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1. OPENING

Good morning everyone. I am an alcoholic, a member of The Twelve Steps Group in District 22, Scarborough, and my name is Joyce S. I have the honor and privilege of serving you as Chairperson for the term 2011 - 2012.

- Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer
- 12 Traditions Read By – Bert . – GSR, & Registrar District 22
- 12 Concepts (Short Form) Read By – Maria. – GSR, District 28

Welcome everybody! Did everyone enjoy the Service Day yesterday? What about the banquet? Perhaps we can give a hand for the Service Information Day Committee and for the catering staff for the wonderful buffet?

Also, please give a hand to Peter for his talk last night.

Introduction

The A.A. Service manual combined with the Twelve Concepts for World Service defines an Assembly as follows: "The Area Assembly is the mainspring of the Conference structure – the democratic voice of the movement expressing itself." This is the third assembly of four that will be held over the length of this term. Just as your District and your home Group meet, usually once a month, to handle matters that require a group conscience decision, the Assembly is the Business meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83. Area 83 stretches from Oakville to Ottawa and from Upper New York State to northern Algonquin Park and the Ottawa Valley.

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 of us, it will be our first Assembly and it will seem pretty overwhelming! How many of you are here today attending your first Assembly? Could you raise your hand? That's great – welcome and enjoy the rest of the assembly.

Remember that this is just a regular business meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are all here representing the group conscience of those who elected us. Whether as a General Service Representative representing our Group Conscience, a District Committee Member representing the group conscience of his or her District or as a member of the Area Committee representing the Area as a whole, we will share our experiences and problems.

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 sincerest hope that you all return home to your respective 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.

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 Kim S.** 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.

DELEGATE
ALTERNATE DELEGATE
SECRETARY
REGISTRAR
TREASURER
IMMEDIATE PAST DELEGATE for Panel 59
CHAIRPERSON

Robb W.
Mel C.
Kim S.
Tony A.
Jim A.
Sandy S.
Joyce S.

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Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

Public Information
Cooperation with the Professional Community
Correctional Facilities
Treatment Facilities
Grapevine
Self Support
Archives
Service Information Day Committee

Rob McA.
Herb W.
Deirdre B.
Rodney S.
Leo McK.
Ruth F.
Peter N.
Heather M.

I'd like to now introduce Past Delegates, people with appointed Area Service Positions and "noteworthy visitors".

Panel 51 Delegate Joe Downey-Currently serving the Fellowship as a Non-Trustee Director of AAWS

Panel 53 Delegate Roy Robertson

Panel 55 Delegate Barb Kelly-Currently serving the Fellowship as Trustee at Large-For-Canada

Panel 57 Delegate Dot Dykstra

We have with us serving in Appointed Positions:

Area Archivist – David T.

Area Webmaster – Todd S.

Area Alternate Webmaster – Jim R.

This is your Area executive, committees and visitors for this, our third assembly of the term.

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 Tony A.

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, clean up after us. If you leave this room for any reason, please do so quietly, and please do not congregate just outside the doors. The noise can be distracting to those giving their reports.

NAMETAG HOLDERS

When you leave for home at the end of the assembly, 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 you will vote on a date for the Fall 2012 Assembly. The Area committee, which is comprised of the Area Officers, District Committee Member's and Past Delegate's has already met three times last year and in January of this year. During this year the Area Committee will meet in Quinte West in June, September and December. Visitors are also welcome and encouraged to attend.

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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 \$8.50 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 DCM's of Districts in Area 83; in their absence, the Alternate DCM may vote.

All GSR's of Groups in Area 83, in their absence, the Group's Alternate GSR. In their absence a member of the registered Group. 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 near the back. This will make it easier for us to count votes.

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 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", we start all over again.
- ◆ 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 goods 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.
 - ✓ And it maximizes the time available for those members to voice their Groups' 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 dotted 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 Kim before standing at the microphone.**

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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.
- ♦ 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 2/3. If, at any time, you think we should move to a 2/3 majority before I indicate it, remember it's 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, position, Group and District number.

MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO OPERATE ON SIMPLE MAJORITY?

Moved: Wilf P - DCM -District 34

Seconded: RoxaneT- DCM -District 36

Motion: Carried

2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

NONE

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

NONE

Motion to accept the agenda

Moved: Ted M - GSR – District 62

Seconded: Gary C - DCM – District 66

Motion: Carried

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 FALL ASSEMBLY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2011.

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

Motion to accept minutes as submitted

Moved: Janet C. - GSR District 66

Seconded: Richard S- GSR-District 10

Motion: Carried

4. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS

(Sequence of reports have been Pre-drawn from the hat)

The District committee members' verbal reports are limited to 2 minutes. The 2-minute time will be controlled by the timer that was built by Denis D., a past Delegate. It cycles between green, yellow, and red lights and ends with a buzz. Written reports, which are also requested, may be as long as needed, and will be included, in their entirety, in the minutes of this assembly if, a copy is given to Kim, our Secretary. To help keep things moving along, we have 5 chairs up here at the front and I would ask that as the District reports are given, the District Committee Members who are "on deck" come up and wait until it is your turn. Again I would request that all please respect the time allotted to them.

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District 02 Malton

Hello friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Royal York Group, the DCM for District 02, Malton and my name is Dan N. Our committee meets on the second Sunday of each month at St. Paul Apostle Church on 2182 Kipling Ave @ 7pm.

Our district meetings are being attended by approximately 70% of the groups represented. All positions are full with the exception of Archive chair and alternate sub-committee Literature and Accessibility chair positions. I'm pleased to report that our last District meeting, the position of Grapevine was filled after a 9 month vacancy.

We continue our focus on Corrections and Treatment with the good work of Robert B and Shane H, respectively. In Corrections, all responsibilities are being met although Robert could certainly use more volunteers for OCI. Shane could also use more volunteers for the Saturday New Beginnings treatment meeting and he is putting together a committee to ensure we have good AA representation. We are spending an increasing amount of money on literature in support of Corrections, which is a good thing. But financially this is a heavy burden. If there are Districts that do not have Corrections facilities, we would appreciate any help in Literature support you might be able to give.

In CPC, Naveen A is doing great work reaching out to the doctors and nurses in our various hospitals. In fact, we're pretty excited in having Treatment, PI and CPC chairs working together to make this happen. In PI, we're still trying to capitalize on the success of District 14 having literature and racks in Police Stations along with District 6 to have this in our Peel stations. Unfortunately the Chief has just announced his retirement and we have to regroup. Last but not least, our Intergroup chair Bob D continues to keep us informed of activities and ensuring that our groups have the most up to date information.

At our District table, we've spent some time in looking at the feasibility of starting up a Service Day for District 02. We have a committee headed up by Robert B, our ADCM, and hope to put this on in the September timeframe.

In closing, our work with other Districts in the GTA for the 2012 Information AA Service Day is shaping up very well. Please come out to support this yearly Toronto tradition which is being held the last Saturday in May this year in the East end of Toronto at the Thornhill Community Centre.

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

District 04 Humber

Good morning fellow members of Alcoholics Anonymous. I am an alcoholic, a grateful member of the Tuesday Night Discussion Group, currently serving as D.C.M for District 04 Humber, and my name is Carol J.

There have been a couple of changes of venues for groups in our district. The Mount Dennis group, which celebrated 60 years as a group on January 30, has had to move, as well as change the day they meet due to the church being sold. Effective March 06, they now meet on Tuesday night at 8pm at 1049 Weston Road. As of April 01, the Sunday Northwestern Group will be moving just down the street to the Amesbury Sports Centre on Lawrence Ave. West of Keele St. and they will continue to meet at 1100a.m.

As I reported here at the Fall Assembly, our district engaged in an inventory in October. This was the first step in identifying our challenges. As part of this process, we agreed that we would discuss and review where we were at in three months. At our meeting in January, we discussed the future of our district, and some, including myself, were hopeful that we could attract others to come to the table and actively take part in service.

Since then, the church where we met at was sold, effective after our February meeting. Maire, our Alternate D.C.M offered a venue for March and April. Our treasurer stepped down, as she has moved out of the district. At the March meeting, Maire announced that she was stepping down, effective as of May, and Dionne who serves as our Secretary/Registrar, announced that she did not feel it was worth continuing, and will be stepping down as of May.

A motion was put on the table at the March meeting for the district to disband as of May 31. Of the three groups that were represented, one voted in favour and two abstained. We will be seeking a consensus on this motion at the April meeting.

It is important for G.S.R's to attend an active district so their groups can be better served. This is a WE program. Participation and enthusiasm are important ingredients that are necessary to attract others to carry the message. Change is difficult, and

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painful, but necessary for growth. As D.C.M , I am responsible for keeping the table informed, so I am passing on information to the G.S.R.'s about the neighboring districts. It is up to each group individually, to decide what they would like to do.

I will report the outcome of the April Meeting at the Area Committee meeting in June

Thank you for my sobriety and the opportunity to serve and grow,
Carol J.

District 06 Mississauga

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

As we're now past our half way point in the term, we continue to have great participation at our table with much discussion & many questions. Our attendance topped out this week at 82% during our March monthly meeting. All our Sub-committee chair positions are filled and all but two alternate positions are filled as well.

We recently voted unanimously to redesign our district website after a well detailed proposal by our Webmaster, Jim R. We also look forward to be able to bring Website guidelines to the table in the near future.

We were successful at adopting our revised District Operating Procedures in January where we defined some gray areas and provided more detail.

The table has invited our Area Alternate Delegate, Mel, to attend our monthly district meeting in May for our bi-annual district inventory.

Our District 02 & 06 joint effort to initiate AA literature placement into the four main Peel Police detachments has been rejected for the foyer areas, but still may be approved for internal use for their own employees. We look at providing a literature package for their wellness department to approve for this purpose.

We continue to be active in many service functions including those Bridging the Gap calls.

I look forward in seeing you Toronto folks at our upcoming Information AA Day on Saturday, May 26th at our new Thornhill location to hear Robb's Delegate report & sharing by Eva S. on a view from our General Service Office.

Mark your calendar for the 2012 Mississauga Fall Round-Up. It's scheduled for Saturday, October 13th again at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic church. Check www.mississaugafallroundup.org for info. Flyers are in the atrium.

Yours, with love, Scott M. dcn@aamississauga.org

District 10 Toronto South Central

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

I have the privilege of working with the finest group of alkies I know at the district 10 table. If you should ever wish to visit us, we meet at a new time at 519 Church Street on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. If you wish to contact any District 10 committee chairs, you can visit our website at www.district10toronto.org and go to the contacts page.

District 10 is financially healthy and we are able to keep 95% of the groups informed about district business. It has been a challenge to get some of the smaller, struggling groups to send a GSR so we are using an email contact to keep them in the loop. All of our subcommittee positions are filled with the exception of Self Support and Corrections. We are continuing to encourage greater participation at the Assemblies by funding accommodations for a GSR from a struggling group.

At the suggestion of a couple of GSR's, the district elected to set up a donation page on our website, whereby, members can use PayPal to make donations to the district. We have also been working very hard to create some Operating Guidelines for the district and we finished that last month. The document is online on our website.

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

Finally, Information AA Day is to be held on Saturday, May 26th, 2011 in a new location. It will be held at the Thornhill Community Center, located at 7755 Bayview Ave. Thornhill, ON. This is a potluck event and tickets are only \$5. At this event we can look forward to our Delegate's report from the General Service Conference and we have a guest speaker from the General Service Office, Eva S. who is the Conference Coordinator. The theme this year is "Let It Begin With Us". As it is just north of Toronto city limits, we will have a shuttle service available. This is a fantastic place to bring a sponsee or two, and I do have tickets.

In Love and Service, Vince R.

District 12 Toronto South West

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

Our district finances are stable and sufficient to meet our current service needs. Our new Corrections Chair has started to learn the ropes. We still haven't had any takers for a Self-Support chair but there's been interest. Our Area Self Support chair came and spoke at our last district meeting and it generated considerable conversation. Kim and Peter came to our pizza night in February to speak about service. Thank you for coming!

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

We have a new Alt DCM Greg H from the Hill group. He's a dedicated longtime table member and I am delighted to share the workload.

We appear to have another record attendance for our district at this spring Assembly. Our district has great people and I'm very thankful they let me hang around.

Yours in Service, Heather M, DCM District 12

District 14 Toronto North Central

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

All of our sub-committees are operating very well; CPC is still vacant. Presently we are averaging 50% attendance at district meetings.

Don M., our Treasurer, has ensured that the district books are balanced. We are in good financial shape with the donations coming in from our groups. Don also keeps us up to date on our Self-Support funds that pay for the literature for our police stations, hospitals and doctors' offices.

Sue C., our Secretary, is doing a great job in keeping up with our minutes and other correspondence. Information is distributed to the district members quickly and accurately. To keep high photocopying costs to a minimum, our main form of communication is e-mail. This method is fast, reliable and works very well.

Robin, our Registrar, had to resign due to her work load. We thank her for her commitment to the district. Todd S. will be taking over as the new Registrar for the remaining term.

Don S., our new Self-Support Chair, will be contacting groups that do not have Self-Support cans and offering to attend their business meetings to explain what these cans are for. The Self-Support funds greatly contribute to our district's success in providing literature to our police stations, hospitals, doctors' offices and so forth.

Grant G., our Grapevine Chair, has been visiting many groups with our new District 14 Grapevine display.

Dave P., is our new Correction Chair. Since our district does not have any primary correctional facility, we have been concentrating on supplying literature to all of the police stations, parole and probation offices residing in our district. At the

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assembly workshop yesterday, district 14 and the Get a Grip Meeting (from the Newmarket police station) donated 50 pocket sized Big Books. They are for the Kingston area jails and others in need of these AA Big Books.

Lucy D., our Treatment Chair, has been seeing to the various treatment facilities in our district. Lucy's main job is to arrange for our district 14 groups to chair AA meetings for the various hospitals and to ensure that the meetings continue to take place.

Breanne, our P.I. Chair, has spoke at several schools and wellness fairs in the GTA and York Region. She has also supplied 10 Big Books and Twelve and Twelves to several libraries.

Gord, our ADCM, is planning our next service day at the Thornhill Presbyterian Church on September 29th, 2012. Gord and I with the GTA-PI Committee are approaching the Metropolitan Toronto Police to offer a literature program similar to York Region's. Chief Jolliffe of York Region sent us a strong letter of support to assist in this initiative.

The body of Chief Jolliffe's letter of support to district 14 is below for your files.

Dear Gary:

This letter is to confirm that Alcoholics Anonymous has been working cooperatively with York Regional Police for more than eleven years to carry the message about a program of recovery from the disease of alcoholism.

The program began under Chief Julian Fantino, who is a strong supporter of A.A., continued successfully with Chief Armand La Barge and continues to succeed under my administration. Chief La Barge structured the lines of communication to flow from his office, through the Deputy Chief to the District Commanders.

The program involves Alcoholics Anonymous placing literature in police stations. A.A. provides the table top or wall-mounted racking display as well as pamphlets. The racks in the stations are re-filled on a monthly basis by members of A.A. The literature provides valuable introductory information on alcoholism to people who may have a drinking problem and to their family and friends.

The program is administered by A.A. which has a service structure that is responsible to its membership and to the York Regional Police administration. We strongly recommend Alcoholics Anonymous and support its efforts in our jurisdiction.

In closing, I would like to thank the district members for their support in making my job very rewarding and easier to fulfill.

Yours in Service, Gary O. District 14 DCM

District 16 Distrito Hispano de Toronto

Good morning everyone, I am an alcoholic, my name is Cesar H, a proud member of Grupo Unided (we are going to celebrate our 26th Anniversary of having the doors open on April 14), I have the honour and privilege to serve as a DCM for District 16.

First I would like to thank the Ontario Regional Conference Committee for allowing us to participate by having a Spanish speaker. Everyone that attended the meeting enjoyed being a part of the (grand fiesta) great event.

We continue to hold our meetings and take an attendance and share service experience with the seven groups of District 16.

Last November we held the 3rd Annual Service Day and we thank Mel C, Peter N and Deirdre B for sharing with us the service experience. The service day went well with attendance from 75% of District 16 members. The groups responded well to the service day.

At this time the groups have supporting District 16 financially. The good news is five groups have General Service Representatives and we have 3 committees up and running. We hope to fulfill the rest of the committees in the future.

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

Yours in service, Cesar, DCM

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District 18 Toronto City East

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

District 18 is still looking to fill the Accessibility Chair and a few alternate positions. Our attendance has been good we get about 20 members at our District Meetings, 7 or 8 G.S. R.s plus the District Officers and the Sub Chairs . At our last meeting we had a group come back to the District table that was absent from the table for a long time.

Financially we were able to sent money off to Area and GSO and Intergroup. Districts 18 and 22 Public Information Chairs jointly put a Public Service Announcement in the Beaches Newspaper till the end of this year.

On May 6 District 18 and 22 jointly put together the East Toronto Archives Breakfast Meeting #7. It's at Quiss / Kingston Rd and Markham. All are welcome. We got tickets and flyers if anyone interested. I am also looking forward to Info AA Day. I am the Brew Master come and have a coffee on District 18.

The East York Group will have their Spring Round Up April 28. Its pot luck and starts around 11 O'clock. All is welcome. I wanna thank everyone at the District table for their hard work.

Yours in Loving Service, Patrick F.

District 22 Scarborough

I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Sunday Scarboro Group and my name is Bryan D. I have the privilege to serve as Alternate DCM for District 22. I am here representing our DCM Carolina, who is unable to be here today.

District 22 is alive and well, it has a strong and effective team of Officers and Chairs. Attendance of Groups at the District meeting is between 75 and 80 percent. Our GSRs are enthusiastic and eager to learn and serve.

Our District is doing well financially and we are able to meet all our financial obligations. All our Chair positions are filled though a couple of people are doing double duty; some Alt Chair positions are still open.

This year we have updated our Operating Procedures and we have also updated the Job Descriptions for the District Officers and Chairs.

We will be holding our District Inventory on April 15th and our Area Chairperson Joyce, will be assisting us with this process. District 22 puts on two events every year. The first is the Annual East Toronto Archives Breakfast which is held in collaboration with District 18. This year's breakfast is on May 6th and tickets are \$20.00 per person, please see me if you wish to attend. The second event is our Annual Service Day which will be held on September 15th planning is in progress; stay tuned for more details which will follow.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Yours in Loving Service, Bryan D., Alt DCM – District 22

District 26 Lakeshore West

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

We had a small turn out for our March GSR Table meeting. GSRs who did attend, reported their groups are doing well and have generally good attendance. For the months of March and April, groups are celebrating a total of 44 years of sobriety. These numbers are down again due to sparse attendance.

An Ad Hoc Committee was formed to review our Operating Procedures. Our first draft consists of spelling and grammar changes to the existing procedures which will be viewed and accepted by the GSRs and their groups. The next step by the Ad Hoc Committee will be to make recommendations to the GSRs to take to their groups for either change or approval of a 2/3rd majority. We on the committee are keeping in mind this needs to be a cautious and informed process for all.

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PIC and CPC continue their efforts to spread information and carry the message to their respective places. Treatment is fulfilling their task of positioning groups in order to put meetings on at Pinewood and renascent. "Bridging the Gap" program is still a main focus for Treatment.

Our newly appointed Self-Support Chair has taken on his position with great gusto. Keep up your enthusiasm Dave and welcome!

Our Grapevine Chair is stepping down due to the arrival of her new born baby boy. Congratulations Cheryl and Mike. She will do what she can for Grapevine until her position is filled. Our Corrections, Archives and Conference Chairs seem to be missing in action along with their reports at our March meeting.

Just a reminder of our Districts upcoming Conference August 10th, 11th, and 12th at General Sirkorski Polish Veteran Hall on Stevenson Rd. N. in Oshawa.

We at District 26 look forward to more activity next month as we trudge the road to happy destiny!
Thank you for allowing me to serve and for my sobriety.

Diane M. DCM District 26

District 28 Lakeshore East

Good day, I am an alcoholic and my name is Jack, your Alternate DCM for District 28.

Our General Service continues to be very strong in our District. Both our PIC and CPC Sub Committees are extremely active by carrying the message into not just our schools, but, our professional community as well.

Treatment and Corrections Committee continues to work very hard at facilitating meetings at Detox Centre, Brookside Youth Centre and Lindsay Correctional Institution. We are also still putting on meetings at Sullivan House Treatment Centre in Brooklin.

Our continued appreciation and support goes out to our active Archive and Grapevine Chairpersons.

On March 3, 2012, we held our Annual Spring Round Up at General Sikorski Hall in Oshawa, which was a great success and we danced the night away to a live band!

We have a Lakeshore District Conference coming up on August 10-12, 2012, at General Sikorski Hall in Oshawa. The fliers should be available in the atrium and the theme of the conference is the language of the heart.

Our financial condition is in great shape.....we are back in the black!

Since our Intergroup has moved to the Alano Club, and most groups are participating in answering the phones, it seems that this has increased overall group participation.

Yours in Love and Service, I thank you for my sobriety.

Jack H. Alternate DCM, District 28

District 30 Quinte West

Good morning, my name is Miles C.; I have the privilege and honour of serving as District Committee Member for District 30 and a member of the Trenton Group.

We have 3 hospital meetings per week, as well we also put meetings on at Brookside Detention Centre and the Warkworth Pen. District 30 is alive and well. We are currently revising our Operating Procedures.

We will be putting on a one day roundup on May 12, 2012. More information will be on our website at quintewestaa.org. This will be held in Brighton this year.

We are still looking for a CPC Rep, Self-Support Rep and a District Archivist.

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Our new TAS Service is working well. We are looking at a radio station now who are going to add PSA's to their rotation.

On April 1st, at 4:00pm, the Coburg Group will celebrate a 60 year anniversary with food and dancing.

Yours in love and service, Miles C.

District 34 Quinte East

Madame Chair, Area officers, Committee members. Fellow D.C.M.'s, G.S.R.'s Honoured Guests. I am an alcoholic a member of the Stirling Friday Night group it is an honour and privilege to serve District 34 as committee member my name is Wilf P. Hi.

District 34 remains in good shape after an easy winter, we are still doing our best to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. CPC/PIC is active we now have a new state of the art automated answering service, Corrections has been active with our new chair implementing some new ideas, thanks Shane. Treatment has been active over the winter carrying the message to our treatment center in Belleville and with bridging the gap requests Grapevine has been doing a great job Johnny B our G.V. chair tells me sales of G.V. material our up. Self support and archives have been quite but we have a new Archive chair so things should improve there.

Financially district 34 is in good shape and we are maintaining a prudent reserve.

Two questions on our table right now are, is a district business meeting an open or closed meeting? And should committee members have a vote? I think I will encourage a study of the concepts to find the answers to these questions. I always learn so much when I attend these weekends that all the questions I had have been answered.

The winter attendance has been down slightly but should improve now that Spring is here. I will be attending many medallions Round Ups and conferences' in the next few months including the Eastern Canada Form in St. Catherine's in July and hope to see some of you there. Wishing you all a safe trip home see you in the Fall.

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

District 36 Kingston & the Islands

As mentioned to us at the Fall Assembly of this term, by now our Districts would be up and running smoothly, more or less, and to think, just in time for Fall Elections and the thoughts of a new team of people serving their District for the next term. Here in Kingston and the Islands, this seems to be true.

We are a team of people largely held in harmony by our Secretary, Mary A. and our Treasurer, Sandy B. The Committees continue to do their "thing". We haven't had "fist-to-cuff" engagements in ages. Indeed, we had cake and coffee and fellowship at one of our recent District meetings!

We have begun talking about "rotation of service" in anticipation of the upcoming Term. Someone has to be the next GSR and, at the District Table, someone has to be the next DCM, A-DCM, Treasurer and Chair people of respective Committees. Having the same people year after year performing the same duties over and over (1) wears a person out and (2) does not give others the opportunity to participate in the Third Legacy of our Programme. And as most of us in the room would testify, once it is in your blood, service work inevitably helps ourselves stay sober.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Fall Assembly, with our District elections just complete, hopefully a whole lot of new enquiring faces at the Assembly nervous, anxious but also excited about continuing to Carry the Message to the still suffering alcoholic, making sure the doors are open for the newcomer, and more and more coming to realise the importance of our Traditions.

Yours in Service, Roxane T.

District 38 Thousand Islands

Absent no report submitted

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District 42 St. Lawrence International

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

Recent happenings in AA service in District 42.

- I am pleased to welcome alternate GSR Pete B. of the Riverside Group in Ogdensburg, NY to the Assembly today for his first Assembly ever!
- We are pleased that two people have stepped forward to fill previously-vacant committee chairs: Jamie V. for Public Information and Tania M. for Cooperation with the Professional Committee. In addition we have a "person of interest" who may be volunteering to be our Archives chair in the next month or two.

At my request, Robb W. furnished me with the full General Service Conference agenda topics and background materials. For our March District meeting I prepared printed packets containing a selection of GSC agenda topics and relevant background materials. I chose the topics in which I thought the groups would be interested and the potential for obtaining a clear-cut group conscience and/or a vigorous discussion on each item. Each packet contained the entire GSC agenda to give members an appreciation of the amount of work that our delegates do on our behalf! I have asked groups to return their group conscience to Robb via postal mail or email, or to return it to the District table on April 15. I can then forward a compilation to Robb before he departs for NYC.

In January we three DCMs (42, 48, and 50) scheduled our Delegate's report and day of sharing for June 23 in Cornwall. We rotate the meeting site annually with our neighbor districts from across the river – District 48 Seaway Valley North and District 50 Cornwall. We will be forming the planning committees shortly. Our goal is not only to hear our Delegate's report on the General Service Conference but, in so doing, to encourage greater and continued service participation among the groups and members in our districts.

Thus far in this panel, of the thirty groups and meetings in our district, twenty-one have been represented at our District table at least once. Typically, about 1/3 attend each month's meeting. We look to build on that participation, both in absolute numbers and in frequency of attendance.

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

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District 46 St. Lawrence Adirondack

(Absent No Report)

District 48 Seaway Valley North

Hi I'm Gerry S. and I am an Alcoholic: District Committee member of district 48 and a proud member of the 12 & 12 in Morrisburg on Wednesday night. Welcome everyone to the Spring Assembly of Area 83. Thank you so much for making this another great AA event.

Our district is doing well, as we have a good attendance at the district table and have many active meetings in our district. A new 12 & 12 study group meeting at the Winchester Hospital on Saturday at 11:00 AM has started up. I have attended the meeting on occasion and I found it well attended and comforting. All is welcome to attend if travelling in our district.

Although we have had some growing pains in regards to handling our own literature, historic data accumulated by our librarian will soon smooth out the bumps.

Our Round up was well attended and Michael C. our Alternate District Committee Member warmed in to the roll with humility and gratitude. I would like to take the time to thank Leo for his grapevine display and his time that he committed to us.

We are having a little trouble with our commitment across the border for corrections as some of our volunteers have had health problems and career changes. I'm sure the big guy upstairs will work something out for us. Thank you for your interest in our little corner of area 83.

Yours in Service Gerry

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District 50 Cornwall

Hi, my name is Linda C. I am the new DCM for district 50. I am a member of the New Hope Group which meets every Tuesday night at 8:00 pm and I am an alcoholic.

As some of you are aware our district has been struggling to maintain unity for some time now, however there have been some positive changes. We have some new faces at the table.

Our finances are in good standing.

March 5th was my first district meeting as DCM. The Conference Steering Committee has recently revised the conference guidelines. The table accepted them and despite some difficulties last year it was voted that we will hold our annual November conference as per usual. This will be our 65th Conference in Cornwall.

We have recently switched our telephone to a cell phone and are in a trial period with this new system.

We are pleased to let you know that the Lancaster Group will be having their Spring Conference and it will be held April 16th at the Ramada Inn in Cornwall. Some flyers will be left here for distribution and we hope many of you will come and spend the day with us.

The Cornwall Website is doing very well. Gerry W. and the committee are working very hard to improve and update the services.

Yours in Loving Service, Linda C. DCM

District 54 Ottawa Rideau

I am an Alcoholic, District Committee Member for District-54, Ottawa/Rideau and a member of the Search for Serenity group of Alcoholic Anonymous in Orleans, ON. It is my pleasure to bring you greetings from District 54.

Financially we are making our commitments and all our table positions have been filled.

Our Christmas/New Years Alkathon was successful again this year with some money coming back to the district table. A shortage of volunteers was noted by the executive and ideas are being sought to increase volunteers for next year.

Meetings have started for our annual "Vanier Roundup which will be held on Sat. June 2nd 2012.

The three Ottawa Districts will start meetings today for our annual Gratitude Day (service day). District 58 will take the lead this year. Scheduled for June 24th.

We have had the issue of insurance being requested from one of our group's landlords. I talked to our Delegate about this and I received Rob's opinion. Seemed like sound advice.

District 62 has been using a very informative pamphlet regarding "Service work in AA". Our GSR's have taken this back to their home groups to see if we want to incorporate this in our District. So far the response has been very favorable.

The new Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre has opened in the middle of our district. I went for a tour prior to opening and the new facility is beautiful. Besides being new and updated it is quite a bit larger than the old centre with a pleasant location.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Yours in service, Greg C

District 58 Ottawa Bytown

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

The past few months since our last report, has seen a few new General Service Representatives at the District. We welcome back The Tuesday/Friday Group and 1st avenue to Recovery.

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Gratitude Day will be held Sunday June 24th, 2012. We are grateful to be hosting along with Districts 54 and 62.

Attendance at the District is remaining steady at approx. 8 groups, we have many opportunities for service at the District with vacant positions in Grapevine, Public information Committee and Co-operation with the Professional Community to name a few. I'm pleased to report that Gabriel P has filled the position of Secretary, having filled the role of District Treasurer for 2 years it was time for him to rotate into other service. We are grateful he decided to continue his service at the District. We were also thankful to have the position of Treasurer filled by Michel D.

Each month we have the opportunity to hear from each of the Groups in attendance on how they are doing, and ask questions regarding service. Recently, questions regarding anonymity and self-support have been topics of conversation. It has been wonderful to see many of the GSR's share their experience and offer guidance. The open discussion at the District meeting is a recent addition for us and is very valuable in helping support the groups.

Financially, we had to dip into our prudent reserve a few months back, but with contributions from the Alkathon and groups we have now moved back into a surplus. We have been able to make our contribution to Cooperation with the Professional Community as requested.

Yours in Service, Bonnie

District 62 Ottawa West

Good morning; I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Barrhaven Tuesday Night group currently serving as the Ottawa West District 62 DCM; and my name is Ian B.

District 62 continues to be healthy and working well spreading the AA message. Two specific items of note are:

1. Since January 2012 4 additional AA Groups, which had not previously been participating at the District have started sending GSRs so our attendance is growing. We still have a lot to do but it is moving in the right direction.
2. An extremely comprehensive school blitz has been underway over the last 3 months. Almost all high schools in our District have been contacted and most have had AA literature, pamphlets and posters distributed.

District 62 a number of years back adopted the activity of sending our "Incoming DCM" to the bi-yearly Regional Forum. As a result we have to run our new DCM elections rather early. We just had it at our March GSR meeting and I'm happy to announce that our current Alternate DCM Sue B. has been elected. I know she will do an outstanding job and that Ottawa West will be in much more capable hands.

Yours in love and service, Ian B DCM, Ottawa West District 62

District 66 Golden Triangle

Good morning everyone my name is Gary and I am a grateful member of the Seaway group in Brockville. I also have the pleasure and privilege of being District Committee Member for District 66 of the Golden Triangle and I am an alcoholic.

District 66 has had some problems since the last assembly keeping Secretaries and Treasurers due to changing of jobs and some health problems. We also had to change Correction Chair, but AA seems to always come through in the end. District 66 had some wonderful people step up to the plate and take over these positions.

The District would like to thank Twyla B, for taking over the Treasurer's position, and Elaine S for taking the Secretary's position. Also thanks to Gerold B. for Corrections. All of our other chair positions are doing a wonderful job.

District 66 finances seem to be in good order for the time being, and we hope to be able to contribute to area 83 in the near future.

District 66 will be having our 29th annual Spring Roundup on Saturday April 14th 2012. The theme for this year's Roundup is Spring into Serenity. It is going to be held in a different place this Spring. So there will be lots of flyers in the Atrium letting you know where and when it will be.

Yours in love and service. Gary C.

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District 70 Renfrew Pontiac

Good Morning, brothers and sisters, I am Terry C. and I am an alcoholic. I have the honour to be District Committee Member for District 70, Renfrew-Pontiac, one of your inter-provincial districts.

Our District is flourishing in sobriety. Our Alternate DCM, Reg G. has had to resign for health reasons. At our March district meeting, his place at the table was taken by a volunteer, our new Alternate DCM, Michelle R. from Renfrew. We are grateful that Michelle stepped forward to take this position, and we are also grateful that Reg is making a recovery from his illness.

District 70 held our annual St. Patrick's Day Round-up last Saturday. It was a huge success with summer weather, a record turn-out and a great program put on by the GSR's at the District table.

Our District is in good shape financially. Two new meetings have formed in the last year and the Fellowship is in good shape in our part of the Ottawa Valley.

Yours in love and service, Terry C., DCM, District 70

District 74 Pembroke

Hi, my name is Jack and I'm an alcoholic. I'm the DCM for district 74 Pembroke and area. This report has been approved by our district GSR's and officers.

Most positions are filled at district for the moment.

Our website gets about 4,500 hits monthly. Weekly newcomers or visitors tell us how easy it was to find a meeting. We are improving it by making sure no hyperlinks leads to dead hyperlinks.

Our help line does connect the drunk, newcomer or whomever to AA but it is not perfect. Sometimes the operator or caller are long winded thus a higher monthly bill. We do not have the manpower or resources to have our own place.

Many new faces at district table as new people try out GSR and some old faces as no-one volunteered to replace them. Most people have the impression that you need to be qualified. If they only knew that it isn't so. The journey is in the learning. That's where the AA growth is.

The registry shows X number of groups but we only have 12 groups. Most groups have 6-16 members. Most groups have 1-2 meeting per week. There's at least one meeting per night in Pembroke area. Monday night, four. We have open speaker, closed discussion and 12 & 12 meetings. Endless job to try to keep the registry up to date.

There is very little interest in the tri-district (Renfrew, Madawaska and Pembroke) to have the annual Service information day. It seems to only attract people already in service and none of the vacant position ever gets filled thereafter. This year Madawaska is hosting it.

Overall, all is normal in the valley. If you wish to know more about us, please come to our annual mother's day conference on May 12th.

Yours in service, Jack B DCM, Pembroke and area

District 78 Madawaska Valley

I am an alcoholic, DCM for District 78 Madawaska Valley and my name is Claude L. I always find it difficult to write a report.

At this time in our district we have been unable to get a Grapevine rep. We only have a handful of dedicated people in our district so it seems. Ron C. has taken over the job of Archives.

Our district is doing well financially, as well as the groups. Attendance is still sporadic at different groups. I have been attending most meetings in the district just in case that they have any problems that need to be looked at, so far everything is good.

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Anniversaries for this coming month are the Bancroft New Hope Group is celebrating its 33 year group anniversary, I am celebrating 26 years on the 29 of March, Tony H. is celebrating 39 years on April 15 and Jan is celebrating 5 years on April 29.

Not much else to report. I have a new mailing address which is 25 Station St. apt. 236, Bancroft, On K0L1C0.

YIS Claude L.

District 82 Victoria Haliburton

Hello, I am an alcoholic, District Committee Member for District 82, Victoria Haliburton and my name is Greg M.

This year is our 33rd annual one day conference held on May 5, 2012. The conference committee is changing the format slightly. This year we are having a B.B.Q. at the Lindsay Curling Club. All are welcome.

This has been a trying time at our district table. We have three chair positions vacant; Grapevine, Archives and CPC. Also recently our Alternate District Committee member had to step down. Ben D. was voted in as Alternate for the remainder of the term. We have a good percentage of GSR's in attendance.

Financially we are in good shape. Most of our groups are contributing to the District and the Area.

Meetings at the Central East Corrections Centre are going well. Labour disputes and lockdowns have made it difficult to carry out meetings inside the prison, in the past few months. We just try to do the best we can.

Thank you.

Yours in service, Greg M.

District 86 Kawartha

Good morning everyone, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Stonewall Group in Peterborough and my name is Gary C.

Sunday, May 27 will be our Service Information Day. This last Sunday of the month should allow adjacent Districts to attend this year. The day will feature our Delegate's GSC Report followed by a very topical Workshop. Flyers for this event are available in the Registration Area.

I am pleased to report that our **51st Kawartha District Conference** will be held at the Evinrude Centre on June 29 & 30. Our 2012 Conference Chairperson is Sandra B. of the Friendly Friday Group in Peterborough. The theme this year is "New Beginning – New Life." Again, flyers for this event are available in the Registration Area. I know there are members in attendance from Kawartha District that have tickets for sale so you can avoid the last-minute rush!

At the District Committee we are now in need of an Alt. DCM and a Corrections Chair. I'd like to Thank Frank L. for his dedicated work in this position under very trying circumstances. Financially, our District is doing OK and we manage to get our bills paid. We continue to have strong attendance at our District GSR meetings with an average about 90%.

As many of you are aware, Volunteering lately at the Lindsay CECC can be a hit and miss affair. Lately, it seems more misses than hits! I wish Volunteer coordinator Grace K. much success in her endeavor to revamp the AA Volunteer Program.

Let Gratitude be your Attitude, Gary C.

5.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.

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a) Public Information Report

Rob M.

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

Thank you to everyone who attended the Public Information workshop yesterday and special thanks to Breanne W PI Chair from District 14, and Don E PI Chair from District 62 for their wonderful presentations at the workshop. Thanks also to those who were up early this morning for the 7AM combined PI/CPC meeting. The turnout was excellent with lots of great discussion. The District PI chairs in Area 83 are very enthusiastic, and doing a great job of carrying the message in their communities.

There have been several requests for presentations or information through the GTA Intergroup office including a request from a newly formed Russian speaking group wanting to place an announcement including quotes from AA approved literature in a local newspaper. They were concerned about breaking the Traditions so procedures and guidelines were provided. There was also a request from a Danish Media and Journalism student who wanted to speak with an 'expert' Alcoholic. I'm not sure why she emailed the GTA Intergroup but they were able to provide her with local contact information. The District PI Committees in Area 83 have also been busy carrying the message at local schools, colleges, police stations, and health and wellness fairs. District 30 recently approached 2 radio stations in Cobourg and AA Public Service Announcements are now airing on these 2 stations. Another request through the GTA Intergroup office was from a writer at 'Good Life Magazine' who is doing an article on habits and wanted to know how we address change and the science behind change and behavior. I was asked to reply to her request so I explained that we consider Alcoholism a disease not a habit and that we are a 12 step recovery program. She asked if I would be willing to do a telephone interview which I did. Some of our interview should be included in an upcoming edition of 'Good Life Magazine'.

I'm grateful to the District PI Committees for keeping me in the loop, and allowing me to assist with these initiatives. There are several items on the agenda for the General Service Conference taking place next month that involve Public Information. Among them are creating an AA presence on Facebook, and to discuss requests related to adding language referring to current media to Tradition 11. Our Delegate Robb would like to have some feedback from the membership in Area 83 so he can take our feelings on these items to the General Service Conference. Robb will be happy to speak with you this weekend, or hear from you by email.

It's a pleasure to be of service to Area 83. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. My email address is pi@area83aa.org and my phone number is 905 431-8633.

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

b) Cooperation With The Professional Community

Herb W.

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

Things are starting to get busy in C.P.C. again. February 1st 2nd 3rd and 4th we had a display at the Northern Lights Business and Cultural Showcase, a National event, held in Ottawa this year. I would like to thank the Ottawa C.P.C. committee for their enthusiasm and support in making this event such a great success. We noted that of every four people stopping by our booth one person was either a member or had a family member in AA. I also stayed around chatting with people after the day ended and was invited to share in food and fellowship with some of the people involved with the event. I had the opportunity to meet a young lady named Malaya Qaunirq who is the reigning Miss Nunavut. She lives in Iqaluit. She shared some of the problems in her home town. I realize how important it is for AA to reach out to those remote communities to help the still suffering alcoholic.

The next two National events are: American Academy of Physician's Assistants on May 27-31, 2012, in Toronto, ON. And People in Motion on June 1-2, 2012 also in Toronto. I am looking forward to being a part of both of these events.

In addition, I would also like to comment that we have had some irregularities with shipping literature from New York, i.e. duplicate literature being sent and New York has been working to rectify this situation.

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I would also like to remind you that I am available to be a part of your service events. Further, I would like to thank the Districts for their minutes. Thank you to all for the encouragement through growth in service.

Gratefully,
Herb W
CPC Chair Area 83

c) Corrections Report

Deirdre B.

Good morning my name is Deirdre B and I am an alcoholic. It is my privilege to serve as Area 83 Correctional Facilities Chair. Thank you to all who attended the Corrections Workshop yesterday our hope is that you enjoyed our guest speakers Rick, Escort Volunteer for Pittsburgh Institute, and Gord member of the Inner Circle Group in Pittsburgh. They both delivered a great service talk and we hope it inspires people to want to become an escort. Currently there are 13 individuals cleared to attend outside meetings however there are not enough escorts, meaning they have to wait to attend meetings on the outside. Gord's message was inspiring and he expressed his gratitude to A.A. and the escort program. Our goal is to encourage A.A. members to be Self Supporting in Corrections. The most important thing you can give someone is your time.

Thank you to District 2, 18, and 30 for purchasing Banquet ticket so the Correctional members could attend. Thank you to the *Get a Grip* meeting of District 14 for contributing 50 soft covered Big Books that were distributed by Dave to the Correctional Facilities volunteers who attended the Corrections Workshop.

Upcoming changes to Correctional Literature to be discussed April 23 at 62nd General Service Conference are as follows: review draft version of *"It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell"*, consider a revision to the pamphlet *"A Message to Corrections Professionals"*, consider a possible remake of the 1987 video *"It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell"* and a review of the *Corrections Workbook*, now colour coded green, moving away from the traditional blue of the Big Book.

Area 83 currently has volunteers going into 10 Provincial Institutions, 9 Federal Institutions, 2 Youth Facilities and 2 Medium Security State Prisons. Each District has expressed a need for volunteers. Please contact your District Corrections chair for information on volunteering if you are interested. If you do not have a Correctional Facilities Chair and are interested in volunteering contact me.

To date the Area has had 22 Bridging The Gap requests, this figure is for Bridging the Gap that the Area Correctional Facilities Chair handles and does not include the Bridging the Gaps done by the District Correction Facilities Chairs. There have been several changes to District Correctional Facilities Chairs and new Chair information is sent out when changes are received in order to assist with the Bridging The Gap requests, as contact information is vital to ensure this program runs smoothly.

Area 83 website now has a Corrections page, thank you Todd for setting this up. You now can find information on; Bridging the Gap in both English and Spanish, information on the Correctional Facilities within Area 83, and what District they are a part of, as well as information on GSO Correctional Correspondence, with a link to the brochure for interested Pen Pals.
http://area83aa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=93&Itemid=172

Thank you to District 16 Hispano de Toronto for inviting me to their third Service Forum on November 19, 2011. Attendance was up from previous years.

Thank you to all the District Secretaries who send out their district meetings they help keep me up on Correctional activity within the districts. Contact via e-mail at cf@area83aa.org or via phone at 416-633-7650.

God bless you all,
Deirdre B

d) Treatment Report

Rodney S.

My name is Rodney S. and I am an alcoholic - Proudly serving as your Area Treatment chair for this term.

Since our last assembly there has been less activity in Treatment than I had hoped for. I had hoped that either the districts themselves would start approaching their local Treatment Centers and discuss our Bridging the Gap program or I would get an

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invitation to do so with them. In the program we have put together the district play such a central role that not having them participate would amount to not having a program to talk about at all. I have considered approaching the Treatment Centers on my own but again without the district involved there is no point. That being said, I would really like it if the districts that do have Treatment Centers, centers that would benefit from a Bridge the Gap program for their clients, would begin to approach these centers with our program or invite me to their district if they wish my help to do so.

I mentioned in my last assembly report, having attended the Bridge the Gap workshop in California last year, I learned that Kansas City Missouri get hundreds of Bridge the Gap requests between assemblies, which occur quarterly- every 3 months. We have had 33 since the start of 2011. Our numbers are low because only one center, for the most part, is sending us Bridge the Gap request. It has nothing to do with Government regulations as we get Bridge the Gap request out of Newport Center in Port Colborne that is run out of a Government Hospital. People are being released from treatment centers every day in Ontario. Some of those people are probably alcoholic of our type and could benefit from our program but I suspect they don't know how to sign up for it. We need to tell them. Although not every bridge the gap person chooses to remain sober it is much easier when someone from their hometown is helping them get acquainted in the first few weeks. They stand a better chance although as we know there are no guarantees

Most of the bridge the Gap requests that I have received have had the loop closed and feedback about the contact was provided to the originating centers via their local district treatment chair. The facility we deal with likes to know that their clients were actually met. Sometimes we get the familiar alcoholic run around. There is little or nothing we can do about that. I have recently had the opportunity to Bridge the Gap for 3 people in Kitchener which gave me the opportunity to speak with the new Treatment Chair from Area 86. Pat S immediately passed on the requests to Kitchener and Don in Kitchener saw to it that all three contacts were met on the same day.

At the Treatment workshop yesterday we discussed some of this and explained BTG as quickly as possible. The focus of the Workshop was to discuss the General Service Conference Agenda Items as requested by our delegate Robb W. We brought up all three topics, discussed two thoroughly and passed by one quickly before running out of time. The general sense of the room on the items in question is as follows.

A. Discuss trustees' progress report on the review of the video *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous*

The general consensus in the room was to accept the committee report of Jan 29th 2012 that suggests that the cost of changing the HOPE video is not justified given the nature of issue in using reference to "Uncle Sam".

B. Discuss a suggestion to develop a pamphlet for the alcoholic with mental illness.

We discussed this issue at length and as one can imagine we trudged the entire spectrum of thoughts and experience on the matter.

In the end we raised hands and although more people were in favor of doing this than not there was no substantial unanimity on the subject. The results were close with a fair amount of people abstaining. Some of the pros and cons of the issue were as follows.

- a. Some people with alcoholic family, friends or relatives could see the value in such a pamphlet.
- b. Others thought that singling out such a group of alcoholics would set them apart, making them different. It was noted that some pamphlets already do that, for instance "AA For Women", "AA For the Native North American", "AA for the Young" etc.
- c. Others felt that such literature already exists in other forms such as "Problems Other Than Alcohol", or "AA for the Alcoholic with Special Needs"
- d. It was mentioned that doing this would water AA down.
- e. We briefly pointed out that the content of such a pamphlet was not at issue yet but simply the idea to create one. It would be probably 5 years before any pamphlet hit the streets.
- f. It was also suggested that we modify existing pamphlets.

This alcoholic can find no flaw in any of the arguments for or against and I think that we may need a closer look at this. If it ends up going forward then careful attention to the content of such a pamphlet will be required.

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C. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.

Having run out of time we briefly looked the suggested items that are being considered.
Information on putting on meeting in psychiatric settings being the most prominent.

In today's Treatment meeting we discussed ways to further the Bridge the Gap program. It was re-emphasized that district involvement is absolute. We also made reference to the fact that using area email addresses rather than GMAIL or HOTMAIL provides a new level of continuity that didn't exist before. To that end it has been requested that the Area Chair approach higher levels of The Salvation Army to discuss the Bridge the Gap program. I will be contacting our CPC chair for his help in achieving that. Meanwhile we have requested that any Treatment centers that currently have AA meetings be approached in some way to offer the program to the Alcoholic clients in attendance. My help is available for that effort. Please contact me.

We further discussed some of the dos and don'ts when representing AA in a Treatment setting. It is becoming more obvious that clear, enforceable, guidelines are required to continue our effort in these settings. It is also important that we need to take on a "provide service elsewhere" attitude. What we mean by this is that if you are unable to abide by the guidelines then you are welcome to serve in other areas of AA Service. To be clearer we wish you to stop coming. Given the importance of this message I think it a good idea to mention some of the dos and don'ts that were mentioned in the Treatment workshop yesterday.

- Do : We are guests in the Treatment center - follow their rules.
- Don't : Not everybody in the Treatment Center is alcoholic and they may be present at the meeting. All meetings in a treatment center are open to all patients. Newbies are not to be chastised because they may not be alcoholics.
- Do : You represent AA when visiting a center, please dress appropriately and act accordingly.
- Don't : Never argue with anyone at a center. Neither the patients nor especially the staff. You are there to pass on the message of Alcoholics Anonymous not your opinion.
- Do : If the center allows it, mention or discuss our Bridge the Gap program for those who are Alcoholic and wish to participate.

Yours in love and service.
Rodney S.

e) Grapevine Report

Leo M.

I am an alcoholic, my name is Leo McK. My home group is the "Little Oak Group" in "District 82 Victoria Haliburton" and I have the privilege of serving Area 83 as your Grapevine Chairman, and I thank you for the opportunity to serve A.A. in this capacity.

The Grapevine is making lots of changes in its strategy in order to reach a larger and diverse audience in carrying the message to those who want it, through their multi-media efforts.

In my workshop, we covered the Agenda that will take place at the General Service Conference when our delegate goes to New York in April with hopefully with some feedback from the Grapevine Workshop.

I think this is worthwhile repeating from the Grapevine Agenda; why do Mexico and French speaking Canadians enjoy such widespread acceptance and embrace of the Grapevine equivalents while A.A.G.V. struggles? That is a question that is really best answered by the Conference as a whole. I strongly believe the most telling symptom lies within our Groups' embrace or lack of embrace of our A.A.G.V. Put another way, how is the following question answered; "Are the members of our Fellowship the spiritual owners and stakeholders of the A.A.G.V. or are they viewed as subscribers or potential subscribers?" While many, if not most, members would probably be inclined to answer "both," the operative question is; which comes first?

As for the Grapevine Pocket Planners and Calendars the price at this time is \$ 4.25 and \$ 8.50 respectively from Grapevine. Like last year it is very difficult to know what the cost will be come September but this could change. At our Area meeting in June, I will give a final price, giving us all plenty of time to get our orders in and monies collected for the September Area meeting.

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Finally I would like to thank District 48 for inviting the Grapevine to their Round Up, it was a great day filled with meetings, great support, fantastic food and good fellowship an awesome job well done. Most enjoyable. Thank you.
May your dry date never change.

Yours in Friendship and Service
Grapevine Chair Area 83
Leo McK.

f) Self-Support Report

Ruth F.

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

Self Support is alive and well in Area 83! Thank you to all the self support chairs from the districts, and others interested in self support, your involvement and enthusiasm has been amazing! Thanks to all who attended the workshop this weekend, and for those of us who met at 7 am Sunday morning to share strengths and ideas, and challenges of carrying the message of time and money within your districts. Anyone looking for information or encouragement send me your email address, and I will put you in touch with an amazing group of people!!!

Thanks to the Delegate's encouragement at the Assembly in October, interest in the Birthday Plan envelopes has been very high. I have ordered more, and have them with me today, for those of you that asked for them... and for those of you that haven't yet. Don't lose momentum now! Please encourage the use of the Birthday Plan envelopes that have been distributed. General Service Office should see a dramatic increase of returning Birthday Plan envelopes from Area 83 this year. Go Area 83!

There is a paper that compares the prices of various things (gas, cigarettes, coffee, pop) and approximate 7th tradition contributions, over the years. With the assistance of some Self Support members (really, that is all of us), we have put together an updated, Canadian flavoured version. General Service Office has compiled and sent us a comparison of the price of the Big Book over the years. This will either be added to the sheet, or posted separately, as a point of information and interest on the Self Support display. Thank you so much to everyone who helped me out, by researching, and providing me with information. This is an interesting, enlightening, and fun project. The pages are available today... but a GSR from district 2 has already submitted corrections. That's great, I will make those and we will put out version two of our new page soon!

Thank you all for the positive comments about the Self Support display. If you have not dropped by, please do so, I would love to talk to you!

I read the District minutes that are sent to me, so thank you for that! Please contact me if I can be of any assistance to you! Thank you for the invitations by districts 22 and 70, and to Toronto's Info AA day.

We CAN be self supporting. All it takes is for us to show our gratitude in a tangible way! And as always... keep on encouraging the members who give of their time. Together we all can have a part in the health of AA... and in doing so assure our doors stay open for the still suffering alcoholic... and for us!

In grateful service,
Ruth

g) Archives Report

Peter N.

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

Thank you to everyone who attended our Workshop yesterday, with special thanks to our Area Archivist David T. for an excellent presentation

Since I last reported here are some of the some of the activities which in which David and I have been involved on your behalf, as well as other Archives Activities in the Area:

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On November 6 I attended the Archives breakfast in Toronto, a great success with over 215 people in attendance and lots of sobriety.

November 19 I was invited by DCM Cesar H. to attend 3rd Service Day hosted by District 16. The theme was 'Gratitdu Atraves De El Servicio' or 'Gratitude Through Service'. It was an excellent, well organized day. Attendance was approximately 60 people of about 100 Spanish speaking A.A.s in the GTA. Imagine if we got 60% attendance by the English speaking membership at a Service Day or the Assembly. It takes a little while to get the rhythm of speaking a phrase or paragraph in English, waiting for the translation into Spanish and then picking up the presentation again but we were so warmly received that language was not a barrier -we were speaking the language of the heart. After the presentations, we broke into four separate groups which discussed how to organize service between the groups and the Spanish Intergroup – ours discussed the role, scope, sobriety requirement and so on. In District 16, it evolved that each group has its own contact phone number, takes out newspaper ads; a different approach from my experience

Victor M., former DCM and current Archivist of District 16 has provided us with a multi-page history in both Spanish and English which has enabled us to print our first bilingual edition of The Eighty-Three, Volume 8, No. 1, March 2012. All the DCMs and Committee Members received copies in their folders, with some copies available in the Atrium. There is also an article on the origins of A.A. in Pembroke in the same edition. We have also received articles from Eddy G. on the history of District 22, Scarborough City East and from Jim W., GTA Apprentice Archivist, reporting on his trip to Montana in September to attend the A.A. National Archives Workshop which will be in the next edition.

Monthly, I attend the GTA Archives meeting. They/we have approved a Collection Access Policy based on that of the Archives at GSO. This policy is designed to provide controls to protect the anonymity of members mentioned in the archives in keeping with our Traditions, and to protect the materials themselves. If your District needs assistance in this area, please contact me.

The GTA Archives received funding for a new laptop, scanner and software for the use of their Archivist Eddy G and his Apprentice Jim W. In addition, they are in the process of building a new permanent display.

Prior to the Assembly I sent out an email to all the District Archives inviting them to participate in the Archives Display Room in the Atrium, if your group or district has something which you wish to show to and share with the Assembly, all are welcome.

February 8, Kim S. and I were invited to attend the District 12 Monthly meeting to speak about our service journeys in general and some personal experiences. It was a great night of service and the pizza was excellent.

The Area Archives Workshop will be held April 21 at the Bronson Centre in Ottawa. We will have many exciting workshops and guests.

In the coming year David T. our archivist and I continue to look for submissions for The Eighty-Three; and are available to attend your District Service Days and assist in any way possible. Please continue to send me your District Minutes, I read them all.

Finally, last year, David T. and I met in February and created a 13-point Agenda of what we hoped to accomplish in the year 2011. I am happy to report that we completed almost all of what we set out to do. For 2012 we have 8 items and our list is growing.

Please send your monthly minutes to archives@area83aa.org.

Yours in Love & Service
Peter

The Eighty-Three is available at area83aa.org or area83archivist.blogspot.com
The GSO Newsletter 'Markings' available at archives@aa.org

Up Coming Events

April 21 Area 83 Archives Workshop in Ottawa
May 6 East Toronto Archives Breakfast
November 4 Toronto Archives Breakfast

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h) Service Information Day

Heather M.

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

I'd like to introduce the committee: Vince R Dist 10, Gary O Dist 14, Diane McL Dist 26, Miles C Dist 30, Gerry S Dist 48. We hope you enjoyed Service Information Day this spring as much as we did. It nice to hear someone has gotten into service; it is very encouraging to hear someone say that service got into them as a result of Service Information Day.

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

We will be reviewing the surveys you've all filled out and will have that information available before the June Area Committee Meeting.

Traditions 10, 11 and 12 are up next. There are 5 DCM's/districts who have not yet participated. Please volunteer before being voluntold! We attempt to rotate all the workshops so that no one is always stuck in a particular time-slot; no one is always stuck with a PowerPoint if that's not their choice. Presenters if you prefer not to use PowerPoint and prefer to leave the other rooms to those who do or if you prefer a later afternoon slot, please tell us!

Presenters, remember that if your workshop is in the Ontario West room you will NOT have a PowerPoint projector, you will have an overhead projector. Also remember that while multi-media presentations are great, low-tech alternatives in case there's a tech problem are always recommended.

Please remind GSR's to ensure they book their Fall assembly registration well in advance. Also remember that the Fall assembly is a voting assembly and so everyone should prepare in advance to stay late to complete the voting.

Yours in service,

Heather M.

DCM Toronto Southwest District 12

Service Information Day Chair

6 . TREASURER'S REPORT

JIM A.

[See Appendix A - Treasurer's Financial Reports.]

Good morning everyone, I am an alcoholic a member of the St Andrews (Scarborough) Group, my name is Jim A. I have the honour and privilege of standing with you and before you as the Panel 61 Treasurer for Eastern Ontario International Area 83.

My job is relatively easier for 363 day s a year. Write down what you send, right down what they spend, pray to God it balances in the end.

Thank you to all who attended the Treasurer/Self-Support workshop yesterday. I hope the information was useful. Got those who did not attend, we has discussion about two items that will be discussed by the finance committee at this year's General Service Conference. The first is to raise the GSO assessment, the minimum amount an Area is required to send GSO to help defray the costs of the GSC, from \$1200 to \$3000.00. this is a non-issue as the floor of this body has asked that 83 be fully supporting, by send 100% of the cost, which is \$6000 this year. 83 is Ahead of the herd on this, no discussion needed here.

The other point is being brought forth due to declining contributions by groups, districts and individual. The current annual contribution is \$3000.00 for the living and a onetime only \$3,000 contribution from the estate of a member. Area 5 has put forth a motion to raise this limit to \$15,000 annually and that the one time only bequest from an estate be raised to \$75,000. Please go back to your groups and districts and discuss these two items, Please respond to our Delegate directly via the Area Website so he may get a sense of the area's view.

Thank you all the wonderful volunteers who have helped this weekend: The poster artist, the ticket sellers, the bean counters and the bucket brigade. Thank you for your time, the greatest gift we give each other.

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Thank you for sending in your District and Group contributions. As of March 17th all cheques received have been deposited and all receipts have been sent with a self-addressed return envelope. A gentle reminder to put your group's service number on the envelope and the cheque. This will ensure that the receipt gets to the right group, as group names are repeated throughout Area 83. Easy does it is the reigning champ with 5 in the Area.

A now for my version of yesterday today and tomorrow. that would be a quick review of the final 2011 financial statements, the same for the period ending 0317 and later this afternoon the 2012 proposed spending guidelines.

2011 was a very good year. The self support message is getting heard, and is being acted upon. Christmas came a week early when Santa who is here today out of uniform, delivered the check that put Back in Black. Then over the next two days 3 other district cheques were received. And as the ball drops on NYE, A83 had excess contributions of \$2079.61 for 2011. The year started with a bank balance of \$32, 879.79 plus total income items of \$56,396.73 less expenses/outflows of \$54,317.12 leaving a balance of \$34,977.40. Total contributions from 164 (28.23%) groups and 18 districts totaled \$45,747.70 (\$49051.07 in 2010). The challenge I made at the last Assembly made a small difference

As always the last page is the contributions by District

Please refer to the Jan 7th Area committee meeting for the long winded on-and on version of these results. I will answer questions on these later.

The following is a breakdown of our financial affairs as of March 17, 2012:

Our reserve account has a current balance of \$20,000.00. It is currently set aside for unforeseen circumstances. On 3/16/12 I renewed the GIC, and the terms are as follows: 1.85% c.a. maturing Sep 16th, 2014. Interest received at maturity. The last interest payment of \$148.77 for the previous GIC was received on March 16th, 2012.

Thank you to the 50 groups (64) and 13 (five) districts that have made contributions totaling \$11,291.11 year to date. This amount is lower than 2011 by only \$224.36 (\$1,195 lower in 2011 from 2010). The increase in contributions that started in Dec, 2011 has continued. One thing I would like to mention is that I am seeing smaller contribution cheques, but more often. No amount is too small; I receive notes among the cheques ranging from "we are a little flush this month" to an apologetic "We are a new group and wish we could send more. It is the participation that counts.

The total expenses for the period ending March 17th 2012 were 11,902.70 (032011 were \$10, 051.99). To date our expenses are \$466.78 (\$1,850.71) lower than our income. The increase in expenses is mostly the difference of attending the ODC in Brantford last year, and this year's ODC in Sudbury. All invoices received to date have been paid including \$5,500.00 USD (\$5600.34Cad) for the 2012 General Service Conference that will be attended by our Delegate in April.

The bank opening balance as of January 1, 2012 was \$ 34,977.40 (\$32,897.79). Total income of \$11,902.70 less expenses of \$11, 215.17 (10,416.34 in 2011), leaves an Operating account balance of \$35,444..18. (34,384.15 as at March 20, 2011).

The sum of the prudent reserve and the Operating account is \$55,444.18 (54,384.15). As per the GSO guidelines, the suggested amount in an Area's prudent reserve is the equivalent of one year's expenses. This represents approximately 93.8% of the proposed spending for 2012, exactly where it was last year at this time..

As rosy as this figure looks, please note that the costs for this weekend are NOT included. By early next week, the low watermark of \$42,000 (\$20k in Prudent Reserve AND \$22K in Operating account) will be reached. At that point A83 will have 71% or about nine months prudent reserve. Typically 40 % of spending comes by the end of March (ODC GSC assessment. Our proposed spending guidelines are \$59,000

Last page is contribution to date for 2012..

THIS WEEKEND'S SEVENTH TRADITION — TOTAL = \$ 2232.55

FRIDAY \$ 357.80 SATURDAY \$ 986.69 SUNDAY \$ 888.06

BANQUET TICKETS SOLD 241, (233 last fall, 228 last March)

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Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. Service work is so vital to sobriety. Thank you for my sobriety.

Yours in Love and Service,
Jim A
Area 83 Treasurer

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT

KIM S.

Hello, everyone. I am an alcoholic, I have the honour of serving as your Area 83 Secretary and my name is Kim. I hope ALL GSRS, District Committee Members, Area Committee Members and Area Officers including Past Delegates received their invitation letters to this Spring Assembly. They were mailed out at the beginning of February.

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

- District Service Roster
- Service Information Day Agenda
- Area Assembly Agenda
- Area Committee Meeting Minutes from Jan 7, 2012
- Meeting Schedule for Area Committee meetings and all Assemblies until January 4, 2014

Please TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION....NO MORE COPIES WERE MADE FOR THIS ASSEMBLY because of the vote at the Fall Assembly that the Secretary makes 3 copies per District. Those copies have been made and distributed to the DCM's by email twice and they were given hard copies at the January 7, 2012 Area Committee meeting in Belleville. There were a few extra copies that DCMs did not want. I put the 8 copies on the table to the right. I also put the Area Operating procedures, Meeting Schedules for ACM and Assemblies. I also put **Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly - CERAASA** guidelines. If this is your first Assembly you may want to pick up a copy. Robb our Delegate spoke about CERAASA in his Delegates Report yesterday morning.

Please send me your reports asap. Currently I have 17 sent to me. I would like to have the minutes completed and distributed in April if possible. Winner of the first report received is Linda C, new DCM for District 50!

If you have any District Chair changes, please let me know. If someone in your District has not received their kit, please let me know. I assume everything is okay and people have received their Committee kits. I have no way of knowing that they didn't receive their kit because the General Service Office sends them out. They do not notify us when they have sent out a kit.

I am going to put together a document called WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS. This will be a separate document from the minutes but I can send out with the minutes. This is a something new and is still in the works. For any Workshop presenters that wish to have their workshop included in this document, if sent to me theirs will be included.

My email is secretary@area83aa.org.

If there is something you would like me to do, also please let me know. Thank you to District 12 for inviting me to talk about service. They were very welcoming, with great pizza and fantastic night of service. I am also chairing a Group Inventory for the Westmoreland Group on April 14, 2012. If there is something you would like me to do, also please let me know. It is always a pleasure for me to be of service.

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

8. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

MEL C

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

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I've had a pretty full fall and spring with many and varied Area activities. It's been good to be busy and I am grateful for your trust, thank you.

Area 86 Elections

On Nov 6, 2011 I attended the Area 86 Election Assembly in London, Ontario which was very interesting. They do some things the same as we do and some things differently - it was a good learning experience. I believe we need always be open to new ideas. I especially liked the roll call and how their DCM's are expected to rise from the Assembly floor and report on attendance from their District. This forms the basis of the Registrar's report. I liked that.

Speaking engagement

In early November I spoke at the Keep It Simple group's 30th Anniversary and it was a great night at a great group. This group has served a vital and effective purpose in the Scarborough area for such a long time and we are very lucky to have them.

Ad Hoc committee - Ambassador

In the fall I participated in an ad hoc team tasked with polling hotels in each team member's particular geographical area as to whether they could accommodate our Assemblies. This stemming from a potential price increase here at the Ambassador. It is prudent for us to always be aware of our costs. The job was only to determine hotel ability and cost. Peter N. and I worked together in the Toronto area and in the end we singled out about a dozen appropriate hotels. We submitted our information to the committee chair and it was a fun experience all around. It's always a pleasure to work with Peter!

Spanish District S.I.D.

On Nov 19, I participated in the D16 - Greater Toronto Area Spanish District, Service Information Day and what a day that was - along with Peter and Deirdre and Robert we experienced AA from the other side - as the minority if you will and it was eye opening. We all spoke (slowly!) to our positions and after a delicious Spanish lunch we broke into workgroups to examine different issues. I was at the Spanish Intergroup Table and learned a lot! Did you know that most Spanish Groups in Toronto maintain their own telephone lines at the group level?

Intergroups

I've no real "outstanding" news to report on any of the Intergroups that I liaise with; Ottawa, Peterborough, Lakeshore or Toronto. They all seem to be motoring along quite well. I recently had some contact with the Lakeshore Intergroup around accepting AI-Anon contributions, but that got sorted in a nice way and I think we all learned something. I have been an attender of the regularly scheduled Toronto Intergroup-District Sharing Sessions for all but one this term and they have been fantastic, with great representation occurring on each side.

If anyone has an Intergroup issue that you think I could be of assistance with, please corner me anytime; glad to help if I can.

RC's Treatment Centre

I was off assistance in November to a new treatment centre which is opening a facility in Iqaluit - another benefit from my attendance at the First Eastern Arctic Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous. I was able to help in their quest to obtain AA material translated into Inuit and to make introductions to our people on the ground - not affiliating mind you, just courtesy introductions.

Peter A. Meeting

Still on the Remote Communities front, in early February I met with a fellow who represented 30 southern Ontario Charities attempting to do good works in the north, specifically north of Sioux Lookout. We were able to discuss A.A.'s role in communities in general, the north in particular; the role of nursing stations and literature distribution, A.A.'s need to attract rather than promote and our unique views around affiliation with any other entity which he was very sympathetic to. Again, if anyone questions the benefits of expending our resources toward the issue of Remote Communities, please note that it is in the passing of this type of information and the relationships that form because of it that A.A. may one day 1) help an alcoholic in an area where help was previously virtually impossible and 2) help maintain the integrity of A.A. with respect to outside enterprises, whom-ever they may be.

CERRASA Conference Calls

I have been contributing where appropriate in the CERAASA initiative. It is very exciting being in on the ground floor of something that I think will come to be very important in the years to come. I suspect Robb will speak to this so I will leave that to him.

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Traditions Workshop GTA Intergroup

Roy R., our P55 Previous Delegate and I presented a Traditions Workshop at GTA Intergroup's request and I think that went over very well. It was quite nice to work in tandem like that with an Intergroup and I hope they avail themselves of some of our unique expertise and knowledge more often! There may have been 50 or 60 in attendance and I know of at least two Tradition studies that were spawned as a direct result of that day.

Group Inventory

In February I facilitated a Group Inventory at the "12 Step's Group" in D14. A great day it was and everyone seemed pretty pleased with how it went. If your group or district could benefit from an inventory, please grab someone on the Area committee and get one going. It's easy; it's fun and can make an enormous difference to the health of the unit doing the inventory.

ODC Sudbury

In early March I attended the Ontario Delegate's Meeting in Sudbury on the Area's behalf, along with Robb of course. It was a fine weekend where Area 84 hosted - and they did a magnificent job. Turnout was good given the foot of snow that fell on the Saturday, which really added to the specialness of it. We each presented on various topics related to the upcoming General Service Conference; made the decision in an overtime meeting late Saturday night that CERAASA had nothing to do with the ODC and the 2013 ODC (in Area 85, Thunder Bay) would proceed as normal and we discussed other issues of interest to the four combined Ontario Area's in attendance. Capped off by great fellowship dinners and two local meetings (one with a 30 year medallion) it was another important and wonderful A.A. event that I encourage everyone here to attend. By the way, an interesting fact: there are 41 A.A. meetings a week in Sudbury and of the 41 only 1 is a speaker meeting, all the rest are closed meetings. Interesting.

Upcoming

I have a (potential) Group Inventory with the Bayview Group on the horizon, I am the opening speaker at the Rainbow Round-up on Manitoulin Island on the May 24th weekend - though that is not an Area event as only the Delegate can pick and choose to speak outside the Area, I have been asked to speak from an Area viewpoint, so I just mention it here as a courtesy and finally on Wednesday I was just asked to speak at a brand new Archive Luncheon that is being organized in D14 - just up under Lake Simcoe, in September. I am looking forward to that as something different.

Close

Sorry this report has been so long, but there's been so many things happening. Thank you for your trust and confidence, I hope to continue to deserve it.

YiL&S,

Mel C.

Alternate Delegate

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9. DELEGATE'S REPORT

ROBB W.

Good afternoon friends. I'm an alcoholic, Panel 61 Delegate for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International and my name is Robb W. I would like to begin by thanking you all for being here this weekend. It's your dedication to service in Alcoholics Anonymous that helps keep AA vital and strong in Area 83. I would also like to thank Peter for his wonderful talk last night. What an inspiration.

The months in between this Assembly the last have been reasonably calm on the AA side of things. Other than the occasional anonymity break and issues with a few groups in the Toronto area, it's been reasonably quiet.

Last month, I attended the Ontario Delegates Committee Meeting in Sudbury. All four Ontario delegates, alternate delegates were there as well as Donald C., Eastern Canada Regional Trustee. There were great reports by everyone including a walkthrough of the General Service Conference by Donald. As I mentioned yesterday, there was a special meeting convened on Saturday night for all of the delegates and alternate delegates to discuss the impact of the Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (CERAASA) on the ODC. The decision was made to continue with the ODC and see what might happen in the future. Possibly the ODC might be rolled into CERAASA or disappear completely.

I have spent the last couple of months preparing for the 62nd General Service Conference. As always, there are reams of background material to go over and become familiar with. I've been focussing on the Cooperation with the Professional

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Committee and Archives as they are the two committees I have been assigned to. That being said, I would like to clarify one of the questions from the Ask-it-basket yesterday regarding the contribution limit to the General Service Office.

The actual agenda item reads:

B. Review the current \$3,000 dollar limit on annual individual contributions and one-time bequests. The \$75,000.00 suggested limit is only a suggestion by a group in Area 05 that is included in the background information. The agenda item does not suggest any limit, just a review of the current limit.

I will be attending the 62nd General Service Conference in Rye, New York from the 21st of April to the 29th of April. I'm looking forward to representing Area 83 at the Conference. After the Conference I'll be taking a week off to decompress and, of course, begin putting together my report to you.

I would like to remind everyone to talk to me about scheduling a time for me to come and give my report on the General Service Conference as soon as possible. My calendar is already filling up quite quickly. I will review the dates I currently have in my calendar and, if you are expecting me to show up at your district or service day and I haven't mentioned you, please contact me as soon as possible.

Saturday May 26th - Information AA Day in Toronto.

Sunday May 27th - Peterborough

Saturday June 2nd - Area Committee Meeting in Quite West

Saturday June 9th - Service Day in Cobden, Ontario

Saturday June 23rd - Cornwall

Sunday June 24th – Ottawa

July 6th to 8th – Eastern Canada Regional Forum St. Catherines (Go to aa.org to register)

These are the only dates I have so far on my calendar. Please, contact me if you have a date in mind or I haven't mentioned a date that you think you've already scheduled.

I thank you all for giving me this opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in this position.

Yours in Love and Service,
Robb W.

10. ROLL CALL AND REGISTRAR'S REPORT

TONY A.

[See Appendix B - Fall Assembly Tally.]

Good day, I am a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and belong to The Church Street Group in District 10 and currently serve as your Panel 61 Registrar for Area 83 International and my name is Tony A. I am delighted to be here with you all and it is great to be of service to you and this wonderful fellowship and I mean this sincerely.

As the area registrar, I am responsible for compiling and updating group registrations and records; distributing lists to District Committee Members or DCMs at least once a year and forward group information to the General Service Office. I also prepare roll call forms for Assemblies and area committee meetings and call the roll call. The registrar is responsible for the group information and the area secretary is responsible for the districts and area committee information in Area 83.

In an effort to clean up the database that we use for records processing and have our records as current and up to date, I have listed only the active groups in the district sign in sheets as currently indicated in the GSO database. If your group is not listed in the sign in sheet when you arrived to sign in, and you know your group is an active group, please fill out a group change form so I can forward the form to GSO. The reason for this is once a group has been listed as inactive, only GSO can make the change and they need a paper audit in order to do this. We have a lot of groups in area 83 list currently listed as inactive and I know for certain this is not true.

Another notice was the fact that many groups in the GSO FNV database do not currently list meeting times or types of meetings i.e. open or discussion meeting. In the next couple of weeks, I will be sending out the detailed spreadsheet of each districts' groups as I have them in our database. Along with this spreadsheet will be the group info sheets that contain most of the group's key information.

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I recommend that you print these group sheets off, scan through for accuracy particularly with contact and GSR and Alt GSR information. Also, please make the edits regarding the group's meeting times and types in the lower section where the meeting information is located. You can write edits on these sheets and send them back to me – preferably by scanning and email.

As of this report, there are 953 registered groups in Area 83 and the breakdown for these groups are: 495 groups are listed as active groups; 328 groups are listed as inactive groups; 107 groups are listed with an unknown (active) status; 21 groups are listed with a merged status and 2 groups are listed with an incomplete status.

When submitting changes especially when updating contact info, I need the full mailing address for these records. The GSO database will not accept just putting in an email or phone number when adding constituents to their database so please be thorough when submitting these forms as possible for me. New groups registered with GSO will sit on a pending status for 30 days prior to being listed as an active group. Also, groups that are registered through your local intergroups does not mean it necessarily makes it to GSO. I request that you submit a New Group form to me to ensure your group is properly registered with the General Service Office.

All group change forms submitted have been processed including some changes received yesterday. If there are any issues regarding your not receiving your kits, please let me know and I will follow up for you promptly. GSR kits should be received within a 30 day time of my system entry and these kits are given to incoming GSRs only.

A reminder about group status – active status means there is a contact associated with this group and the General Service Office is able to send information to this group. Unknown status means the group is **still active** but does not have a contact associated with the group record. Inactive status means the General Service Office has received information that the group has disbanded or is not currently meeting – this might be due to returned mail or no meeting time is specified.

To submit new/group change forms, have any queries relating to GSR 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 assembly time addressing these types of concerns. Group Change and New Group forms are easily downloadable from our Area 83 website under the District Resources tab. All changes submitted to the registrar or GSO must be submitted with these forms.

This year's cutoff date for groups that wish to be listed in the regional directory is Friday, May 11th, 2012 through the FNV database. I should receive all group change forms at least 1 week prior to ensure the entries are made and the deadline is met. Regional directories are published by GSO yearly and these should be made available to the membership later this summer.

Before I give the roll call, 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 the 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 sheets.

For this tally, I have placed all members signed in as they have indicated in the sign in sheets. However, some committee members are actually signed in as GSRs as well but only given a delegation value of 1 even though you hold 2 positions. I have also listed all of the visitors in the tally but may have used a visitor for the GSR vote in the absence of a GSR or Alt GSR for their respective group. Also, if an Alternate DCM is the only person representing his or her group, I will count them as a GSR as well, since Alternate DCM's do not have voting rights, but Group Representatives do. Their role in the District may be that of Alternate DCM 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 I do not that if you do not indicate this on the sign in sheet. I have assumed that the visitor will be voting on behalf of their group and are aware of the absence of their groups' GSR or Alt GSR. Finally, when you leave, please place your name badge holders in the box located on the table outside as you leave to recycle them.

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 essential. Thank you to the team from District 36 who has helped tirelessly throughout this weekend and for the trust that you have placed in me.

In loving service,

Tony A.

Registrar-Area 83 International registrar@area83aa.org

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At this time, I would ask those with voting privileges to sit at the front, others at the back section. Thank you.

We now reach Item 11, Old Business. At this point, I recommend going to 2/3 majority – May I have a motion to that effect:

Motion to go to 2/3 Majority

Motion by: Dave P. GSR, District 28

Seconded By: Michele D. GSR, District 58

All in favour of the motion

All those opposed to the motion: None

Any abstentions: None

Result: Carried

11. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

12. NEW BUSINESS

12-a) Motion to add the following 2 sentences to Area 83 Procedures, Page 2, Sub-Section 1, Item A, end of paragraph, Formal Motions: "Motions sent to the Assembly from the Area Committee for vote at the Assembly are automatically treated as motions on the floor of the Assembly and do not need to be moved or seconded. Attribution should be disclosed and recorded in Assembly minutes"

Motion by: Mel C – Alt Delegate

Seconded: Ruth F. Area 83 Self Support Chair

For: 175

Against: 6

Abstentions: 2

Result: Carried

12-b) Motion to add the following sentence to Area 83 Procedures, page 4, item 7, end of first paragraph, Secretary: "Minutes of each Area Committee Meeting or Assembly ought to be distributed to the fellowship no later than six weeks after said meeting

Motion by: Mel C – Alt Delegate

Seconded: Carol J. DCM, District 04

After some questions and discussion Claude L., DCM District 78 called the question and Sandy GSR, District 22 Seconded.

For: 157

Against: 18

Abstentions: 8

Discussion ended and we went straight to the vote for the motion

Motion: Carried

For: 159

Against: 20

Abstentions: 6

Result: Carried

The Voice of the Minority: 2 people spoke and 1 person wished to change their vote

Motion stands as carried

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12-c) Motion to the Area Committee from Alternate Delegate - "I move that we have the Secretary remove specific page references to the A.A. Service Manual from our procedures and replace simply with "as stated in the A.A. Service Manual".

Motion by: Mel C – Alt Delegate
Seconded: Sandy S – Immediate Past Delegate

For: 181
Against: 0
Abstentions: 2
Result: Carried
The Voice of the Minority: None

12-d) Motion that Section 4 Subsection A(II) Area Committee item #3 on Page 10 "Nominations Shall be made by a member of the Outgoing Committee" be replaced with "Nominations shall be made by Roll Call of Eligible Members."

Motion by: Herb W. Area 83 CPC Chair
Seconded: Milner G. DCM District 42

For: 175
Against: 1
Abstentions: 2
Result: Carried
The Voice of the Minority: None

12-e) Motion to amend Appendix 3 of the Operating Procedures, under the section Procedure, "Nominations from the floor" be replaced with "Nomination made by roll call of eligible members"

Motion by: Vince R. DCM District 10
Seconded: Gerry St. DCM District 48

For: 178
Against: 1
Abstentions: 1
Result: Carried
The Voice of the Minority: None

12- f) 2012 Financial Guidelines presented by Jim A. – Area Treasurer

Motion to accept by: Eddy H. GSR District 22
Seconded: Dave P. GSR District 22

After some questions and discussion Shane GSR from District 02 called the question and Claude L DCM, District 78 Seconded .

For: 171
Against: 6
Abstentions: 1
Discussion ended and we went straight to the vote for the motion

For: 175
Against: 1
Abstentions: 9
Result: Carried
The Voice of the Minority: None

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12- g) A motion put forward: "That Area 83 Eastern Ontario International make a contribution to the General Service Board in the amount of CAD \$4,000.00."

Motion: Jim A., Area 83 Treasurer

Seconded: Maire O.B, GSR District 04

After some discussion, Milner DCM District 42 made a friendly amendment to the motion "I move to reduce the amount to be contributed to GSO by 0.9%, the proportion of District 42 group contributions for 2011 to the total of all districts' contributions, since groups in District already contribute directly to GSO and wish their contributions to Area 83 to be used within Area 83." Don S. GSR from Bayview Group in District 14 seconded the amendment.

There was much discussion on the amendment.

Vote on the amendment:

For: 3

Against: 160

Abstentions: 4

Amendment was defeated and returned to discussion on the original motion.

Rick from District 28 called the question, Marrey GSR from District 06 seconded.

For: 165

Against: 4

Abstentions: 3

Result: Carried

The Voice of the Minority: 3 people spoke and two people wished to change their vote. Only two people wished to return to discussion

Motion stands as passed

13. SHARING - WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Please do not leave any printed material lying around. We are not the only ones using the hotel this weekend. Also, if you put out any flyers in the Atrium, please take them home with you. It is our responsibility to leave the areas that we use free of all literature and material. Thank you.

There were several birthday and group anniversary announcements.

14. DATE AND PLACE OF THE SPRING ASSEMBLY AND SERVICE DAY

As Chairperson I would recommend the next Assembly be held:

OCTOBER 26, 27, 28, 2012 here at the AMBASSADOR HOTEL here in KINGSTON

I would ask someone to make a motion that these dates be accepted for our Fall, 2012 Assembly.

Moved: Dan C. GSR – District 66

Seconded: Yvon M.GS – District 54

Motion: Carried

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PLEASE REMEMBER THIS WILL BE OUR ELECTION ASSEMBLY. STRESS TO THE MEMBERS AT YOUR TABLE THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE VOTING PROCESS.

15. CLOSING

AS A REMINDER - Our next Area Committee Meeting is in **QUINTE WEST** at **Westminster Church** on **June 2, 2012** at **10:00 a.m.**

I would like to thank everyone for staying. It was a very productive day and you accomplished a lot.

Have a safe drive home and I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Assembly.

Motion to close:

Moved:	Gerry M	GSR - District 22
Seconded:	Powell S	GSR -District 34
Motion:	Carried	

Meeting was closed at 3:45pm with the Responsibility Declaration...

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

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Appendix A – Financial Reports

EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83			
AS AT: March 17, 2012			
	Actual	Guideline	+/-
RESERVE ACCOUNT			
January 1, 2012 Opening Balance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
Interest (\$87.85 accrued in 2011)	148.77	350.00	(201.23)
Transfer to Operating	(148.77)	(350.00)	201.23
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
INCOME			
7th Tradition	\$ 242.07	\$ 6,100.00	-\$5,857.93
Cost Recoveries	-	550.00	(550.00)
Flow Through to GO	-	-	0.00
Grapevine Seasonal (2013 bulk order)	-	4,500.00	(4,500.00)
Group & District Contributions	11,291.11	52,000.00	(40,708.89)
Interest Accrual	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 11,533.18	\$ 63,150.00	-\$51,616.82
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	148.77	350.00	(201.23)
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS	\$ 11,681.95	\$ 63,500.00	-\$51,818.05
EXPENSES			
Accommodations	105.77	7,990.00	(7,884.23)
Meals	58.50	11,660.00	(11,601.50)
Travel	1,815.66	15,075.00	(13,259.34)
Long Distance	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Postage	170.67	550.00	(379.33)
Printing	820.34	3,900.00	(3,079.66)
Literature	21.63	1,150.00	(1,128.37)
Stationery	232.70	1,000.00	(767.30)
Miscellaneous	0.00	2,201.61	(2,201.61)
Area Web Site	98.39	98.39	0.00
Total Committee Expenses	\$ 3,323.66	\$ 43,725.00	-\$40,401.34
Ad Hoc Committees	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Area Contribution to GSO	0.00	4,000.00	(4,000.00)
Area Committee Meetings	245.96	900.00	(654.04)
General Service Conf. Assessment	5,600.34	6,600.00	(999.66)
Bank Service Charges	5.88	135.67	(129.79)
Forums	250.00	1,750.00	(1,500.00)
Grapevine Seasonal	0.00	4,500.00	(4,500.00)
GSO Flow Through	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ontario Delegate's Conference	1,789.33	1,789.33	0.00
Total Other Expenses	\$ 7,891.51	\$ 19,775.00	-\$11,883.49
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 11,215.17	\$ 63,500.00	-\$52,284.83
OPERATING ACCOUNT			
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2012	\$ 34,977.40	\$ 34,977.40	
Total Income & Transfers	+ 11,681.95	63,500.00	(51,818.05)
Total Expenses	- (11,215.17)	(63,500.00)	52,284.83
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 35,444.18	\$ 34,977.40	\$466.78

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Eastern Ontario International Area 83 Details of Expenditures As at: March 17th, 2012

Trusted Servant/ Committee	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Annual Guideline	Balance + / -	YTD Usage
Delegate	-	-	143.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	143.50	-	-143.50	#DIV/0!
Alt. Delegate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	#DIV/0!
Immediate past Delegate	-	9.00	190.47	-	-	-	-	-	-	190.47	-	-190.47	#DIV/0!
Chairperson	-	-	125.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	125.30	-	-125.30	#DIV/0!
Secretary	-	-	-	-	-	800.34	-	107.28	-	907.62	-	-907.62	#DIV/0!
Treasurer	-	14.07	10.00	-	-	20.00	-	2.00	-	216.74	-	-216.74	#DIV/0!
Registrar	-	15.43	20.00	-	170.67	-	-	115.18	-	150.81	-	-150.81	#DIV/0!
Area Web Site/Webmaster	-	-	156.80	-	-	-	-	-	98.39	255.19	-	-255.19	#DIV/0!
Archives	-	-	143.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	143.80	-	-143.80	#DIV/0!
Archivist	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	#DIV/0!
Cooperation with the P.C.	-	-	72.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	72.00	-	-72.00	#DIV/0!
Corrections Facilities	-	-	136.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	136.50	-	-136.50	#DIV/0!
Grapevine	105.77	-	473.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	599.67	-	-599.67	#DIV/0!
Public Information	-	20.00	96.60	-	-	-	21.63	6.24	-	126.47	-	-126.47	#DIV/0!
Self Support	-	-	83.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	83.50	-	-83.50	#DIV/0!
Service Info Day Cmte	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	#DIV/0!
Treatment Facilities	-	-	163.29	-	-	-	-	-	-	163.29	-	-163.29	#DIV/0!
Spring Assembly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	#DIV/0!
Fall Assembly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	#DIV/0!
TOTAL COMMITTEE EXP.	\$ 105.77	\$ 58.50	\$ 1,815.66	\$ -	\$ 170.67	\$ 820.34	\$ 21.63	\$ 232.70	\$ 98.39	\$ 3,323.66	\$ -	\$ -3,323.66	#DIV/0!
Ad Hoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.00%
Area Committee	150.00	95.96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	245.96	-	-245.96	#DIV/0!
Area GSO Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	#DIV/0!
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.88	5.88	-	-5.88	#DIV/0!
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250.00	250.00	-	-250.00	#DIV/0!
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	#DIV/0!
GSO Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,600.34	5,600.34	-	-5,600.34	#DIV/0!
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	100.00%
Ontario Delegates Conf.	563.43	253.90	959.57	-	-	12.43	-	-	-	1,789.33	-	-1,789.33	#DIV/0!
OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 713.43	\$ 349.86	\$ 959.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,856.22	\$ 7,891.51	\$ -	\$ -7,891.51	#DIV/0!
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 819.20	\$ 408.36	\$ 2,775.23	\$ -	\$ 170.67	\$ 832.77	\$ 21.63	\$ 232.70	\$ 5,954.61	\$ 11,215.17	\$ -	\$ -11,215.17	#DIV/0!

to March 20th	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	Change
INFLWS	11,681.96	11,902.70	- 220.75
OUTFLOWS	11,215.17	10,051.99	1,163.18
	\$ 466.78	\$ 1,850.71	\$ -1,383.93
Contributions	\$ 11,291.11	\$ 11,515.47	- 224.36
Contributing Groups	49	58	-10
Contributing Districts	13	7	6

Income Summary	
7th Tradition	242.07
Bank Interest	148.77
GSO Flow Through	-
Contributions	11,291.11
Cost recoveries	-
Grapevine Seasonal	-
	\$ 11,681.95

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<p>GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL</p> <p>YEAR TO DATE</p> <p>AS AT March 17, 2012</p>

			<u>TOTAL</u>
District	00	Unspecified	\$ 0.00
District	02	Malton	519.18
District	04	Humber	109.18
District	06	Mississauga	824.17
District	10	Toronto South Central	2,546.63
District	12	Toronto South West	225.41
District	14	Toronto North Central	1,112.18
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	0.00
District	18	Toronto City East	1,649.17
District	22	Scarborough	729.17
District	26	Lakeshore West	134.46
District	28	Lakeshore East	260.00
District	30	Quinte West	0.00
District	34	Quinte East	213.18
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	900.00
District	38	Thousand Islands	14.71
District	42	St. Lawrence International	0.00
District	46	St. Lawrence Adirondack	0.00
District	48	Seaway Valley North	400.00
District	50	Cornwall	0.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	100.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	22.41
District	62	Ottawa West	261.26
District	66	Golden Triangle	550.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	0.00
District	74	Pembroke	320.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	210.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	0.00
District	86	Kawartha	190.00

Total Contributions YTD:	<u>\$ 11,291.11</u>
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Total from Groups	8,263.24
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Total from Districts	3,027.87
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Total Contributions YTD:	<u>\$ 11,291.11</u>
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Eastern Ontario International Area 83
2012 Proposed Spending Guidelines

Income		2011	2011
	PSG	PSG	Actual
7th Tradition	6,100.00	5,900.00	5,109.44
Bank interest from GIC (reserve a/c)	350.00	300.00	300.00
Cost recoveries	550.00	550.00	594.03
Grapevine Seasonal	4,500.00	5,000.00	4,558.56
Contributions from Groups and Districts	52,000.00	51,195.00	45,747.70
GSO Flow through		87.00	87.00
Total Income	\$ 63,500.00	63,032.00	56,396.73

Expenses		2011	2011
	PSG	PSG	Actual
Accommodation	7,990.00	8,900.00	6,599.10
Meals	11,660.00	8,990.00	9,987.51
Travel	15,075.00	15,425.00	13,693.45
Long Distance	100.00	300.00	71.00
Postage	550.00	600.00	414.74
Printing	3,900.00	4,700.00	4,589.41
Literature	1,150.00	1,375.00	1,647.58
Stationery	1,000.00	885.00	1,005.37
Miscellaneous	2,300.00	2,550.00	1,507.23
Total committee expenses	43,725.00	43,725.00	39,515.39
Adhoc Committees	100.00	-	-
Area Committee	900.00	700.00	559.90
GSO Contribution	4,000.00	2,500.00	-
Bank Charges	135.67	60.00	137.94
Forums	1,750.00	4,000.00	2,287.88
GSO Assessment	6,600.00	5,950.00	6,160.36
GSO Flow through		87.00	87.00
Ontario Delegates Conference	1,789.33	1,010.00	1,010.09
Grapevine Seasonal	4,500.00	5,000.00	4,558.56
Total Other expenses	19,775.00	19,307.00	14,801.73
Total Expenses	\$ 63,500.00	\$ 63,032.00	\$ 54,317.12
Net change to Operating Account	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,079.61

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Eastern Ontario International Area 83 Proposed Spending Guidelines For 2012

Position	Hotel	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Prestige	Printing	Literature	Stationary	Misc.	Total	Annual Guidelines	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	300.00	300.00	2,000.00	50.00	25.00	50.00	100.00	75.00		2,900.00	2,900.00	0.00	100.00%
Alt. Delegate	300.00	300.00	1,000.00	50.00	25.00	50.00	100.00	75.00		1,900.00	1,900.00	0.00	100.00%
Immediate past Delegate	200.00	225.00	700.00			50.00		50.00		1,325.00	1,325.00	0.00	100.00%
Chairperson		225.00	700.00			50.00		50.00		1,325.00	1,325.00	0.00	100.00%
Secretary		225.00	700.00			2,525.00		100.00		3,750.00	3,750.00	0.00	100.00%
Treasurer		225.00	600.00		300.00	275.00		150.00		1,550.00	1,550.00	0.00	100.00%
Registrar		225.00	600.00			50.00		325.00		1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	100.00%
Area Web Site/Webmaster		200.00	900.00						150.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00	100.00%
Archives	100.00	200.00	1,950.00					25.00	150.00	2,425.00	2,425.00	0.00	100.00%
Archivist	450.00	200.00	700.00			400.00		25.00	150.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	0.00	100.00%
Co-operation with the P.C.		200.00	1,000.00			25.00		25.00		1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00	100.00%
Corrections Facilities		200.00	700.00			25.00	150.00	25.00		1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00	100.00%
Grapevine	100.00	200.00	1,025.00			75.00		25.00		1,425.00	1,425.00	0.00	100.00%
Public Information		200.00	800.00			25.00	300.00	25.00		1,350.00	1,350.00	0.00	100.00%
Self Support		200.00	700.00			25.00	200.00	25.00		1,150.00	1,150.00	0.00	100.00%
Treatment Facilities		200.00	1,000.00			25.00	200.00	25.00		1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00	100.00%
Service Info Day Centre	1,600.00	1,335.00				250.00				3,275.00	3,275.00	0.00	100.00%
Spring Assembly	2,350.00	3,400.00							700.00	6,450.00	6,450.00	0.00	100.00%
Fall Assembly	2,500.00	3,400.00							1,300.00	7,200.00	7,200.00	0.00	100.00%
TOTAL COMMITTEE EXP.	7,990.00	11,660.00	15,075.00	100.00	550.00	3,900.00	1,150.00	1,000.00	2,300.00	43,725.00	43,725.00	-	100.00%
Adhoc Committees													
Area Committee	600.00		250.00						100.00	900.00	900.00	0.00	100.00%
Area GSO Donations									50.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	100.00%
Bank Charges									4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Forums (St. Catharines)									135.67	135.67	135.67	0.00	100.00%
Grapevine Seasonal	600.00	400.00	250.00						500.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	0.00	100.00%
GSO Assessment									4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	100.00%
GSO Flow Through									6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Ont. Delegates Conf. (Sudbury)	563.43	253.90	959.57			12.43				1,789.33	1,789.33	0.00	100.00%
OTHER EXPENSES	\$1,763.43	\$663.90	\$1,469.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,885.67	\$19,775.00	\$19,775.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,753.43	\$12,313.90	\$16,534.57	\$100.00	\$550.00	\$3,912.43	\$1,150.00	\$1,000.00	\$18,185.67	\$63,600.00	\$63,600.00	\$0.00	

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EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83 AS AT: March 17, 2012			
	Actual	Guideline	+/-
RESERVE ACCOUNT			
January 1, 2012 Opening Balance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
Interest (\$87.85 accrued in 2011)	148.77	350.00	-201.23
Transfer to Operating	-148.77	-350.00	201.23
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
INCOME			
7th Tradition	\$ 242.07	\$ 6,100.00	-\$5,857.93
Cost Recoveries	-	550.00	-550.00
Flow Through to GO	-	-	0.00
Grapevine Seasonal (2013 bulk order)	-	4,500.00	-4,500.00
Group & District Contributions	11,291.11	52,000.00	-40,708.89
Interest Accrual	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 11,533.18	\$ 63,150.00	-\$51,616.82
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	148.77	350.00	-201.23
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS	\$ 11,681.95	\$ 63,500.00	-\$51,818.05
EXPENSES			
Accommodations	105.77	7,990.00	-7,884.23
Meals	58.50	11,660.00	-11,601.50
Travel	1,815.66	15,075.00	-13,259.34
Long Distance	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Postage	170.67	550.00	-379.33
Printing	820.34	3,900.00	-3,079.66
Literature	21.63	1,150.00	-1,128.37
Stationery	232.70	1,000.00	-767.30
Miscellaneous	0.00	2,201.61	-2,201.61
Area Web Site	98.39	98.39	0.00
Total Committee Expenses	\$ 3,323.66	\$ 43,725.00	-\$40,401.34
Ad Hoc Committees	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Area Contribution to GSO	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00
Area Committee Meetings	245.96	900.00	-654.04
General Service Conf. Assessment	5,600.34	6,600.00	-999.66
Bank Service Charges	5.88	135.67	-129.79
Forums	250.00	1,750.00	-1,500.00
Grapevine Seasonal	0.00	4,500.00	-4,500.00
GSO Flow Through	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ontario Delegate's Conference	1,789.33	1,789.33	0.00
Total Other Expenses	\$ 7,891.51	\$ 19,775.00	-\$11,883.49
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 11,215.17	\$ 63,500.00	-\$52,284.83
OPERATING ACCOUNT			
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2012	\$ 34,977.40	\$ 34,977.40	
Total Income & Transfers	+ 11,681.95	63,500.00	-51,818.05
Total Expenses	- -11,215.17	-63,500.00	52,284.83
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 35,444.18	\$ 34,977.40	\$466.78

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Appendix B – Spring 2010 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	4	9	3	1	16	10	11	18
04	1	1	1	1	1	0	3	2	3	9
06	1	1	7	13	9	7	29	22	23	35
10	1	0	3	9	3	0	13	9	10	20
12	1	1	1	8	1	2	11	8	9	13
14	1	0	4	8	1	4	16	11	12	32
16	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	8
18	1	1	5	3	5	2	12	8	9	22
22	0	1	5	12	4	4	22	12	13	23
26	1	1	3	5	1	5	16	8	9	23
28	0	1	5	11	1	7	23	14	15	24
30	1	1	5	7	2	7	21	10	11	15
34	1	1	5	12	2	5	23	12	13	32
36	1	1	2	5	1	23	33	13	14	19
38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
42	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	2	29
46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
48	1	1	1	4	0	0	8	4	5	15
50	1	0	3	3	2	2	11	5	6	14
54	1	1	1	5	0	5	12	7	8	24
58	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	2	34
62	1	1	5	12	4	9	32	17	18	51
66	1	1	7	12	3	8	28	16	17	26
70	1	0	2	5	1	5	14	8	9	18
74	1	0	0	5	1	0	7	5	6	20
78	1	1	0	1	0	1	4	2	3	6
82	1	1	2	5	2	1	11	5	6	20
86	1	0	6	14	3	7	29	15	16	23
CF	0	0	0	3	0	3	7	4	4	10
ALL	24	18	77	173	51	109	407	231	256	594
Area Committee							15	0	13	
Appointed Positions/Past Delegates/Visitors						4		0		
Total	24	18	77	173	51	113	422	231	269	594
Previous	23	15	51	188	63	96	452	231	268	