am sure Tony will appreciate it.

HOW DO WE VOTE?

Alcoholics Anonymous has traditionally made decisions by 'substantial unanimity'. In practice, this has translated to 2/3 majority – 2/3 of the votes cast each time. As we cannot control who is in the room at the time of each vote, it is impractical to use the roll-call as the basis for the 2/3 calculation.

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I believe that the early part of the agenda today can be handled under simple majority – 1 vote more than 50%. I will advise you when I believe we should move to a 2/3 majority. If, at any time, you think that we should move to a 2/3 majority before I indicate it, remember, this is your meeting. Don't hesitate to make the motion.

To facilitate the voting, which today will be by show of hands, I have asked a number of non-voting attendees to help me as hand counters. When we return from lunch, I would ask those with a vote to sit in the front, those without to sit at the back. Ultimately, it will speed things up.

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.

Again, when you are ready to speak I respectfully ask that you identify yourself by name, your position group and district number.

MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO OPERATE ON SIMPLE MAJORITY?

Moved: Gary O., Area 83 Corrections Chair

Seconded: Bert J., General Service Representative for Silverbirch Group

Motion: Carried (unanimously)

2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

NONE

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

NONE

Motion to accept the agenda

Moved: John M., General Service Representative for Danforth Group

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

Motion: Carried (unanimously)

Breaks and Lunch are not shown as agenda items. With your permission, I will call for these as necessary.

3. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE SPRING ASSEMBLY, SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2014.

Does anyone see any ERRORS OR OMISSIONS in the minutes as distributed to bring to our attention?

- None were noted

Motion to accept minutes as submitted

Moved: Kim M., District Committee Member for District 82

Seconded: Suzy W., General Service Representative for River Group

Motion: Carried (unanimously)

Note: At our June 7 Area Committee Meeting, a sense of the room was taken and it was the majority vote that District Committee Members not give a verbal report at this Election assembly. All District Committee Members are requested to send reports to our Secretary and they will be included at the end of the minutes.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Committee member's reports are not time-limited. Rather, we rely on the member's humility and compassion to keep their reports as brief as possible while still giving the Assembly a description of their activities in our area. As with the districts, written reports are requested. I would ask each committee member to remain at the podium after their report to answer any questions from the floor.

a) Public Information Report

Herb W.

Hello everyone. My name is Herb and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the Sunday Morning Redwood Group in Trenton, in District 30 Quinte West and I have the true privilege and honour to serve as your Public Information Chairperson for Area 83. It is hard to believe that two years has passed since being elected to this position!

Since our last Assembly in March 2014, I have visited the Roundup in District 30, attended the Regional Forum in Laval Quebec, journeyed to the Festival of Fall Colours in Combemere, attended service events in Ottawa, Barry's Bay, Cobden.

I would like to thank District 10 - Toronto South Central for inviting me to be a part of their Roundup November 22nd. I would like to inform you that only service functions are covered under are spending guidelines.

A special thank you John A. from District 50 and Roshni P. for your captivating messages on service in Public Information at the Public Information workshop yesterday.

Last night, at the combined Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community meeting, Dan N. and I had 24 people present at the meeting. The enthusiasm of service at that meeting is growing and growing! In closing, a lot of thoughts and emotions are passing through my mind right now!

I don't think rotating out of this position is a difficult task. I know the most difficult task will be to leave behind the encouragement and true love you have given to me over the last 2 years! Thank you so much for the opportunity to be a part of you, something words truly cannot express!

Many blessings, in service,

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

b) Cooperation with the Professional Community

Dan N.

Hello friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Royal York Group and my name is Dan. It is my privilege to serve you as your Area 83 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair.

It has been a wonderful experience being your Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair. I've met some amazing people who have taken an active part in Cooperation with the Professional Community service work throughout our Area. What I've found during this two year term is that we have an extensive amount of very good quality literature to help us speak at professional associations and events. We also have great examples in the Cooperation with the Professional Community workbook for sending out letters of introduction to professional associations and groups. And overall, the professional community is very grateful for our Cooperation with the Professional Community work and when we present to professionals, we 'demystify' what AA is and does.

In our presentations we emphasize THAT ALCOHOLISM IS A DISEASE THAT, IF NOT TREATED, CAN GET PROGRESSIVELY WORSE. And most important, there is a program that works- quitting drinking, joining a group, getting a sponsor and working the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. It has been very rewarding to see their expression of interest turn into expression of thanks for demystifying this disease for them.

I want to share with you some 'aha' moments we had working with professionals:

- At the start of our term, Sandy D of District 22 and I were presenting to seminarian students at St. Augustine and they talked for about 10 minutes on why alcoholics couldn't just use willpower to stop drinking.

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- University of Toronto medical students got extremely involved with their sessions at Toronto Intergroup. A number of Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information chairs took part over the two years. When it came time for the teams to show- via posters- what they learned in community outreach, many picked AA and highlighted on their posters on what AA does, how the program helps and that AA is a solution that works.
- Something that somewhat surprised us at conferences was that there was considerable interest in Al-Anon literature. We actually needed to get more during two major events.

We were involved in a number of major initiatives over the past two years and I'd like to list a few:

- one of the more visible success was Durham College at the activity of the Cooperation with the Professional team in District 26. They did over 40 presentations addressing over 1300 students in the fields of nursing, social work, dental hygiene, physiotherapy as well as addiction and mental health.
- we attended major conferences like the National Medical Association, People in Motion and the Primary Care Medical Convention where 3,000+ attendees participated
- There are "Bring a Professional" evenings in District 6, 26, 28, and the first one in District 86 just this month. Ottawa is now looking at doing something similar.
- And there is a tremendous amount of individual effort with kits in doctor offices, letters to lawyers, business cards and pamphlets to police stations, letters to clergy, discussion with retirement residence employees.

I'd also like to highlight that anyone who is sober in AA for a sufficient time and active in our recovery program can participate in Cooperation with the Professional Community service work. The most common question I've been asked by AA members was "Do I tell my story?" I respond by saying there is a big difference speaking at non AA meetings and refer them to the brochure that highlights how to speak at non AA meetings. What we've found is that the professional community is very interested in knowing what AA is, what we do and what specifically he/she can do to cooperate. It is extremely rewarding in knowing that the professional community is very grateful for this service work. By emphasizing that AA is a program of action that it is working for over 2 million active members in AA - with members helping other alcoholics lives a sober and fulfilling life - it's actually fun service work!

In closing, being Area 83 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair has been an extremely rewarding experience and I want to thank all those taking part in this very important service in Area 83. I will always remember the hard work and dedication given.

Yours in love and service,

Dan N – Panel 63 Cooperation with Professional Community Chairperson, Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

c) Corrections Report

Gary O.

Good Morning Area 83 Officers, past and present Delegates, District Committee Members and guest. It is fantastic to be here and my name is Gary. I am a member of the Living Sober group in Newmarket Ontario.

Well this will be my last report to the assembly for this term and I need to thank all who gave me the opportunity to serve this very valuable committee. It has been great to work with all concerned and it has also been rewarding to my sobriety.

Our Bridging the Gap program has kept me very busy. In the past 3 months, we as an area, have made two area Bridging the Gap contacts, 3 Area 84 contacts and 3 at the Lindsay jail. The institution that has kept us on our toes was the Milton Jail with 9 contacts for women's side of the jail. Bridging the Gap program is doing very well in our area and thank you.

I would like to thank all the district volunteers that put on our meeting in our federal institution and for their commitment to making sure that there are meetings put on in the institution for our clients on the inside. This has been challenging for them but they got it done and I thank you all.

I hope everyone had a good time at our workshop on Saturday. My guest speakers were Bob E from the Brampton and Will H. from the Newmarket areas. Both corrections chairs touched on what goes on in their district and it has been great to work with them throughout the year carrying the message to the correctional facilities in their area.

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I attended the corrections meeting this morning at 7:30 am in the London Room and it was great to see a lot of the faces that I have worked with in the past. A lot of sharing and concerns were touched on and there is a lot of work being done by their full commitment to their committees.

I would like to thank Will H. from District 14 and the Get a Grip Group from Newmarket, Ontario for their donation of Big Books that will be going to all federal institutions, hospitals and treatment centres. Thank you.

In closing, I ask all the district committee members to please email me your minutes as I look forward to reading them and keeping up to date with the events taking place in all our districts. I am available, with notice, to attend your district service days, round-ups or address any correction concerns. Please send them to cf@area83aa.org and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours in service,

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

d) Treatment Report

Ruth F.

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

The Area 83 Treatment Committees are looking after the treatment facilities commitments in their districts. Let me know if I can be of any service to your District Treatment Committee.

I am enjoyed the District 12 pizza evening. District 12 looks after many treatment commitments, and the groups tirelessly fill these commitments. Awesome job District 12! The District 22 Service Day, was a great day, as always. I had opportunity to talk to some newer members who are interested in getting involved with Treatment and/or Corrections. Thank you for the invitations.

Bridging the Gap is alive and active in the Districts. Thank you to the Treatment Chairs who have always found a contact for the Bridging the Gap request. The individuals may not always be ready to come to a meeting, but we have completed the bridge, put out our hand, and opened the door.

At the Spring Assembly, we discussed the pamphlet titled "Bridging the Gap" to possibly include Corrections. The conference took no action on this proposal. Their reasoning was while some Areas combine Treatment and Corrections, in some Area they are separate and they have developed service material "tailored specifically to explain their local programs".

"Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous" was recently added to www.aa.org. Type in "Hope DVD" in the search box, or go to the Treatment Committees section of the website.

The Bridging the Gap workshop is this weekend in Kansas City. We discussed that workshop weekend at our Treatment workshop and Sunday meeting, here at the Assembly.

Please send me your District minutes. I enjoy reading about what is happening in your Districts. I can be contacted at www.area83aa.org or at tbjruth7395@aol.com.

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

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

e) Grapevine Report

Heather M.

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

I placed the pocket planner and wall calendar order in September. The order has been paid for and received. All items ordered were accounted for. The invoice from Grapevine came to more than what we had collected from the districts. We calculated the amount based on a more favourable exchange rate, and based on the application of GST only. Fortunately the overage from last year's order compensates for the underage of this year's order. Overall

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555 pocket planners and 261 wall calendars were ordered this year. Last year 539 pocket planners and 223 wall calendars were ordered.

There has been a Grapevine Newsletter sent to me every month via email which I have forwarded to district Grapevine chairs or their District Committee Member if there is no Grapevine Chair. I hope you are sharing its contents with your districts. If you are not receiving it, please feel free to go to <http://www.aagrapevine.org/gvr> and the contents of the newsletter is available online.

This will be my last report as Area 83 Grapevine Chair. As I mentioned at the September Area Committee meeting I am moving out of the Area and am resigning my position. There are no upcoming commitments to be handled by others and election for this position will take place in December. I have enjoyed my time as Grapevine Chair and at Area 83 in general and I assure you that all I have learned will be put to good use as I continue my journey in sobriety. The town of Simcoe, south of Brantford is where I'm moving - Area 86, Brant Erie District 1 is my new home district.

Yours in service,

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

Announcement by Chairperson: With subcommittee elections coming up on December 6, I have asked Ruth F. to cover off the Grapevine Chair's responsibilities until the end of the term. Ruth was a past Area Grapevine Chair.

f) Self-Support Report

Jim A.

Hi friends, it's great to be here with you again. I am an alcoholic member of the East York Group in District 18 and my name is Jim. Thank you for the honour and pleasure of serving you as the Panel 63 Area 83 Self Support Chair.

More thank you's: to the group secretaries for your minutes; to the four self-support chairs who starred in the 83 Spies. Production of the self-support were skit; and to those great people I have served and served with. To the district self-support chairs, the creative fun bunch of people I have EVER had the pleasure of working with. You rock.

I can't believe that this term is almost over it has been an honour to stand before you and with you. There has been a flurry of activity in the world of self support since we last met here:

Greater Toronto Area Info day in Thornhill in mid May. District 10 got a self-support chair as a result. I attended the June 14th Ottawa Service great room, great presentations. An all round great day. Service is rockin in the capital. August was the 42nd annual Lakeshore Conference. Loved the enthusiasm of the banquet speaker. Had a few great questions during the breaks. Which led to...

A gracious invitation of the Fall Toronto round up dedicated to service held Little Denmark Group on Sept 13th. Then there was the Sept 27th Tri-District Service Day (70,74, 78) in Cobden. A small but enthusiastic and inquisitive crowd. I now have a greater appreciation for how important AA is in rural communities where groups are few and far between. We are so spoiled in urban communities. One group presented the traditions skit. Great fun in Big Joe M. country. Never had so much fun at a service meeting.

I was invited to present a short talk about self-support at the 08/26/14 Greater Toronto Area Intergroup general meeting. Self-Support is now going to have a quarterly Zone 1 meeting tentative launch in November. I encourage all districts to work together where geographically concentrated.

From our meeting this morning: Note to next area Self-Support chair bring Timbits. The 7 district chairs described their activities which have been mostly nothing at the end of this term. All described their spiritual advance and positive impacts on their lives as result of being chair.

Notable comments: If you are not willing to contribute what are you willing to give up. Members focus on what came out of their pocket not on the spiritual aspects of what it can do. That contributions to Area have remained in static level for the past 20 years, while expenses have risen. AA stands for 'advancing awareness'.

The spirit of rotation needs to be emphasized as there are too many acclamations and retreads. Presently there are self-support chairs in 16 of 26 districts. With this term ending I encourage all incoming and or outgoing general

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service representatives to consider becoming you district's next self-support chair. If you love AA, and have a twisted sense of humor, you will be fine. Effort energy and enthusiasm and creativity are great Assets. And being a bit nuts helps too.

Literature: I did bring some birthday envelopes, self-support kits and other pamphlets . Please visit the atrium. Help yourselves.

The birthday program for those that don't know is for members who might be feeling grateful for having another AA birthday to share their gratitude with GSO. A cheque and a stamp is all you need. If that is too old school, techies can donate online at aa.org.

The same can be said for groups. Word out of recent forum in Laval is that some groups send a special donation to GSO on the groups anniversary. Hmmm

The key message of self-support is connecting spirituality and service. The right amount of the right type of resources at the right place at the right time. I am preaching to the choir, everyone here know that service rocks. Please carry the message of service back to your district tables. This committee is the silent partner to all other committees' self-support is everybody's business.

And now for the business report. We don't ever have worry about perilous wealth! Today financial reports are not as encouraging as they have been. 24 less groups and three more district so far this year. Expenses are only \$1100 more than last year and considering 83 chaired the Ontario Delegates Conference that's amazing. Your trusted servants have been doing a lot of service work year than last year and clearly respect the generous contributions lovingly sent. But its only ever about 28% of groups that do. Let's see if that number can be improved. Not just dollars but participation. Please thank your groups. It's not the size of the check that matters, it is the fact that it gets written.

Over at GSO they squeaked out a \$31K profit last year mostly on increase literature volume ahead of the recent price increase. For 2013, 73pc of revenue was from fellowship contributions and 27pc from lit profits. So GSO is not self-supporting.

It cost \$6.84 per member to perform GSO services. Average contribution was \$4.87 and 42.5% of group contributed. Just like Area 83, 42.5% but our per capita contribution was \$6.08. Higher than average but not enough to cover costs. We may soon face a situation where services may be cut back or cut off. Not good. Are groups self-supporting? Maybe financially, but more than 55% of groups don't attend this assembly. And yet we continue to survive and thrive. Not all groups or districts are created equal with service commitments Let's not miss any opportunity to carry the message.

Election season is upon AA at every level. Please encourage your district tables, groups, and group members to let their names stand whenever the chance comes. There is so much that could be done, there is probably something for without unity there can be no service and without service there is definitely no recovery. And, without recovery there is nothing.

As always I encourage comments and questions from you. Please contact me at self-support@area83aa.org. Service Rocks!

Yours in love with service,

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

g) Archives Report

Gary C.

Hi, Everyone, I am an alcoholic and my name is Gary. I'm a member of the Stonewall Group in Peterborough. I am pleased to serve as your Area 83 Archives Committee Chair.

I truly appreciated all of the displays in our Archives Room yesterday. They certainly generated a lot of traffic and positive comments. So, a big 'Thank You' to all those who supplied displays and took turns guarding the Frontenac Room. I'd like to say thank You to David T., our Area archivist, for his part in the Service Information Day Archives Workshop yesterday. It was well attended and generated some positive comments.

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We had our Area Committee meeting last night at 9:15 PM. There were 14 in attendance and I appreciate everyone's update on their archival experience. It was informative for all. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or suggestions. I am also available to attend your local service events.

The next Area 83 Annual Archives Workshop is scheduled for Kingston next year and is usually held in April. So, please watch out for that.

Let gratitude be your attitude,

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

h) **Service Information Day**

Sue B.

Good morning; I am an alcoholic, a member of the Parkwood Hills Group, currently serving as Ottawa West District 62's District Committee Member, and serving as Chairperson on the Service Information Day Committee. My name is Sue.

I would like to introduce to you once again your Service Information Day Committee: Robert B., District Committee Member, District 02 – Malton, Elaine H., District Committee Member, District 06 – Mississauga, Murray O., District Committee Member, District 18 – Toronto City East, Kimberley M., District Committee Member, District 26 – Lakeshore West, and Linda D., District Committee Member, District 34 – Quinte East. I would like to take this moment to thank each and every one of you for a job well done, and being so easy to work with. I can honestly say that I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you. I wish you all the very best on your continued journey.

The Committee truly hopes that you have enjoyed yesterday's Service Information Day. I would like to thank the three District Committee Members who participated in the Traditions workshop; Tradition 10 – James O., District 10, Tradition 11 – Amanda M., District 86, Tradition 12 – Louise T., District 42.

I look forward to reading the suggestions and comments you have completed on the Survey Forms. They shall be passed along to your next Service Information Day Committee for consideration.

Being your Chairperson of the Service Information Day Committee has provided me with a growth I did not expect. In the beginning, it was a great learning experience for me with, yes, more frustration than I had felt in a very long time. But that changed. I started to rely even more on my Higher Power which brought me even closer to Him, and I had lengthy talks with my Service Sponsor, and other members. One member told me not to take things "so personally", and that helped more than you know! I started to have more patience and understanding, and I would not change one thing over these past two years. I would highly suggest, that if you will be a new District Committee Member come this January, to let your name stand for this Committee at the January Area Meeting. You just might be surprised at how much fun you are going to have.

When checking out of the Hotel, I hope you will book your rooms for our 2015 Spring Service Information Day and Area Assembly. Please encourage others, perhaps your Sponsor or Sponsee, to come along with you. All members are more than welcome to attend.

Yours in love and service,

Sue B. – Panel 63 Service Information Day Committee Chairperson, Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

5. TREASURER REPORT

Rob M.

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

Thank you to everyone who attended the Treasurer/Self-Support workshop yesterday. I hope you found the information helpful. Thanks also to those who helped sell banquet tickets, total tickets sold was .

I've stayed quite busy since the last time we met attending your District Round-ups, Conferences, and Service Days. The Eastern Canadian Regional Forum in Laval Quebec was an excellent weekend of Service and Fellowship. It was nice to see over 700 members attending, many from Area 83. Last Sunday I facilitated the Elections for District 26,

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and District 82 has invited me to facilitate their elections on November 9th. I'm registered for and look forward to attending CERAASA in February and the International Convention in Atlanta in July.

In the District Committee Members mail folders I placed 2 Area 83 contribution envelopes. Please share these with your District Treasurer for future contributions. Several of the envelopes are available on the side table, please help yourselves. Also in the District Committee Member mail folders, as well as the Area Committee Members folders I placed copies of the financial statement for the period ending October 18, 2014. Copies of these are available on the side table and I would like to go through the numbers now.

Page 1 is a financial summary. It shows our reserve account, which is set aside for unforeseen circumstances, has a balance of \$20,000 and is in the form of a GIC paying 1.4% interest maturing September 11th, 2017. The previous GIC matured on September 11, 2014 and \$936.13 in interest was transferred to the operating account.

Total income for the period is \$43,401.33 and total expenses for the period are \$44,799.36. To date expense are \$1,398.03 higher than income. Thank you to the 127 groups and 17 districts that have made financial contributions to Area 83. As of October 18, 2014 all cheques received were deposited and receipts along with return contribution envelopes were sent out.

The bank opening balance as of January 1, 2014 was \$30,433.87. Total income of \$43,401.33 less expenses of \$44,799.36 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$29,035.84 as of October 18, 2014. The bank reconciliation has been done and the balance in the operating account is accurate.

The second page shows details of expenses. Here we see an itemized breakdown of expenses for the period for each Area Committee Member, as well as all other expenses to date. At the bottom of the page is a summary comparing this year to the same period of 2013.

Page 3 shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from the District, as well as Groups within the District.

I have a 4th page to display. In the interest of keeping printing costs down this wasn't included in your hard copies, but I will ask our Secretary Tony to include it in the Assembly minutes. I always mention in my reports that the bank reconciliation has been done and the amount in the account is accurate but have never shown this. The top section is the reconciliation done on October 18th. It shows the bank balance, add outstanding deposits, subtract outstanding cheques to get the actual balance which should match with the Area 83 ledger and it does. The bottom section is copied from the TD Canada Trust online banking and shows that the balance reported is accurate. I am an elected trusted servant but I think it's good to show that what I'm reporting is indeed accurate. The current balance in the operating account is sufficient to carry out the duties of Area 83, however if expense continue to be greater than income the Area may experience financial difficulties in the future.

For 2012 and 2013 and so far this year, expenses are over \$5900 higher than income. Contributions from groups and districts are over \$3200 lower than the same time last year. As some of you know, the Ambassador Hotel has recently changed hands. Because of some faulty equipment in their sound system, they don't have a sound system available to us for the 3 microphones in the middle of the room as well as the microphones that were in the Ontario Rooms, so our Area Chair had to rent them from an outside agency at a charge of \$1200. This was a cost that was unexpected for this assembly. The hotel has also hinted that the costs for the next assembly are going to go up and are suggesting that the cost for coffee is definitely going to increase. We have not received anything in writing about this as of yet so we are unsure as to what these costs are actually going to be. We also expect that the costs for the facility rooms will also go up.

At our Spring Assembly, the cost for refreshments and coffee was \$3600. The 7th tradition at that assembly was just over \$2000. Moving forward, we are expecting our costs to be increased significantly. So, if we want to continue to have 2 assemblies per year and continue to provide all of the other services that Area 83 has provided, we require more financial support from your groups and districts.

I'm confident that if all of you inform your Groups and Districts that the Area could use more financial support it will come. Thank-you for allowing me to be of Service to Area 83.

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This weekend's 7th Tradition was; Friday \$360.00, Saturday \$913.70, and Sunday \$1390.50 for a total of \$2663.20 collected over the weekend. Thank for your generous contributions, and thanks to everyone who helped collect and count the 7th Tradition.

[See Appendix A - Treasurer's Financial Reports]

6. SECRETARY REPORT

TONY A.

Good day members of the 83 Assembly, Past Delegates, friends and guests. I am an alcoholic, a member of the St. Clements Group in District 10 and currently serve as your Panel 63 Secretary for Area 83 and my name is Tony. I am delighted to be here with you for our final assembly of our term. I have had a terrific weekend with you all and look forward to what today will bring us.

As your area secretary, I am primarily responsible for recording the minutes of the area committee meetings and our assemblies. I also forward area and district committee information to the General Service Office and maintain the various lists and rosters of committee members and information on all districts in the area.

Thank you to those of you who came out to the presentation on the Secretary/Registrar during our Service Day yesterday – it really was terrific to see so many of you at our meeting. If you have not been to one of these presentations before, I would encourage you to please do so at least once especially if you are responsible for secretary/registrar duties within your district. Data collection and retention can seem a bit dry however are vital and necessary functions. The secretary and registrar are the “information hubs” of our area and in order to do our work effectively, we really depend on receiving your timely information.

On a whole, there has not been a lot of activity in my secretary world over the summer but it is starting to pick up as many districts are having their elections and their table officers are rotating. I have placed a copy of each district roster into their respective district folders. If there is anything that needs editing, advise me as soon as possible by sending an updated district change form or an email. There are also some of these blank change forms sitting on the registrar sign-in table in the atrium. Whenever there is a change in the composition of the district table officers, the area secretary needs to be updated promptly of this so the General Service Office has the most recent and up to date information.

I would also like to give a gentle reminder that a full and complete mailing address is needed in order to have this information inputted into the General Service Office Fellowship New Vision (FNV) database. The FNV database will not accept incomplete mailing information. It is also most appreciated to include an email address and phone number when submitting these changes as I use these for our Area's Sub-Committee contact lists that are disseminated through the area chairs.

District change forms can be obtained by visiting our area website and is located under the district resources tab and is a downloadable Word document. It is best to send your information and changes to me through email and Word documents whenever possible. I also kindly ask that if you are re-sending district changes with edits to me that you highlight or bold the changes to draw them to my attention.

I look forward to receiving your emailed report for this Assembly if you have not already submitted one. Before you leave today, please check your district mail folders in the atrium and take with you information that has been received during this weekend. I will be taking the bins back with me at the end of our assembly business today. I will make myself available to you should you need me for any service related functions and please continue to send me your district's minutes and changes through email to secretary@area83aa.org.

For those of you who are contemplating in allowing your name to stand for the position of secretary, I would like to share some information with you about the position. This is largely an administrative position that requires at times a lot of your time, commitment and attention to detail. Experience with Microsoft Office applications is a definite asset as most of our area and district records are now digitized and kept in Word and Excel formatted documents. I will, however, do my best to ensure whoever is my successor will transition into this role fairly seamlessly.

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In closing I wish to extend my sincerest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity that I have received to serve Alcoholics Anonymous as your secretary and for the trust and confidence that you have placed in me – it has been an absolute privilege to serve.

In grateful and loving service,

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

7. REGISTRAR REPORT

SCOTT M.

Good afternoon friends! I'm alcoholic; a member of the Bloordale Group in west end Toronto, part of District 06, Mississauga and my name is Scott. Hi! I have the honour and privilege to serve as your Panel 63 Registrar for Area 83, Eastern Ontario International and grateful to do so.

If this is your first Area assembled business meeting, we welcome you. If you are a new General Service Representative this term, I certainly hope you have received your kit. If you have not, can you bring me a note with your name, District and Group Name on it and we'll see where we are at with your record. Our General Service Office website, which has recently been revamped, has an abundance of reading material for you. Pretty much every item that is part of your General Service Representative kit is available on the website. If you haven't checked it out, I suggest you do so. It's simply www.aa.org and you can then choose the AA Literature heading. There are all sorts of choices for you there including the ever popular A.A. Service Manual combined with the 12 Concepts for World Service. There are actually 24 items that make up the kit. Alternates do not receive a kit. If your General Service Representative steps down mid-term, where possible, ask for their kit and send in a Group information change form indicating no kit is required. This will help keep the costs down. I'm certain as we enter a new term shortly, that every new General Service Representative will want a kit sent from GSO so that they receive the most current A.A. Service Manual publication.

As the Area Registrar, I am responsible for compiling and updating group registrations and records; distributing lists to your District Committee Members at least once a year and forwarding group information to the General Service Office. I also prepare sign in sheets for you, by District, to enable me to collect the data required to tally and provide the roll call and display here, at the four Assemblies and seven Area Committee Meetings this term. The way I am able to access your Group records is through the General Service Office's database, call Fellowship New Vision or FNV for short.

Most of the Registrars' know this, but they've been rotating as well, and I'll share that this terms' Group Information Change form and the New Group form have my email address and postal address so you can send me group changes. I'd like these sent to me where possible by email in a Word formatted document for easier transcription. Instructions on that are on the bottom of the forms. These are easily downloadable from our Area 83 website: www.area83aa.org under the "Resources" Heading and the "District Resources" tab or I can send you one if requested. It is essential that all information possible is filled out.

If there is no postal code for example, a profile cannot be completed and that individual cannot represent their group in the directory. I can still make a profile for someone with only their last initial. Highlighting any changes and filling out what is being changed in the comments section make it a whole lot easier on me. If you, as the General Service Representative, are making changes on a form, ask your District Registrar if they want a copy, as most keep accurate District records and are used to pass along your information. That way, they are fully aware of your changes. Change phone number? Please send in a form. Moving? Please send a form.

Recently, any returned mail to GSO due to an improper address has automatically removed the General Service Representative or Group Contact from the group record. If there is only one contact, that group has just taken on an unknown status. There have been forms out in the atrium all weekend and will be at all the assemblies, if you wish to update any information including your Group member counts. This way, we'll get a more accurate count for our Area as a whole and the next AA membership census.

It is the responsibility of the Area Registrars to ensure our Regional Directories are up to date. The deadline for our most recently published Canadian A.A. Directory came and went this past May 9th and there were a whole lot of

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entries still being sent up to the last possible moment. I hope they were all reflected in this edition. If you'd like to see it, it's here to borrow. As the Directories were not published last year, I am unsure if they will be printed next year. I believe it is also part of the District Committee Member kit.

To the District Committee Members and District Registrars: if you wish, at any time to know what information I have for each of your Groups in your District, just fire me off an email and I'll be happy to get you your information. I have had communication with quite a few of you over the last month and have updated many, many records. If I thought, that after the initial rush at the beginning of the term that I'd be coasting, I'd have been mistaken. It seems a Registrars' work is never done.

One of my/our objectives throughout the term was to reduce the number of Unknown groups. I've said in the past "reduce to zero", but now I know that was only a dream. At the beginning of the term we had 95 Unknown Groups. Last March, we had 105. Today, there are currently 89. These Unknown groups will become either Active or Inactive groups.

Active - group has a General Service Representative or primary mail contact on the record along with current meeting information

Unknown - group is still active but record does not have a General Service Representative or primary mail contact attached to it, indicating no one is available to receive mail from your General Service Office.

Inactive – The General Service Office records department has received information that group has disbanded or is not currently meeting

To submit New Group forms, Group Information Change forms, have queries relating to General Service Representative kits, or you have any further questions or comments regarding the Registrar process including group status issues, send me an email to registrar@area83aa.org. I will follow up for you as to not take up your time here addressing these types of concerns. I kindly request that District Committee Members and District Secretary/Registrars (as some of you have double duty) to please use this email to forward your District minutes. Thank you to those that send minutes and please add me to your distribution list if you are not.

Thank you to those that attended the Secretary/Registrar workshop yesterday. It continues to be learning and sharing. We all win.

I would get a failing grade here today if I did not give a HUGE Thank You once again to the team from District 36, who was most generous with their time and assistance with manning the Registration table, Greeting and others who aided with this process this weekend. Clap...

Before I give the roll call/display, I would like to give a brief explanation of the process of compiling the tally. When compiling the roll call, a lot of consideration is given to the vote, and ensuring that those who are entitled to vote, have that right. For this reason, a lot of care is put into interpreting the sign-in sheets. The result being, that the numbers will often not look at all like what was written on the sign in sheets.

For example, a District might have five people signed in as visitors, but when I announce the roll, I might see that there was only one. The reason is that I check each visitor against his or her group, and if the group does not have a General Service Representative that has signed in, I assume that the visitor will be voting on behalf of their group. They are, therefore, not counted as a visitor, but as their Groups' General Service Representative.

Also, if an Alternate District Committee Member is the only person representing his or her group, I will count them as a General Service Representative as well, since Alternate District Committee Members do not have voting rights, but Group Representatives do. Their role in the District may be that of Alternate District Committee Member but their function, for the purposes of voting at the assembly, is really as their group's representative. It is very important if you sign in as a visitor, that you also write the name of your group. You could be voting for your group, but if you fail to indicate your group name on the sign in sheet, you may not be eligible to vote.

Please keep in mind that as you see the tally on the screen and/or hear the results, this is not a true reflection of who will be voting necessarily. For example, there are people who may have registered, but were only here yesterday and are not here with us now. So, the true reflection of who is voting is done by who is in the front of the room as a vote is cast and counted, if necessary. Today, we'll be counting.

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In closing, I will make myself available to Districts and Groups to assist you with Registrar related issues where I can and please remember that communication is most important. Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me and for the opportunity to serve you, the folks at the top of the inverted triangle, on behalf of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Continuing to trudge the road of registrar destiny,

Yours, in love and service,
Scott M. - Panel 63 Registrar, Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

[See Appendix B – Fall 2014 Assembly Tally]

8. ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT

JOYCE S.

Hello everyone. I am an alcoholic a member of the Hill Group in District 12, Toronto South West. It is an honor and privilege to serve our fellowship as Alternate Delegate for Area 83 and my name is Joyce.

I would like to thank those who attended the Concepts workshop yesterday. Presenting the 12 Concepts during this term has really been a learning experience for me and now that they are done, I realize the importance of them both in and out of the rooms of A.A.

In the interest of time, I will keep my report short. Instead of listing all of my activities since we last met, I will report that I have facilitated 2 group inventories, 1 District inventory, facilitated the elections for 2 districts and spoke at 3 service days within Area 83.

As most of you already know, I attended the 64th General Service Conference in Rye Brook, New York on behalf of Area 83 from April 26th to May 3rd. Our Delegate, Mel, was unable to attend and I was grateful to be able to get the time off to do so. It was quite the experience participating in the process. Also, it was fun reporting about the conference along with Mel at a few service days.

The Eastern Canada Regional Forum was held in Lavelle, Quebec from August 15th to 17th which I attended. As usual the weekend was very informative and was well represented by Area 83. It is always a pleasure to meet our employees from our General Service Office. I can tell you that they are very dedicated and hard working.

The following are upcoming events which I will be participating in:

- Asked to speak at the Bring A Professional night in Lindsay, District 82 on Nov. 5th
- Will be speaking at the Bring A Professional night in Oshawa, District 28, on Nov. 11th
- Asked to take part in the Traditions Service Day on November 22 by District 10

Please continue send me your minutes to alt.delegate@area83aa.org. I enjoy receiving them and reading about is happening in your Districts.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83.

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

9. DELEGATE REPORT

MEL C.

Hello everyone, my name is Mel. I am an alcoholic, a member of The Hill Group in District 12, Toronto Southwest and I currently serve the fellowship as Delegate for Area 83, Eastern Ontario International. Good to be here, good to be sober!

I have attended numerous service days, Bring-A-Professional days and various meetings, as well as arbitrating the odd conflict since our last Area meeting but most of my time has been occupied with the Canadian Eastern Region

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A.A. Service Assembly that fast approaches in February, 2015. I sincerely hope many of you will be there to support our Area's initiative. It will be a rare opportunity for all of us.

Final words as Delegate: When I came here, I was in awe of the officers and Chairs at the front of the room. I wanted to know everything I could about what they did and in short order, I found out exactly what their functions were and what they looked after. Shortly after that, I had the good fortune to come to the conclusion that everyone up at the front was doing a great job for our Area and for A.A. as a whole. I was mightily impressed.

As I progressed down the Service Triangle, I got to see elections take place, and other people take on the mantle of the work of those before, and each time I was impressed. They didn't always do things the way I would have done them, but they always did the work and truth be told, their ways were more than often better than what mine would have been!

The current Panel is exactly as I have described the previous ones – wonderful in every way and every person eligible to stand for the positions being voted on today and in December will make up another fantastic offering of leadership.

What does all this mean? It means we have been well served, are well served and will continue to be well served – in my opinion anyway and I think that's what you need to take back to your groups and your fellows.

Thank you for the opportunity you have given me to serve.

Sincerely,

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

10. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

I would like to start by saying thank you. Thank you for your trust to be the Area 83 Chairperson. For what I have learned and experienced at the front of the room thank you just doesn't seem enough.

I am excited to give a report. Excited because I reflected on the last 22 months sooner than I would have. I only have great memories. I was told that I need to tell you what it felt like. I tried to explain the feeling but how do you explain complete joy, more self-confidence, love, friendships that will be everlasting, a bond shared...there are no words ...So this is my experience, strength and hope.

I have not had a voice, an opinion nor a vote. I can tell you that I have had an opinion. I have wanted to share it too. What I have learned is that my opinion does not matter. The Area has been just fine without it. Thank you for that. I have learned a lot by keeping quiet. I have a better understanding of the procedures, meeting dynamics, Area 83 and Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you.

During the last 3 Assemblies it was in 2 of those Assemblies that the minority opinion spoke. It was at the 2013 Spring and Fall Assembly. At the Spring Assembly after the minority opinion spoke 2 people wished to change their vote. The motion to reconsider was defeated.

At the Fall Assembly the motion had passed and after the minority opinion spoke 1 person wished to change their vote. The motion to reconsider was passed. We went back to discussion. A friendly amendment was made and accepted. Because of revisiting the discussion 26 more people voted making the vote almost unanimous with one person abstaining. Standing at the front and witnessing this has been so joyful beyond words. It shows me the process in AA has meaning and it works.

During these 3 Assemblies we changed the procedures three times, we reintroduced the 3 stream workshops to the Service Information Day at pre-conference assemblies, our Delegate mentioned CERAASA yesterday, we voted to have CERASSA in our Area, after the vote today we may be adding Accessibility to our Area.

Being Chair is much more than chairing today. There is much that happens before today. Much that happens within Area 83. There can be much involved to ensure the smooth running of the area. I have also been asked and able to participate in service days, roundups, along with group and district inventories. Through all of this I have met new friends...the great thing about being Chair is people know me. I stand in front of you all day Sunday and you know

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my name. I don't know all of you but I will be walking along a street and someone will say hi Kim. I saw you in Kingston. That is the best feeling.

I have felt more joy than I ever thought I could. I had so much fun it seems as though it should be illegal. I have learned and I feel I have grown. I am different because of all of you. The hope is that someday you will be an Area Chair. You will be able to stand here and know that you will never be the same again. Thank you.

Kim S., Panel 63 Chairperson, Area 83 International

Motion to move to a 2/3 majority at this time

Moved: Marilyn L., General Service Representative for New Life Group

Seconded: Greg H., District Committee Member for District 12

Motion: Carried – all were in favour unanimously

11. OLD BUSINESS

11-a) Report to Assembly on Motion tabled to the Area Committee Meeting “For Area 83 to recognize AccessAbility as a standing committee at the Area level” Kim S., Area 83 Chairperson

Chairperson's report for motion to add Accessibility as a standing committee within Area 83. Motion tabled from the Spring 2014 Assembly and asked the Area Committee to report back to the Fall Assembly.

June Area Committee Meeting - I had tried to form an Ad hoc Committee to research Accessibility. I was turned down by many. One person said yes. That person was Ruth F our Area Treatment Chair. Since time was a factor Ruth researched Access Ability and read a document which she had compiled a document with various facts and history. This report was sent out to the District Committee members prior to the meeting and was attached to the June Area Committee meeting minutes.

After some spirited discussion it was felt that the District Committee members had enough information to take to their Districts for an informed vote.

The sense of discussion is that is that we will place this motion under old business at our next area committee meeting. The chair agreed and this discussion is tabled to our September 6th Area Committee Meeting.

There was clarification that come September's Area Committee Meeting, we can move in one of 2 things that can happen with this particular motion. 1) original motion can be defeated and a new motion can be introduced or 2) an amendment can be added to the original motion with approval.

Sept Area Committee Meeting - Discussion: There was concern that there was too much of a workload for on Area Chair and so thereof the creation of a new committee was a viable choice; some districts were not in support of this motion; there was a suggestion that this position could be combined with the responsibilities of the Treatment Chair and this idea was supported by a few districts.

The District Committee Member of District 02 agreed that District 02 would accept a friendly amendment to this motion of this was brought forward.

Some of the former Delegates were given an opportunity to speak to this motion and the suggestion was given that more work needs to be done regarding defining the role and responsibilities to be brought forward; it was further suggested that we perhaps don't need another area chair.

The question was called by Pierre B. and seconded by Murray O. and a 2/3 majority was achieved to have the question called and move to the vote:

Vote: In Favour - 7; Opposed - 13; Abstained - 5

Motion: **Defeated**

Result was that this motion was defeated at the Area Committee level. Another motion was made.

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12. NEW BUSINESS

12-a) Recommended by the Area Committee that the Area 83 add AccessAbility role/functions to the Treatment Chair

Murray O., District Committee Member of District 18

Seconded by Jim S., Alternate District Committee Member of District 66

Discussion: There was some discussion around defining some of the role functions of what the AccessAbility portion would entail – this would not include building access ability issues and not to be confused around this. However, there still remained a lot of discussion around ideas generated about what would be entailed and this has yet to be determined.

On a motion made by Jim S., Alternate District Committee Member for District 66 and seconded by John V., District Committee Member for District 58, the question was called. Majority were in favour of calling with question with 4 members opposed and a vote count was not required and we moved directly to the motion vote.

Vote: In Favour – 193, Opposed – 6, Abstained – 3
136 votes needed to pass

Motion: Carried

12-b) Recommended by the Area Committee to “Change the Operating Procedures to cover the cost of the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to be reimbursed by the Area for expenses incurred to attend CERAASSA”

Linda D., District Committee Member of District 34

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

Discussion: In the operating procedures, it does say that Delegate and Alternate Delegate to attend all local and regional forums and assemblies so it is already covered. One district said this should be assessed term by term. The Area Treasurer spoke about funding this particular event in another region and this would be difficult to project.

On a motion made by Terry R., General Service Representative for Sunday Night Discussion Group and seconded by Sarah P., General Service Representative for Prince Edward Group, the question was called. Majority were in favour with 1 abstention and a vote count was not required and we moved directly to the motion vote.

Vote: In Favour – 115, Opposed – 75, Abstained – 6
130 votes needed to pass

Motion: Defeated

12-c) Recommended by the Area Committee that the Area 83 Eastern Ontario International conduct an Area Inventory

Joyce S., Alternate Delegate

Seconded by Barb B., General Service Representative for Erin Group

Discussion: It has been 9 years since we had conducted an area inventory and it is time

Vote: In Favour – unanimous with Opposed – 2, Abstained – 1

Motion: Carried

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12-d) Election of Area 83 nominee for Trustee at Large for Canada

Joe D., Class B Trustee of General Service Board, Panel 51 Delegate

Sandy S. prepped the assembly floor by explaining the process for this election and that nominations will be taken from the floor. 3rd Legacy Procedures were clarified for voting purposes. The election is done by voting eligibility by the members present on the floor at that time.

Prior to the nomination process, Joe clarified the responsibilities and role function requirements of the Trustee at Large for Canada.

Standing nominees:

Robb W. – Panel 61 Delegate

Dot D. – Panel 57 Delegate

Elected nominee for Trustee at Large for Canada: Robb W.

Vote ballots were destroyed.

12-e) Area 83 Election of Officers for 2015 and 2016 Term

Sandy S., Panel 59 Delegate

Sandy S. prepped the assembly floor by explaining the process for this election and that nominations will be taken from the list of eligible candidates which is comprised of all current members of the Panel 63 Area 83 Committee including District Committee Members. 3rd Legacy Procedures were clarified for voting purposes. The election is done by voting eligibility by the members present on the floor at that time.

Elected Area Officers for 2015 and 2016 Term:

Delegate – Joyce S.

Alternate Delegate – Kim S.

Area Chairperson – Rob M.

Area Secretary – Dan N. Motion to go to 5th ballot by Robb W. (Past Delegate and seconded by John V. (District Committee Member for District 58) and was defeated. Election went to the hat and Dan N. was selected.

Area Treasurer – Kimberley M.

Area Registrar – Sue B.

Vote ballots were destroyed.

Congratulation to everyone!!

[See Appendix C – Area Officer Position Election Results]

13. SHARING - WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Lynne from the Southend Group in Peterborough announced her sister Mary will celebrate 15 years. Pierre B. thanked everyone for passing the motion for AccessAbility and this has been going on for 22 years and very grateful that it has been passed. Fancine announced that Marilyn L. of New Life Group will be celebrating 31 years on November 19th. Erin announced a welcome a Bring A Professional Day in Oshawa on November 11th. Louise announced a huge shout out to all of the people that assisted with the election. Sandy announced Greg H. that today is his 17th year anniversary. Wes announced that he is so proud of this area and stuck around for the election and for AA. Chris announced that there will be a Bring A Professional Day in District 6 and you can find details on their website. Bryan D of District 22 celebrates 36 years today. Robb W will celebrate 18 years on November 1.

There was a concern brought forward by Lauren M to address the situation with the electronic nicotine delivery system devices – and it was indicated that these devices were allowed by the hotel and per their policies. If there is a concern by the use of these devices during the assemblies, perhaps this should be put into the record and determined by group conscience to be banned during these times.

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14. NEXT AREA ASSEMBLY AND SERVICE DAY

As Chairperson I would recommend the next Assembly be held:

March 27, 28 and 29 at the Ambassador Hotel, Kingston, Ontario

Moved: Bert J., General Service Representative for Silverbirch Group
Seconded: John M., General Service Representative for East York Group

Vote: All in favour unanimously
Motion: Carried

15. CLOSING

I would like to thank everyone for staying and your participation throughout the day.

AS A REMINDER - Our next Area Committee Meeting is in **QUINTE WEST** at Westminster Church on **December 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.**

Have a safe drive home and I look forward to seeing you all again.

Chair called for a motion to close:

Moved: Murray O., District Committee Member of District 18
Seconded: Ray R., Alternate District Committee Member of District 02

Vote: All in favour unanimously
Motion: Carried

Meeting was closed at 8:10 pm with the Responsibility Declaration...

I am Responsible...
When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And
for that
I am Responsible

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District Committee Member Reports

District 02 - Malton

I am District Committee Member of District 02 and a member of the Rexdale Group and my name is Robert.

Financially, we are okay and all chair positions have been filled. Corrections has 3 AA meetings per week at the Ontario Correctional Institute.

Treatment Facilities - Meetings going very well at Brampton detox. We will chair the Gift of Life noon meeting for the month of November. AccessAbility Chair Bob E. says that all going well.

District 2 Service Day; should be in November 2014. I don't know who will be the main speaker, but I do know we will have the world best Samosa's.

Thank you,

Robert B. - District Committee Member for District 02

District 06 - Mississauga

Good Morning friends, I am a grateful alcoholic, a member of the Streetsville Group and my name is Elaine. And I have the honor and privilege of serving as District Committee Member for the best District - District 06 covering Mississauga, east Oakville and west Etobicoke.

District 06 is alive and thriving! Group attendance is averaging 65-70%. We are financially healthy, able to meet our commitments to Area and GSO and to fund all committee activities. All table officer and committee chair positions as well as all but 3 of our alternate chair positions are filled. I am delighted to see a great attendance from our District here for this Assembly.

All our Committees are active in the District and participate in GTA Committees. Our Treatment service meeting commitments at Cawthra Shelter, Jen Tweed and Gift of Life are filled by group rotation for the year with most commitments covered for 2014. Our Treatment Chair has also been active with Bridging the Gap requests as has our Corrections Chair. Our Treatment Chair continues to working with a youth facility that has requested a meeting at their location. She has also focused on ensuring that the literature needs of all treatment and assessment facilities in our District are met.

Coming up on November 10th is our second annual Bring A Professional meeting – our Delegate Mel C will be presenting the message of AA – what we do and what we do not do – and there will be a speaker from Al-Anon and a professional working in the treatment field. Our thanks to Marrey P, who has stepped into the Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair position and has been working hard on this event.

District elections for District Committee Member and Alternate District Committee Member were held at our August meeting – Chris H, current Alternate District Committee Member is the incoming District Committee Member and David B, now serving as Secretary Treasurer is the new Alternate District Committee Member. David attended the recent Regional Forum in Laval as did I – a great experience as in the past. Our new Registrar-Webmaster is Nat S and elections for Secretary Treasurer will be held at our November meeting. I k now District 06 will be in good hands with Chris and David.

Meetings have commenced for the 2015 Info AA Day – Chris and David are both attending. The Mississauga Fall Round Up was held on October 4th – a great day of fellowship, AA, Al-Anon and Alateen speakers and buffet lunch with over 200 in attendance. District 6 is excited about hosting CERAASA 2015 – planning by the Host Committee is under way to provide all attendees with a warm Mississauga welcome. More information on District 06 at www.aamississauga.org.

Yours in love and grateful service,

Elaine H. - District 6 District Committee Member for District 06

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District 10 - Toronto South Central

My name is James and I am an alcoholic and currently serving as the District Committee Member for District 10 – Toronto South Central.

We have finally finished our revision to the Operating Procedures and it will be submitted to all voting members of the committee for approval. Our goal is to have the final version in place for the incoming team in 2015.

On Saturday November 22nd District 10 is hosting a roundup – Living the 12 Traditions – which will feature our own Herb W of the Redwood Group and Joyce S. of The St. Clements Group – who will be sharing their experience, strength and hope around the traditions. It will take place at the 519 Community Center from 10am – 3pm.

Our new District Committee Member for the 2015-2016 is Marty M from the Mount Royal Group and Alternate District Committee Member is Lizo from the Love & Tolerance group. We all wish them well in the upcoming term. Special thanks to Tony A. who presided over the elections. All other positions will be elected at our November meeting.

Service commitments – Sadly we decided as a group to drop the Covenant House meeting. There was little to no response from the clients there and we feel that our resources would be better used elsewhere. We did not, however, leave them high and dry....we are looking at setting up a kind of bridging the gap style program for anyone from Covenant House interested in attending AA meetings and will work closely with TOYPAA and other young people groups to reach out our hand to anyone who asks for our help.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the members of District 10. You have all been such great teachers and friends through the good times and the bad. You have inspired me by your kindness, generosity and love. May the one that brought you here, bless you and keep you...always.

Yours in love and service,

James O. - District Committee Member for District 10

District 12 - Toronto South West

I'm Greg and I'm an alcoholic. District 12 is doing very well and is meeting all of its' service commitments due to the support of the active groups at the table.

Our finances are modest but stable and meeting our needs at this point. We held our elections last month and a new slate of officers is ready to take the reins in January.

Sean K will be District Committee Member, Shawn Mc the new Alternate District Committee Member with Suzette as Treasurer & Donna R as Secretary. I know that these people will serve the district well.

It has been an honor to serve District 12 these past two years.

Thank you,

Greg H. - District Committee Member for District 12

District 14 - Toronto North Central

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

All Officer and Sub-Committee Chair positions are all filled; the Sub-Committee Chairs are attending the meetings at GTA Intergroup and are actively serving the district. The York Regional Police literature program is running very well and we are fulfilling our other service commitments.

Our finances are strong and we will be looking at December contributions to GSO and Area 83. District 14's attendance is averaging of 65% of our active groups and two unknown groups are now active since the last assembly.

District 14 donated 55 Big Books for distribution to various correctional/treatment facilities in the local area this weekend. District 14 held the District Committee Member and Alternate District Committee Member elections for the 2015/2016 term 9 June 2014. We are pleased to confirm; Don MacP [Bayview Group] is our incoming District

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Committee Member and Dave B [Black River Group] is our incoming Alternate District Committee Member. Don attended the August 2014 Forum in Laval and confirmed that it was a great event especially for an incoming District Committee Member.

Joyce S facilitated our 2015/16 Officer and Subcommittee Chair elections October 2014. Most positions were filled and we trust the vacant ones will be shortly. Our District 14 Service Workshop will be held Saturday 15 November 2014 at 9:00am. Thornhill Presbyterian Church, 271 Centre Street, Thornhill. The event and lunch are free...Flyer is on the Greater Toronto Area Intergroup Website.

In Service,

Gord M. – District Committee Member for District 14

District 16 - Distrito Hispánico de Toronto

Report not submitted.

District 18 - Toronto City East

Good day friends. I am an alcoholic, and have the responsibility and privilege of serving as the District Committee Member for District 18, Toronto City East, and my name is Murray.

Our district is doing well financially and able to send monies along to Area and GSO while meeting our local commitments. We are still average just over 50% group representation at the table which is the historical norm for last several terms. Many of our district groups are small and have never or infrequently sent General Service Representatives. We do have contact for most groups and circulate District minutes and other related communications in hopes that they are getting to the members as required. The groups are still meeting our service meeting commitments for Corrections and Treatment Facilities meetings.

The big news is that we have completed the election of our incoming District Officers and for the next term our table will look as follows: District Committee Member - Katrina E; Alternate District Committee Member - John M; Secretary - Michael A; Registrar - David P; Treasurer - Glenn G

And last but far from least, next month we will be ratifying into use our revised Guidelines and Procedures in time for the new committee's use next term. Much thanks again to our ad hoc committee for their efforts on getting this together on time.

It has been a great privilege and joy to have been reporting our District's journey over the last 2 years to this assembly. I pray that the new committee is granted open hearts and minds and souls that they may continue to do his work in District 18.

Yours in Love and Service,

Murray O. - District Committee Member for District 18

District 22 - Scarborough

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

District 22 is doing well, and we have an enthusiastic and eager team of Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs and Alternates, and General Service Representatives and Alternates. It is a pleasure to serve alongside these fine people.

Our District is financially secure and we are able to meet all our financial obligations. We have 20 groups in our District and attendance of Groups at the District Meetings is around 65 to 75%. All the Sub-Committee chair positions are filled but some Alternate Sub-Committee chair positions are still open.

District 22 was involved in two planned events this year. The first was the 9th East Toronto Archives Breakfast which was held in collaboration with District 18 on May 4th and was quite successful. The Second event was our Annual

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Service Day followed by a dance which was held on September 20th and was also very successful. This is the third Service day in a row that had an increase in attendance; over 100 people attended this year's event.

Elections of District Officers for the 2015 – 2016 term were held at our District meeting in June and our Alternate Delegate Joyce S facilitated the elections. The incoming Officers are District Committee Member - Eddy G, Alternate District Committee Member - Angus M, Secretary - Nina A, Treasurer - Tom S and Registrar – Lynn E. The elections for the Sub-Committee Chairs will be held at our District meeting in November.

Planning is in progress for our 10th East Toronto Archives Breakfast which is scheduled for June 7th, 2015. I find it hard to believe that my term is coming to an end; it has been an interesting journey. I would like to thank all the Area Officers for their assistance which helped make things easier for me. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as District Committee Member for District 22.

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

District 26 - Lakeshore West

Good morning friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Ajax Area Group and my name is Kimberley. It is my privilege of serving as District Committee Member for District 26, Lakeshore West. Our district is able to meet its financial obligations. We typically have around 14 out of 19 groups represented at the table each meeting.

Our Self-Support and Public Information Committee Chairs have stepped down in the last 2 months. The Alternate Public Information Committee Chair has picked up the Public Information Committee Chair position until the end of the term and has been doing a great job. Our Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee continues to make presentations to future professionals at Durham College which is very well received.

District 28 will be organizing this year's Bring a Professional Meeting which will be held on Tuesday November 11 at 8pm at the Unifor Local 222 Union Hall in Oshawa. There will be 3 speakers – a member of AA, a member of Al-Anon Family Groups and a professional non-alcoholic friend of AA.

Our district held their elections last weekend. Thank you to Rob M, our Area Treasurer, for facilitating our elections. Our incoming District Committee Member will be Amy L and our incoming Alternate District Committee Member will be Dave L. Both are members the Liverpool Group. Chairperson – Keith R; Treasurer – Pat M; Treatment – Rob F; Corrections – Bill H; Archives – Tamara B and Grapevine – Tom C. We look forward to the remaining four positions being filled soon. Tamara continues to read a Concept at the end of our district meeting and how to work the concept in AA and in all areas our life.

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

District 28 - Lakeshore East

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

District 28 is doing fairly well, all committees are working at full capacity. We have started our elections for the District 28 and have most of our positions filled at this time. We are just trying to get some more people interested in becoming involved.

Our attendance at the Table is still about 75% and, from all of the reports that I get, all groups are doing well. There is one new group that has started – A 12 Step Discussion Group, held Tuesday nights in Bowmanville, we wish them well as we try to give them our support. This is my report and I would like to thank all of you for my sobriety.

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

District 30 - Quinte West

Report not submitted.

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District 34 - Quinte East

My name is Linda, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Tweed group, and it is my privilege to have been able to service District 34 as District Committee Member.

District 34 is looking forward to our meeting on September 25 as it is time for our District elections. Dot D has agreed to facilitate the election for us and I am sure that at the October Area meeting I will be able to report that all of the positions for our new term will be filled. As for our current district table we are doing great, we have all of our service positions filled, although a couple of people are currently wearing 2 hats, they are doing amazing.

On September 28 District 34 and 36 will have our 36 Annual A.A conference at the Lions Hall in Napanee. I have put flyers on the back table and I have banquet tickets for anyone who is interested.

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community is looking after getting information to the public and ensuring that we have new meeting lists updated and available for all of our groups.

Corrections is working hard to ensure we get the message of A.A into the institutions in our District. Our Self-Support rep is doing an amazing job with her monthly news letter letting everyone know what's happening in A.A. The Webmaster ensures that our website is updated so that anyone coming to or within our district will be able to find out what is going on within our district. The treatment chair has been working with his team to make sure that the meetings are being held at the facility in Belleville as well as offered at the hospital. He also brings literature to the different facilities within our district as requested.

Financially our district is doing well and all of our obligations are met. We have created a new position in the district since our last meeting, we now have an accessibility committee, it is a little different for other districts. We are offering to bring meetings into people's homes that are not able to come to the meetings. It is a new process and we are still working out some of the bumps but we are hopeful that it will help the people in our district who need a meeting and cannot get to us. As always I just wanted to let you know that the passions of the members of District 34 are as always zealous.

Yours in Service

Linda D. - District Committee Member for District 34

District 36 - Kingston & the Islands

I am an alcoholic my name is Lynne. It is my privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for Kingston and the Islands.

District 36 had an eventful summer and fall. The first annual Founder's Day Round Up in June was a great success. Many members attended and enjoyed speaker panels and the main speaker at the potluck dinner. The committee will reform to plan for 2015. Any member is welcome to serve. The September District 34/36 Conference had good attendance and a variety of speakers. Again, all are welcome to be part of the planning committee throughout the year should they wish to assist on the day.

Our District elections for 2015-16 were held at our September 17th meeting. All positions except Public Information Chair were filled. Congratulations to the Kingston members demonstrating the desire to serve AA and give away that which was so freely given to them. Remember that rotation is the key to service and one reason for AA longevity. Those currently sitting in positions may want to share their experience with others and encourage them into service.

"Though they knew they must help other alcoholics if they would remain sober, that motive became secondary. It was transcended by the happiness they found in giving themselves for others. They shared their homes, their slender resources and gladly devoted spare hours to fellow-sufferers." AA, 2001, p. 159

I would like to thank the outgoing Officers, Chairs and General Service Representatives for their service in 2013 and 2014. Many of you chose to continue in service at the District. Your experience will be appreciated by those new to the table. To those leaving the table my hope is that your enthusiasm to serve will continue in your group.

I thank all of District 36 for the privilege of serving. At times my work schedule and health impeded my potential and your patience is appreciated. My experience as District Committee Member clearly illustrated that no matter where we may be in our service journey no slogan is more applicable than *"Alone I cannot. Together we can."*

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Thank you for the privilege to serve. I wish you a lifetime of sobriety.

In service and in gratitude,

Lynne H. - District Committee Member for District 36

District 42 - St. Lawrence International

Greetings from District 42 - my name are Allan and I am an alcoholic. I am also District Committee Member for District 42.

We held our first round of elections last Sunday and are now well on our way to having our service responsibilities met for the next two years. A few of our positions had only been occupied for a very brief period of time and as a result, the election process was streamlined. In the spirit of tradition and rotation, however, we did put each position up for a vote. As I said, over half of the positions are filled for next term and there are several more maybe's that will likely come to fruition. There are several members that are not traditionally in attendance at the district table that are being encouraged to participate in the next round of elections which will take place in November. As I'm sure is the case in many districts, we have a great many sober alcoholics in our local fellowship whose talents and creativity have yet to be utilized at the district table. Encouraging greater participation at the level of service is an ongoing commitment for all of us in regular attendance. It was just a few years ago when I was very early sobriety when my sponsor "suggested" I attend my first district meeting. Since then I have found service at this level to be one of the most enriching aspects of my brief time in sobriety. I am eternally grateful for the opportunity and will continue to serve in some capacity.

Aside from the election process, there is not much new to report from District 42. We have begun to entertain the idea of maintaining a literature inventory at the district level. This would insure that we always have the material available for group and institutional requests. There has also been discussion about changing the time and day of the district meeting each month. This issue however, has been tabled until all our positions are filled so that we can ascertain the availability of those holding said positions.

In conclusion I would just like to personally thank all of those both in our district and in the larger fellowship who have committed themselves to service. When I came stumbling through the doors of AA a few years back I had lost all hope. Through the patient service of those that were already in the rooms, I now have a new life. Everything I have today and all that is to come I owe to Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you and God bless.

Allan C. – District Committee Member for District 42

District 48 - Seaway Valley North

Hi my name is Michael a member of the Kemptville Gratitude Group I also have the honour and privilege of serving District 48 Seaway Valley North as their District Committee Member.

It was a quiet summer for district 48 as we took the summer off which is the districts tradition but before we did the district table agreed to hold a District inventory mid September. Which was facilitated by Sandy S. Our past delegate panel 59. We had a good turn out with about 80% of the groups actively participating. Hopefully the district will be able to use the inventory as a guide to help us better carry the message of hope and recovery to the still suffering Alcoholic.

I attended Eastern Canada Regional Forum in Laval Quebec, which was a lot of fun and a great learning experience; especially as I got to meet and talk with a couple of staff and trustees. Looking forward to the next one in two years.

District 48 continues to meet all of its' service and financial obligations though group contributions are down slightly from past years hopefully they will pick-up this fall.

Planning is underway for our annual winter Round-Up which is held the first Saturday in February (February 7th 2014) at the Matilda Hall in Dixon Corners it is always a great day of AA and Alan-Anon sharing, food and fellowship. Stay tune for more information from this year's chair Greg D.

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The district still has three openings for our district service chairs for a short time we only had two open positions as Linda McQ step forward to serve as our Archives Chair, then our Public Information and Co-operation with the professional Committee Chair resigned due to a work promotion which interfered with her AA schedule. We wish Debora H. Success in her new Position and heart felt thanks for all her service.

Yours in Love and Service,

Michael C. - District Committee Member for District 48

District 50 - Cornwall

Good morning friends, alcoholic named Dave. I am a member of the Beginners Group which meets in Cornwall on Saturday mornings and I currently serve as the District Committee Member for District 50.

Cornwall conference is November 7& 8 and I have tickets for the banquet if anyone interested see me or Wendy E during the day.

I would like to thank everyone from District 50 who participated or attended this weekend. I would also like to thank all those regularly devote their time and energy on behalf of AA.

Thank God for those who came before us and those who continue to come around and share their experience with us to give us strength and hope.

Yours in Service,

Dave S., District Committee Member for District 50

District 54 - Ottawa Rideau

Report not submitted.

District 58 - Ottawa Bytown

Hello friends, my name is John and I am a grateful recovering alcoholic. I currently serve District 58 Ottawa - Bytown as District Committee Member and I am a member of the Laurier-Sandy Hill group.

As my time at the District table winds down , I look forward to new service challenges in and with Ottawa Area AA.. Our elections will be held on the second Monday in November, with most positions (except Treasurer) opening up for new people to fill. Our District is in very good financial shape, with only 2 financial support cheques left to write: District 58 rent for 2015 and Alkathon. District 58 continues to meet all it's service commitments and provide many service workers for Ottawa Area events.

I wish the New Table good luck in their new term and I hope they enjoy their time as much as I have over the past 6 years.

Yours in service,

John V. - District Committee Member for District 58

District 62 - Ottawa West

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

We held our District elections on Monday, October 13th. All positions for the 2015 - 16 term have been filled except for the Treasurer. I have been told, however, that there is a member interested, and will be at the next District meeting on November 10th to confirm this.

We have a page and a half left to read of the Service Manual. This hour before our District meeting has been well spent. As dry as some of the Manual can be, we learned so much about the beginnings of Alcoholics Anonymous and why certain things are as they are. It has been mentioned that perhaps in the next term, the hour can still be had and the Concepts could be studied?

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There is a Group Inventory scheduled for November 8th, which will give our new Alternate District Committee Member, Patrick G, an opportunity to see how one is carried out before his District Committee Member position begins in January 2015. I wish you all a safe journey home, and another 24 hours of sobriety.

Yours in love and service,

Sue B. - District Committee Member for District 62

District 66 - Golden Triangle

Hello friends my name is Rod and I am a grateful alcoholic. I am a member of the Sharbot Lake Land-O-Lakes group and it has been an honour and a privilege to serve as District Committee Member for the Golden Triangle District 66 for the 2013 to 2014 two year term.

I have had the pleasure of working with a group of individuals who live our primary purpose to carry the message of AA on a daily basis. Their passion and love for this program has been an inspiration. When a service commitment needed to be done they always stepped up to the plate. In some cases individuals filled two positions. Good attendance at our district table serves as a witness to the commitment made by the humble servants.

Highlights for the past two years are two wonderful District 66 roundups in Lombardy where both the food and the speakers were second to none. Spring and Fall Service Assemblies, Area Committee Meetings, CERASSA are just a few to mention.

Financially District 66 is again financially sound and funds in excess of our prudent reserve will be disbursed to Area 83 and GSO as per our financial guidelines. Our groups continue to step up to the plate to provide adequate financial support to permit us to meet our financial obligations. This could be partly due to our self-support chair Terry K.

Over the past two years Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community has been very active in the community carrying the message. Tim E and Jen C demonstrated a passion for carrying the message in the community which resulted in a need for a lot of literature. Our Grapevine and literature chair Stan C has been a workhorse for several terms of service and he is looking forward to a replacement in the spirit of rotation.

District elections were held in September and not all positions were filled but I am sure as in the past humble servants will come forward. To all Area Committee members and District 66 Secretary, Treasurer, Alternate District Committee Member, Corrections, Archives, Treatment facilities and Webmaster, 12 Step Phone coordinator and Area Committee thank you for enriching my life these past two years. In the spirit of rotation as Bill W resigned I know that our future is in the good hands of the future humble servants

Yours in love and service,

Rod D. – District Committee Member for District 66

District 70 - Renfrew Pontiac

Report not submitted.

District 74 - Pembroke

Attendance at the District Meetings has increased significantly over the past two months. General Service Representatives that have not been able to attend have been sending someone else to take their place - nice to see a bigger number at the meetings.

All groups continue to have fair to great attendance. Some of the larger groups have noted a slight decrease in attendance and some of the smaller groups have grown. Our finances are holding their own and we are able to meet all our commitments. The Help Line is still our most costly monthly bill but we feel it is worth the money we spend on it. Groups have started to give smaller amounts to District, rather than holding on till they have a larger sum. This has helped considerably.

Our web-master continues to do an excellent job of maintaining our web-site. Considering more people are using the web-site to locate meetings and events, it is a great asset to District 74. Our Tri-District Service Information Day was not that well attended but those that attended enjoyed the day and got a lot of information out of it. Herb W and

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Jim A. did an excellent job representing Area 83. I am thankful for their support to our District. Considering it was to be a shared Service Information Day between us and Dist 70 and 78, the other two District Committee Members failed to show. We have therefore decided at our District, to no longer participate in the Tri-District Service Information Day. We may incorporate some of the Service Information into our Spring Conference.

We will be holding elections next month for District Committee Member, Alt District Committee Member and Treasurer. We also have Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community, Treatment and Self-Support Chair positions to fill. Hopefully all positions will be filled and they'll be ready to go in 2015.

Yours in service,

Pat E. – District Committee Member for District 74

District 78 - Madawaska Valley

Good morning friends. My name is Irvin and I am an alcoholic. I am incoming District Committee Member for District 78 Madawaska Valley Area 83.

We would like to thank everyone who came out and helped support our Festival of Colors roundup. we had enough monies to be able to forward \$500 to area and GSO. Thanks all.

We have had our elections and most but not all positions are filled. We only have 6 groups and so it is hard to get enough people for all the positions that need filled but we are going to keep working on it.

Thanks you for allowing me to serve,
Irvin W.

District 82 – Victoria-Haliburton

Report not submitted.

District 86 - Kawartha

Hi friends. My name is Amanda and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving as your District Committee Member for District 86 and belong to the Stonewall group in Peterborough. I would like to thank you for this opportunity to serve for the last couple of months; it has been a privilege and a learning experience.

I would like to thank our District Public Information Committee for putting on a Bring a Professional night on Oct. 6. I understand it was a great night and say Thank You to Dan N. of the Area for his input. Our district is doing great financially, and all of our needs are being met. We have about an 80 % turnout at the District meetings and we are able to donate to area and GSO. We do have a prudent reserve.

All of our elections are going great. We have most of our jobs filled at this point with three still outstanding for treasurer, self-support, and corrections. We will have some nominees for these jobs. By the next district meeting we hope to have them filled. We also have a couple names standing for District Committee Member next month and that will be voted on. It's time to say goodbye to all the service jobs we have just got so comfortable with and see what's in store for all of us.

Whatever you choose to do, do it with love and compassion and remember the spiritual principles in all you do. For the new ones coming into service scared and uncertain, believe god has put you there for a reason. Don't be afraid to ask questions and for the predecessors just remember how scary some of our first jobs were. Like this is my first time up here in front of all of you. I just took over as District Committee Member few months ago. In these few months have I ever learned a lot about humility. I am proud to be represented by such a strong district of love and service and giving of their time. Thanks to my district and to all of you.

Yours in love and service,

Amanda M.. – District Committee Member for District 86

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Appendix A – Financial Reports

EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83

AS OF: October 18, 2014

<i>RESERVE ACCOUNT</i>		Actual
January 1, 2014 Opening Balance		20,000.00
Interest		936.13
Transfer to Operating Account		(936.13)
<u>RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE</u>		20,000.00
<i>INCOME</i>		
7th Tradition		2,515.10
Cost Recoveries		189.00
Flow Through to GSO		865.00
Grapevine Seasonals		4,274.60
Group & District Contributions		34,621.50
TOTAL INCOME		42,465.20
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE		936.13
<u>TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS</u>		43,401.33

<i>EXPENSES</i>	
Accommodations	4,928.02
Meals	6,199.30
Travel	10,836.70
Long Distance	48.80
Postage	265.28
Printing	1,665.34
Literature	445.56
Stationery	30.99
Miscellaneous	1,544.22
Area Web Site	98.39
<i>Total Committee Expenses</i>	26,062.60
Ad Hoc Committees	0.00
Area Contribution to GSO	0.00
Area Committee Meetings	1,017.11
General Service Conf. Assessment	6,558.48
Bank Service Charges	229.30
Forums	726.47
CERAASA	0.00
Grapevine Seasonal	4,680.47
GSO Flow Through	865.00
Ontario Delegate's Conference	4,659.93
<i>Total Other Expenses</i>	18,736.76
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	44,799.36

<i>OPERATING ACCOUNT</i>	
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2014	30,433.87
Total Income & Transfers	43,401.33
Total Expenses	(44,799.36)
<u>OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE</u>	29,035.84

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Details of Expenditures
as of: Oct 18,2014

Position	Accomodations		Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery		12@!	Annual Guideline	Balance	YTD Usage
Delegate	185.29	282.37	1419.35	0.00	57.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1944.53	3590.00	1645.47	54.17%
Alt. Delegate	0.00	105.33	266.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	411.33	2080.00	1668.67	19.78%
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	0.00	783.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	783.30	970.00	186.70	80.75%
Chairperson	0.00	132.99	557.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	690.39	1070.00	379.61	64.52%
Secretary	0.00	143.51	422.80	0.00	0.00	1017.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	1583.78	2090.00	506.22	75.78%
Treasurer	0.00	95.08	439.60	0.00	207.76	254.76	0.00	30.99	6.78	1034.97	1540.00	505.03	67.21%
Registrar	0.00	121.90	387.15	0.00	0.00	58.24	0.00	0.00	69.29	636.58	1390.00	753.42	45.80%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	228.12	125.00	638.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	98.39	1089.91	1710.00	620.09	63.74%
Archives	0.00	53.63	861.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	251.61	1166.24	1640.00	473.76	71.11%
Archivist	368.24	146.71	743.80	0.00	0.00	103.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	1362.15	2060.00	697.85	66.12%
Cooperation with the P.C.	67.06	79.83	70.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.67	0.00	0.00	265.96	1310.00	1044.04	20.30%
Corrections Facilities	139.04	155.92	1090.60	8.80	0.00	65.07	44.84	0.00	0.00	1504.27	1530.00	25.73	98.32%
Grapevine	279.33	147.44	536.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	963.67	1010.00	46.33	95.41%
Public Information	0.00	133.00	789.50	0.00	0.00	85.70	177.35	0.00	0.00	1185.55	1360.00	174.45	87.17%
Self Support	211.92	152.49	1057.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1421.41	1310.00	-111.41	108.50%
Treatment Facilities	0.00	81.66	383.60	0.00	0.00	26.37	174.70	0.00	0.00	666.33	1260.00	593.67	52.88%
Service Info Day Cmte	939.70	642.44	389.90	0.00	0.00	54.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	2026.37	3230.00	1203.63	62.74%
Spring Assembly	2509.32	3600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1216.54	7325.86	7300.00	-25.86	100.35%
Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7300.00	7300.00	0.00%
COMMITTEE EXP.	\$ 4 928.02	\$ 6199.30	\$ 10 836.70	\$ 48.80	\$ 265.28	\$ 1 665.34	\$ 445.56	\$ 30.99	\$ 1 642.61	\$ 26 062.60	\$ 43 750.00	\$ 17 687.40	59.57%
Adhoc Committees											15.00	15.00	0.00%
Area Committee			137.34						879.77	1,017.11	900.00	-117.11	113.01%
Area GSO Contributions													
Bank Charges										229.30	250.00	20.70	91.72%
Forums	305.52	84.19	336.76							726.47	1,840.00	1,113.53	39.48%
CERAASA													
Grapevine Seasonal										4,680.47	4,000.00	-680.47	117.01%
GSC Assessment										6,558.48	6,558.48	0.00	100.00%
GSO Flow Through										865.00	1,500.00	635.00	57.67%
Ont Delegates Coni	2,303.59	858.24	964.21			20.00		88.57	425.32	4,659.93	4,779.93	120.00	97.49%
OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 2 609.11	\$ 942.43	\$ 1 438.31	\$	\$	\$ 20.00	\$	\$ 88.57	\$ 1 305.09	\$ 18 736.76	\$ 19 843.41	\$ 1106.65	94.42%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 7,537.13	\$ 7,141.73	\$ 12,275.01	\$ 48.80	\$ 265.28	\$ 1,685.34	\$ 445.56	\$ 119.56	\$ 2,947.70	\$ 44,799.36	\$ 63,593.41	\$ 18,794.05	70.45%

Income Summary	
Oct 18,2014	
7th Tradition	2,515.10
Bank Interest	936.13
GSO Flow through	865.00
Contributions	34,621.50
Cost recoveries	189.00
Grapevine Seasonals	4,274.60
Total Income	\$ 43,401.33

Oct 18,2014	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	Change
Income To Date	43,401.33	47,487.80	(4,086.47)
Expenses To Date	44,799.36	43,676.33	1,123.03
Net Change To Operating Account	-\$ 1,398.03	\$ 3,811.47	-\$ 5,209.50
Contributions	\$34,621.50	\$37,874.77	-\$3,253.27
Contributing Groups	127	151	-24
Contributing Districts	17	14	3

<p style="text-align: center;">GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF October 18, 2014</p>

District	00	Unspecified	\$1,000.00
District	02	Malton	\$1,360.53
District	06	Mississauga	\$2,170.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$5,222.50
District	12	Toronto South West	\$1,040.66
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$2,349.06
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$145.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$2,655.33
District	22	Scarborough	\$1,229.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$1,362.26
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$698.26
District	30	Quinte West	\$250.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$850.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$2,690.00
District	38	Thousand Islands	\$32.15
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$221.69
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$650.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$1,302.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$600.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$240.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$2,388.50
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$1,290.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$660.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$910.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$990.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$600.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$1,714.56
Total Contributions YTD:			\$34,621.50
127	Groups Contributing	Total from Groups	\$26,638.01
17	Districts Contributing	Total from Districts	\$7,983.49

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BANK RECONCILIATION

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING: October 18, 2014

BANK BALANCE AS AT:	October 19, 2014	\$	29441.69
ADD: OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS	USD	\$	
	CAD	\$	
	TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS	--	0.00
SUBTRACT: OUTSTANDING CHEQUES	CHEQUE#		
	1251		80.00
	1252		110.00
	1254		30.35
	1255		185.50
	TOTAL OUTSTANDING CHEQUES	\$	405.85
	ACTUAL BALANCE AFTER DEPOSITS AND CHEQUES CLEARING	\$	29035.84
	BALANCE PER AREA 83 LEDGER: October 18, 2014	\$	29035.84
	DIFFERENCE	\$	0.00



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Current Balance

\$29,441.69

Balance Date: Oct 18, 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Transaction description</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>deposits</u>	Balance
		View details	view Details	
Oct 14, 2014	TD ATM DEP 005158		2,161.10	\$26,972.72
Oct 14, 2014	TD ATM DEP 005161		1,276.96	\$28,249.68
Oct 14, 2014	GC 3831-DEPOSIT		27.43	\$28,277.11
Oct 15, 2014	View Cheque CHQ#01253-0100090642	264.42		\$28,012.69
Oct 17, 2014	View Cheque CHQ#01250-0500251020	266.00		\$27,746.69
Oct 18, 2014	GC 3831-DEPOSIT		1,695.00	\$29,441.69
	Total:	\$530.42	\$5,160.49	

Appendix B- Fall 2014 Assembly Tally

FALL 2014 ASSEMBLY TALLY

District	DCM	Alt-DCM	Comm	GSR	Alt-GSR	Visitors	Total Delegation	Total Groups Attending	Total Votes	Total Groups in District
02	1	1	3	10	2	0	13	10	11	21
06	1	1	4	20	1	4	22	20	21	34
10	1	1	3	9	2	1	13	9	10	21
12	1	1	0	11	2	3	18	11	12	20
14	0	1	4	14	1	4	20	14	15	32
16	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	9
18	1	1	5	7	2	3	13	7	8	24
22	1	1	5	8	5	3	15	8	9	20
26	1	0	2	10	1	4	18	10	11	21
28	1	1	5	12	1	3	23	12	13	24
30	1	1	3	10	2	4	20	10	11	16
34	1	1	3	11	2	3	20	11	12	36
36	1	1	3	14	3	22	43	14	15	18
38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
42	0	1	1	2	0	1	5	2	3	30
48	1	0	1	5	0	0	7	5	6	16
50	1	1	2	4	1	1	8	4	5	11
54	1	1	0	8	3	1	15	8	9	24
58	1	1	1	2	2	1	7	2	3	34
62	1	1	2	20	2	5	29	20	21	44
66	1	1	3	10	3	6	24	10	11	30
70	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	20
74	1	0	0	3	0	2	6	3	4	18
78	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	6
82	1	0	2	5	1	2	10	5	6	21
86	0	0	4	12	1	5	23	12	12	22
CF	-	-	-	2	1			2	2	12
ALL	20	17	57	211	38	79	376	212	233	588
Area Committee							15		14	
Appointed Positions/Past Delegates/Visitors						1	6		1	
Total	20	17	57	211	38	80	397	212	248	588
Mar. 2014	19	16	59	181	50	83	401	207	244	600
Oct. 2013	21	16	52	187	38	94	411	212	246	608
Mar. 2013	21	15	75	163	45	111	411	204	239	600
Oct. 2012	24	18	55	188	63	114	449	237	272	599
Mar. 2012	24	18	77	173	51	113	422	231	269	

Alternate GSR without a GSR registered under the same group is counted as the GSR

Committee Column is for Committee Chairs only

District Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Conference Chair or Accessibility Chairs are not counted under Committee Column.

They are included under the total delegation column.

Those positions should also include their home group.

Appendix C – Area Officer Position Election Results

Delegate

Candidate	<u>Ballot #1</u>	<u>Ballot #2</u>	<u>Ballot #3</u>	<u>Ballot #4</u>	<u>Ballot #5</u>	<u>Hat</u>
Joyce S	119	159*				
Kim S	43	32				
Rob M	26	8				
Sue B	28	12				
Total Votes	216	211				
2/3 Total Vote	144	141				
1/5 Total Votes						

Alternate Delegate

Candidate	<u>Ballot #1</u>	<u>Ballot #2</u>	<u>Ballot #3</u>	<u>Ballot #4</u>	<u>Ballot #5</u>	<u>Hat</u>
Kim S	84	126	158*			
Tony A	36	24				
Rob M	37	34	42			
Herb W	19	4				
Elaine H	16	5				
Sue B	14	3				
Total Votes	206	197	200			
2/3 Total Votes	138	131	133			
1/5 Total Votes						

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Chairperson

Candidate	<u>Ballot #1</u>	<u>Ballot #2</u>	<u>Ballot #3</u>	<u>Ballot #4</u>	<u>Ballot #5</u>	<u>Hat</u>
Tony A	49	65	75	52		
Rob M	54	81	115	133*		
Dan N	29	13				
Herb W	9	4				
Jim A	10	5				
Elaine H	11	3				
Michael G	4	4				
Sue B	24	18				
Dave P	4	3				
Kim M	4	2				
Total Votes	198	192	190	185		
2/3 Total Votes	132	128	127	124		
1/5 Total Votes						

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Secretary

Candidate	<u>Ballot #1</u>	<u>Ballot #2</u>	<u>Ballot #3</u>	<u>Ballot #4</u>	<u>Ballot #5</u>	<u>Hat</u>
Dan N	34	47	87	74*		
Jim A	28	28				
Ruth F	14	3				
Elaine H	18	10				
James O	15	5				
Kimberly M	25	28				
Linda D	15	10				
Sue B	31	43	91	102		
Total Votes	180	174	178	177		
2/3 Total Vote	120	116	119	118		
1/5 Total Votes		35				

*Hat

Treasurer

Candidate	<u>Ballot #1</u>	<u>Ballot #2</u>	<u>Ballot #3</u>	<u>Ballot #4</u>	<u>Ballot #5</u>	<u>Hat</u>
Herb W	24	7				
Elaine H	23	21	31			
James O	28	12				
Kimberly M	62	114	134*			
Sue B	31	19				
Total Votes	168	173	165			
2/3 Total Vote	112	116	110			
1/5 Total Votes		35				

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Registrar

Candidate	<u>Ballot #1</u>	<u>Ballot #2</u>	<u>Ballot #3</u>	<u>Ballot #4</u>	<u>Ballot #5</u>	<u>Hat</u>
Herb W	7	1				
Jim A	30	40	49			
Ruth F	27	22				
Elaine H	23	18				
James O	17	6				
Linda D	16	5				
Michael C	4	4				
Sue B	41	66	115*			
Total Votes	165	159	164			
2/3 Total Vote	110	106	110			
1/5 Total Votes		32				