

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Area Committee Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2014

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1. Opening

Good morning, everyone. Welcome! I'm an alcoholic and my name is Kim. I am your Chair for this term. I hope that everyone is now enjoying much nicer weather.

Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions: Maria, Alternate District Committee Member of District 28

12 Concepts (Short Form): Les, Alternate District Committee Member of District 34

Welcome to Quinte West – This is our sixth Area Committee meeting of this term and our third for 2014. Wow! Our term is almost complete. We still have work to do though!! So as this is your meeting, it is an opportunity for you to share what is happening in your Districts and Committees. Remember that this is YOUR Area committee – it is where recommendations to the Assembly are discussed and formulated, where tasks assigned by the Assembly are carried out. It is where your questions are answered and your concerns addressed. So please feel free to voice any concerns or questions you may have. There may be someone in the room who has the same question or concern and it always helps to share. It is important for us all to think of our First Tradition - "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity." If we continue working together in a spirit of cooperation, the next 6 months will provide continued strength and direction to A.A. in Area 83. I ask for everyone's cooperation that when someone is speaking, please do not speak to those around you. It is important to be courteous to those at the front when they are giving their report, and during motion discussion. We have a discussion scheduled on the agenda and it is important to hear everyone.

Some reminders

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

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

Area Committee Officers

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

Area Committee Chairpersons

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

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Past Delegates, People with Appointed Area Service Positions and Long-time Service Visitors

Panel 49 Past Delegate – Barry W.

Panel 51 Past Delegate – Joe D. (currently serving as Class B Trustee of the General Service Board)

Panel 57 Past Delegate – Dot D.

Panel 59 Past Delegate – Sandy S.

Appointed Positions

Area Archivist – David T.

Area Webmaster – Jim R.

These are your Panel 63 Area Officers and Chairs for 2013 and 2014.

Housekeeping

Our meeting schedule up to and including the tentative dates to the end of December 2014 will be included in the minutes. These dates are booked and secured with the hotel and church. They are listed as tentative as the date of the following Assembly/Meeting is approved at the end of each meeting.

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

Food

Lunch has been arranged by our DCM, District 34, Linda D. at a cost of \$5.00, per serving. Tickets will be sold prior to lunch. You must have a ticket to be served.

Seating

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

Who votes?

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

HOW DO WE VOTE?

Procedure

Alcoholics Anonymous has traditionally made decisions by 'substantial unanimity'. In practice, this has translated to 2/3 majority. At times, I may ask for a show of hands to get a 'sense of the meeting'. This is not a vote, and anyone may raise his or her hand. I

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believe that the first part of the agenda today can be handled under simple majority. *The items under new business are of such a nature to be under 2/3 majority and I will ask for a motion when we get to that point in the agenda.* If, at any time, you think that we should move to a 2/3 majority, please make the motion.

Minority Opinion

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

Calling the Question

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

Who may address the committee meeting?

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

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

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

Floor Motions

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

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

May I have a motion for simple majority?

Moved by: Gary O., Area Corrections Chair
Seconded: Murray O., District Committee Member of District 18
Vote: Unanimous in favour
Motion: Carried

2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

None

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NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED UNDER NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM

None

May I have a motion to accept the agenda?

Moved by: Linda D., District Committee Member of District 34
Seconded: Elaine H., Alternate District Committee Member of District 42
Motion: Carried - unanimous in favour

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETING June 7, 2014.

Minutes of the June 7th meeting were distributed by Tony through email and also a hard copy was placed in your folders.

I would now entertain a motion to accept the June 7, 2014 Area Committee meeting minutes as submitted

Motion: ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETING June 7, 2014
Moved by: Michael C., District Committee Member of District 48
Seconded: Jack H., District Committee Member of District 28
Motion: Carried - unanimously

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

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

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

District 02 - Malton

District 02 District Committee Member Robert of the Rexdale United Group. I really enjoyed being the District Committee Member of this district. We are having elections in the fall. District 02 did not meet for the month of July and August. Financially, we are doing better but we are not rich.

Corrections - TWDC still open and Ontario Correctional Institute has 3 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings a week and a Big Book study will start in October.

Treatment – Meetings are going very well at Brampton detox. We will chair the Gift of Life noon meeting for the month of November. A treatment Center in Woodbridge has also expressed an interest in AA and our treatment chair Glenn has met with them (more to come).

District 02 Service Day will be held on 22 November 2014 at Church of Christ 750 Clark Blvd Brampton

Thank you,
Robert B., District Committee Member of District 02

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District 06 - Mississauga

Good morning friends – I am a grateful alcoholic, a member of the Streetsville Group and it is an honour and privilege to serve as the District Committee Member in District 06. My name is Elaine and it is good to be here this morning.

Our District is in excellent shape in terms of attendance at the District table, the support received from groups in the District and our financial commitments to Area, General Service Office and our District Committees. Group contributions are about 30% ahead of last year. And although we have had a couple of resignations, all 17 Committee chair and alternate chair plus Intergroup Liaison positions except one alternate are filled!

Attendance at the Spring Assembly was up and we had a number of new General Service Representatives and Alternate General Service Representatives attend – it was good to see the enthusiasm for service that attendance at Assembly generates. Our Committees are active and are participating in Toronto Intergroup and other Greater Toronto Area Committees and meeting all service commitments. Our Treatment service meeting commitments were filled by group rotation for the year with commitments covered well into 2014. Our Treatment Chair has also been active with Bridging the Gap requests as has our Corrections Chair. Our Treatment Chair is working with a youth facility that has requested a meeting at their location. And our Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair and her committee are already working on the second annual Bring a Friend meeting scheduled for November 10th of this year.

Our Operating Procedures require that we conduct a District inventory in the second year of each term. We thank Joyce, our Alternate Delegate, for joining us on May 21 for the inventory – it was a positive evening and a learning experience for a number of those at the table who had never participated in any inventory before.

And our District is excited about hosting CERAASA 2015 – our Host City Committee is busy with activities to ensure that all those attending enjoy their experience at CERAASA and in Mississauga. You can follow what's going on in our District on our website – aamississauga.org.

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

District 10 - Toronto South Central

My name is James and I am an alcoholic. I serve as the District Committee Member for District 10 – Toronto South Central and my home group is the Rainbow Group which meets on Friday nights at 8:00 pm.

On July 19th we held a district inventory which was well attended with much enthusiastic discussion. One of the many great points which came from this time together was that the table really wants a General Service Representative sharing portion, much like the joint sharing meeting held at Toronto Intergroup.

Next Tuesday we will holding our elections for the new District Committee Member and Alternate. Business will be suspended as Tony A (Area Secretary and past District Committee Member for our district) runs the election. There are many great candidates to choose from. Once again I am amazed at the enthusiasm! Sub-committee chairs will be elected in December of this year. Financially we are in very good standing and all of our service commitments are being met.

I had the privilege to attend the Eastern Canada Regional Forum two weeks ago on behalf of District 10. There were four members of our committee who went to Laval, two of whom were new to service at the district level – we were all amazed at how the General Service Office really wants to hear our voice, questions and objections. All present were reminded over and over again that the General Service Office is there to serve the needs of its members – the fellowship, you and me - and not the other way around. I left with the feeling as our immediate past delegate Rob said in his workshop: "Every time I think I know how big this animal called AA really is – it just keeps getting bigger!"

Yours in love and service,
James O., District Committee Member for District 10

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District 12 - Toronto South West

I'm Greg and I'm an alcoholic. District 12 is meeting all of its' service commitments due to the support of the active groups at the table. Our finances are modest but stable and meeting our needs at this point.

We have been hard on the sub-committee positions over the summer with several resignations and no one to step up. We also just lost our secretary so there is another position to fill. There is hope on the horizon, as we are holding our pizza night this month. We invite new people to come and see what we do, talk about the service available, and bribe them with food. The guest speaker sharing her service journey will be Ruth so we know the sign-ups will be large.

We did our best to have an informed discussion about the motion from District 12. A couple of our General Service Representatives have a passion for AccessAbility so the elements were there to have a good debate. Whether or not these General Service Representatives vote on the motion is not the point. The opportunity to allow them to bring our principals into a discussion was something I felt was important.

The fall for our district will be a busy one with elections, Area Committee Meeting, and our inventory. Soon there will only be the passing of the torch to the new executive.

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

District 14 - Toronto North Central

Report read by Gary O. Area 83 Corrections Chair

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

All Officer and all Sub-Committee Chair positions are presently filled. Our finances are strong and we will be able to assist in supporting our fall Assembly attendance. District 14's attendance was down to 65±% of active groups during the summer.

Our Sub-Committee Chairs are attending the meetings at Greater Toronto Area Intergroup and are actively serving the district. The York region Police Department literature program is still running very well.

District 14 held our District Committee Member and Alternate District Committee Member elections for the 2015/2016 term on June 9, 2014. We are pleased to confirm; Don MacP [Bayview Group] is our incoming District Committee Member and Dave B [Black River Group] is our incoming Alternate District Committee Member.

Don attended the August 2014 Forum in Laval and we look forward to his insights and report at our next district meeting. The Georgina Archives Luncheon is being held October 4, 2014 at Keswick United, 177 Church Street, Keswick. 11:00am-2:00pm. [Flyer is on the Greater Toronto Area Intergroup website]

Joyce was kind enough to agree to facilitate our upcoming District 14 Officer and Sub-committee chair elections being held October 20, 2014. District 14's Service Workshop will be November 15, 2014 at Thornhill Presbyterian Church [agenda/flyer to follow].

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

District 16 - Distrito Hispano de Toronto

Good morning everybody. My name is Victor and I am an alcoholic and am the District Committee Member of District 16. I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer.

We have not been meeting over the summer so I have nothing to report. I want to thank all of you for setting up the site for the CERAASA. I am waiting for the report from the Spanish community so I have something to report.

Thank you all of you,
Victor M., District Committee Member for District 16

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District 18 - Toronto City East

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

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

We have all our subcommittee chairs filled save and except Accessibility which is being covered by our Alternate District Committee Member Katrina and Grapevine which is being covered by our past Chair John M. Thank you both of you. The groups are still meeting our service meeting commitments for Corrections Facilities and Treatment Facilities meetings however there is deficit in support for the Return to Grace Meeting and the Wednesday evening East General Withdrawal Centre men's meeting.

Our table continues to support the creation of an Area Level Accessibility Chair and committee. We have also voted to support the Area paying for the incoming and alternate delegates to attend CERASSA 2015. We will see the final draft of our revised Guidelines and Procedures and are indebted to our ad hoc committee for their service. We are grateful also to Jim A, our past District Committee Member, who presided over our elections for District Committee Member and Alternate District Committee Member.

We are pleased to announce that our incoming District Committee Member is Katrina E. and our incoming Alternate District Committee Member is John M.

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

District 22 - Scarborough

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

Our District is functioning well and we are financially sound and able to meet all our commitments. There are 20 Groups in our District and about 60 – 70 % of the groups attend the District meeting. We have an eager and enthusiastic group of Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs and Alternates, General Service Representatives and Alternates. All our Sub-Committee Chairs with the exception of Archives are filled but a lot of Alternate Sub-Committee Chairs are still open.

In Public Information we are continuing to monitor and replenish the locations (community and recreation centers, libraries and churches) that display our literature. The number of locations increased from 17 to 20 in July and it is good to see that the people are taking the literature.

The election of District officers for the 2015–2016 term was held on June 8th. The incoming Officers are District Committee Member – Eddy G, Alternate District Committee Member – Angus M, Secretary – Nina A, Treasurer – Tom S. and Registrar – Lynn E. Our Alternate Delegate Joyce did a good job facilitating the elections.

We sent our District Committee Member elect, Eddy to the Regional Forum in Laval, Quebec and he found it to be good experience. Planning is in progress for our District's 36th Annual Service Day followed by a clean & sober dance which is scheduled for September 20th Service Day and is free and includes a pot luck lunch. There will be 2 great Speakers, Service Panels and Fellowship. There will also be a Special presentation of the Twelve Traditions skit for your light entertainment. The clean and sober dance costs \$10.00 per head. Planning for the 10th East Toronto Archives Breakfast held with District 18 is scheduled to start in September.

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

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District 26 - Lakeshore West

Good morning friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Ajax Area Group and my name is Kimberley. It is my privilege of serving as District Committee Member for District 26, Lakeshore West. We also have not met over the summer so I don't have much to report since the last time that I saw you.

The Lakeshore Conference - Recovery In Motion, an AA, Al-Anon/Alateen event held in August was a great success again this year and well attended with 423 attending the conference and 260 people attended the banquet. Our guest speaker for the banquet was Bobby M. from Cleveland, OH. The sobriety countdown demonstrated that the conference served all lengths of sobriety from 6 days to 50 years. It was a fantastic event that had an accumulated amount of 2502 years of sobriety. So mark your calendars for next year's conference which will be held on August 21 to 23, 2015.

We will also be holding our elections in October before the assembly.

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

District 28 - Lakeshore East

Good day everyone, welcome back. I hope that everyone had a great summer, I know that mine was wonderful! We have continued our Interchange Program, after our summer hiatus.

Our table has been fairly active, especially our Cooperation with the Processional Community Committee, as they continue preparations for their Bring a Professional meeting to be held on November 11, 2014 in Oshawa. Flyers will be available at the Area Assembly in October.

Our Treatment and Corrections table is still very active in the treatment centres, but, unfortunately, at this time, we cannot seem to get into Lindsay Jail due to some management issues inside the jail.

We are starting our elections on September 14, 2014, there seems to be quite a bit of interest this time, as members would like to stay in service, yet, expand their knowledge in different positions. Unfortunately, our Alternate District Committee Member has moved out of the area and is unable to stay at our table. While she will be sadly missed, we wish her the best as she moves forward.

A new 12 Step Closed Discussion Meeting is starting up in Bowmanville on September 23 of this year.

We did hold our Annual Lakeshore Conference on August 15 to 17, which seems to have been a great success, although, we do not have their final report as of yet since they have not had time to have their wrap up meeting. Further details will be provided at a later time. It was well received, the speakers were wonderful, and we had approximately 160 members at the supper.

As it has been a fairly quiet summer and this is all I have to report at this time.

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

District 30 - Quinte West

I'm an alcoholic and my name is Pierre and I am the District Committee Member of District 30 Quinte West and is indeed an honour and privilege to serve in that capacity.

The district has been seeing some really good growth and has been seeing some changes that are not too pleasant but people are stepping up to fill the gaps. Our finances are in really good shape and I don't know for sure but I think it was a group resentment against the district that they held their money or just saved it but they turned up a month ago with a \$900 cheque to the district table.

We're well looked after with volunteers and our Corrections, Treatment, Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information committees are really doing well. Our website is kind of sketchy lately and is somehow they are getting wrong information on it regarding medallions and meeting locations.

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Our meeting list has been updated twice since we had a little bit of misinformation last year and did not get a new one out. Recently we purchased 300 paper meeting lists and they have gone out to the groups and I believe the website has come online and the group information is getting better.

Recently, I attended the Eastern Canadian Regional Forum in Laval, QC and the district voted a couple of months ago to send me down. I enjoyed the time that I was there and it was very informative. Unfortunately I made a mistake that I have re-learned many times in service and I did not go until the second day and was a little bit late – when I got there was no hotel rooms left.

Our groups in the district are very strong and we have about an 80% turnout at the district table and I am really fortunate to have this many good people. Something is up with my home group though and they are trying to take over the district table. We have 5 positions down there and some of the groups question that at the district table. However it could be that good service people are turning up from my home group – The Fresh Start Group in Campbellford.

I don't have much else to report other than things are going well. District 30 voted to have an Area AccessAbility Committee and even though I have a very good home group, when we filled out the questionnaire, they don't know a whole lot about AccessAbility so that maybe there can be a bit more communication between General Service Office and the groups.

Thank you,
Pierre B., District Committee Member for District 30

District 34 - Quinte East

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

District 34 is looking forward to our meeting on September 25 as it is time for our District elections. Dot D. has agreed to facilitate the election for us and I am sure that at the October Area meeting I will be able to report that all of the positions for our new term will be filled.

As for our current district table we are doing great, we have all of our service positions filled, although a couple of people are currently wearing 2 hats, they are doing amazing. On September 28 District 34 and 36 will have our 36 Annual A.A conference at the Lions Hall in Napanee. I have put flyers on the back table and I have banquet tickets for anyone who is interested

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional community is looking after getting information to the public and ensuring that we have new meeting lists updated and available for all of our groups. Corrections is working hard to ensure we get the message of A.A into the institutions in our District. Our Self-Support representative is doing an amazing job with her monthly newsletter letting everyone know what's happening in A.A

The Webmaster ensures that our website is updated so that anyone coming to or within our district will be able to find out what is going on within our district. The Treatment Chair has been working with his team to make sure that the meetings are being held at the facility in Belleville as well as offered at the hospital. He also brings literature to the different facilities within our district as requested. Financially our district is doing well and all of our obligations are met.

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

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

District 36 – Kingston & The Islands

Absent and no report was submitted.

District 38 - Thousand Islands

Absent and no report submitted

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District 42 - St. Lawrence International

Report read by Tony A., Area 83 Secretary

My name is Allan and I am the Alcoholic District Committee M for District 42. Generally, Louise T. graciously attends Area Committee meetings to report on behalf of our District but she was unable to attend today's gathering. Both she and I send you our best on behalf of District 42.

I am happy to report that District 42 has all its positions filled. We recently added a Treatment Chair which had been vacant for close to a year. Folks pulled together to insure that the treatment facilities were tended to. It's nice, however, to finally have the position filled. We're seeing an increase in our numbers at the district table and this has allowed us to fill positions that had previously been vacant. We've even begun to see a fair share of folks with a year or less beginning to lend support to the district.

A few months back we began doing bulk literature orders at the district level. We thought this might make it easier for groups to keep their inventory up as well as help to eliminate shipping costs. It has turned out to be a success. Sharon, our literature chair has done a wonderful job of organizing this for our district.

That's about all from District 42. Not a whole lot to report this time around. The gift of sobriety continues to fill us all with a sense of gratitude and wonder. Thanks you all for your devotion and service.

God bless,
Allan C., District Committee Member for District 42

District 48 - Seaway Valley North

Hello my name is Michael and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the Kemptville Gratitude Group and have the honour and privilege of serving District 48 as their District Committee Member.

As the district voted to take the summer off and our last district table meet in early June there has not been a lot of activity over the summer. I attended the Eastern Canada Regional Forum last month in Laval Quebec which I found to be very informative and also got to meet and talk with some of the trustees and other AA and Grapevine staff.

The district continues to meet all of its service and financial obligations. Group donations are down but hopefully with the resumption of district meeting the groups will start donating again. At our last district meeting one of our service positions was filled and we now have an Archives Chair Linda McQ. who is a member of the Sunday Morning Study Group which still leaves us with two open positions Secretary/Registrar and Self Support.

On Wednesday September 17th we will be undertaking a district inventory which will be facilitated by Sandy S. our Panel 59 Delegate which will hopefully help us to better carry AA message of hope and recovery to the still suffering alcoholic in our district.

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

District 50 - Cornwall

Good morning friends I am an alcoholic named Dave and I currently have the pleasure of serving as District Committee Member for District 50 and belonging to the Beginners Group which meets Saturday mornings at 10:30 am.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our District's Alt District Committee Member Wendy E. who is attending her first Area Committee Meeting and to thank her for keeping me company on the drive.

Preparation for our annual fall conference being held November 7 and 8 is well under way and you will find flyers in your district mail boxes. Both Wendy and I have banquet tickets for sale for anyone that maybe interested in attending.

The "Just For Today Group" held its 24th annual Round-Up on August 16th and by all accounts it was a great success. The District as a whole seems to be trudging along and elections for our next District Committee will be held in October.

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

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District 54 - Ottawa Rideau

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

Our monthly district meetings continue to be well attended by our General Service Representatives and District Committee Members. We now have a Grapevine chair for the District since July. Our Alternate District Committee Member has been attending the monthly Ottawa Cooperation with the Professional Community on behalf of the District.

We are meeting our financial obligations and service commitments. We have scheduled a District Inventory for October 2nd, which will be chaired by Sandy S., Past Delegate – Panel 59. Our District elections for the 2015-2016 term will be held on November 6th.

Our Alternate District Committee Member, Darlene K., attended the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in Laval, Quebec this summer. She really enjoyed her AA experience!

Finally, the Ottawa Fall Conference is being held on October 17, 18 & 19th, 2014 at the National Arts Centre. All are welcomed!

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

District 58 - Ottawa Bytown

Good morning friends. My name is John and I am a grateful recovering alcoholic. I currently serve District 58 Ottawa-Bytown as their District Committee Member and I am a member of the newly re-located Laurier - Sandy Hill Group.

While the summer has been fairly quiet, the fall will bring many activities and events to Ottawa and environs. We have the Annual Fall Conference at the National Arts Centre from the 17th to 19th of October and our Kingston Assembly and our District elections in November.

Currently our District is in excellent financial condition after a brief dip in August. We will be paying the rent for the District meeting room for 1 year in advance for the next 'Table' and our goal is to leave them with \$1000 above our prudent reserve. I am continuing to visit the groups of my District and request funding and attendance at our monthly meeting. I have now visited 18 different groups and we are usually getting 13 - 17 people at the table, with an eye towards more attendance in the new term.

We are looking for new Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information Committee representatives and our new treasurer Rick H. is settling in nicely. I have enjoyed my time as District Committee Member for the most part, and I look forward to new service work commitments and new goals for Ottawa Area AA. I wish all Area 83 members 'good luck' going ahead to the new term...

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

District 62 - Ottawa West

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

Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, our Alternate District Committee Member, Rod D., has had to step down. The District has voted in Patrick G., the new District Committee Member for the 2015 – 2016 term, to step into this position until the end of December. Please help me in welcoming Patrick here with us today.

As I had mentioned in June, the District was in the process of bringing back the "Awareness Package", which had been done a few years ago, and then had somehow fallen by the wayside. The Awareness Packages are for members to take to their Doctor's office, clergy etc. District members voted that these packages will now be part of the District's responsibilities and will become one of the budget lines on all future budgets. Our goal was to have the packages available this September, and at our District meeting this Monday night, all GSR's will be given the packages to bring back to their Groups to members who have expressed an interest to have them. The packages are available in both English and French.

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We still meet an hour before our regular District Meeting to read over the Service Manual, and believe it or not, members are still attending. We have finally filled the Cooperation with the Professional Community Liaison position, and as no one wished to be the Archives Liaison, Patrick will stay in this position also until the end of December.

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

District 66 - Golden Triangle

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

Our district has recovered from a financial crunch due to the decision to purchase a substantial number of commemorative 75th issues of the Big Book. We currently exceed our prudent reserve by several thousand dollars. As in the past, excess funds will be distributed between Area 83 and the General Service Office. Groups continue to provide the necessary generous financial support. This could be partly due to efforts by our Self-Support Chair Terry K.

Public Information continues to be very active in the community carrying the message to both young and old. A sub-committee is currently in the process of updating our district guidelines to incorporate any changes in policies and procedures that have been adopted over the recent years. They are also developing guidelines for the Alkathon.

Elections for service positions at District 66 will take place at our September district meeting and we are looking forward to a new slate of humble servants wishing to experience the miracle of service work in Alcoholics Anonymous.

District 66 members have discussed the issue of a chair for AccessAbility and it was voted that this responsibility could be performed by the Treatment Chair as is currently being done in several other areas.

I am looking forward to attending the Fall Assembly which will be held at the Ambassador Hotel.

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

District 70 - Renfrew Pontiac

Absent and no report was submitted.

District 74 - Pembroke

Report read by Tony A., Area 83 Secretary

Good morning everyone. I'm an Alcoholic and my name is Pat. I'm a member of the Windsor-New-Freedom Group and I have the pleasure of serving as District Committee Member for District 74 – Pembroke & Area. Unfortunately, I cannot be at the Area Meeting today as we are leaving on holidays but I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Assembly.

We continued to meet over the summer months but there was not much activity at the table. Even though the members had voted unanimously to meet, not all members showed up at the meetings. In late June, the oldest group in our District decided to close their doors. Within a week some of the older members rallied together and decided to keep the doors open and the Group alive. Hopefully this group will continue to be active in the future.

Another group has formed in our district and has been registered. We seem to have quite a few groups with few members. Hopefully these smaller groups will continue to grow.

Our Tri-District Service Information Day is set for September 27th. We felt it might be better to hold it at this time of year as elections will be coming up and we may generate more interest in service work. I had invited 4 members of Area 83, but unfortunately 3 cannot make it up to the event. Herb W, our Area 83 Public Information Chair will be attending and we look forward to him sharing with us. If anyone is up in the Ottawa Valley on this date, we would be more than happy to see you there. You can find out more information on our Website at AA Pembroke.

Yours in service,
Pat E., District Committee Member for District 74

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District 78 - Madawaska Valley

Hi, my name is Lois and it has been an honour to serve as the District Committee Member for District 78. Our district is doing well with all groups being well attended. Changes to discussion forum in Maynooth and Barry's Bay appear to have encouraged higher attendance. We are financially self-supporting and all positions are filled.

September birthdays are (1) Virginia will celebrate 13 years in Bancroft tomorrow @ 7:30 pm and (2) Lois will celebrate 24 years in Maynooth @ 8:00 pm.

Our elections will be held in November and we hope to see you at our 35th Annual Festival of Colours on October 4th in Combermere which starts at 12 and ends with a home cooked banquet and rounding off our topic with gratitude.

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

District 82 – Victoria-Haliburton

Hello friends. I'm an alcoholic and my home group is the Little Oak Group and my Name is Kim. District 82, through group conscience, takes a leave of absence from the district table for the months of July and August. We will resume September 14 in Minden.

Our attendance of General Service Representatives to the district table is good. We are good financially and our bills are paid. Our groups keep their doors open with celebrations of member medallions. Two groups in our district celebrated anniversaries – Fenelon Falls Group for 40 years and Little Oak Group celebrated 35 years.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee chaired by Cathy M. has been meeting throughout the summer to organize a Bring a Professional night which will be held November 5, 2014 at Sir Sanford Fleming College in Lindsay. Our district is pleased to have our Alternate Area Delegate Joyce S come and speak at our meeting.

Thank you for your attention and in God's will I will see you all again in October at the 2014 Fall Assembly in Kingston.

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

District 86 - Kawartha

Peterborough and the surrounding districts continue to work hard to share their great sense of unity, recovery, and service. The attendance is excellent at our district table, with an 85% average. Our District Committee Member, Sandra B, had to step down and relocate for employment reasons so I am pleased to help take over for the remainder of the term. We thank her for all her hard work and the service she has done. We currently have a position open for Secretary/Registrar. Moira had to step down for health reasons and we wish her a speedy recovery. I am pleased to announce that our Sub-Committees are running 100% filled and going strong.

Tomorrow, September 7th, we will be having nominations for all positions for the 2015-2016 term at our District Meeting. I have faith that they will be filled quickly with the best enthusiasm and competence that our district can offer. I am excited to report also that the programs have started up again at Lindsay Central East Correctional Centre.

The 53rd Kawartha District Conference, Let Gratitude Be Your Attitude, was attended beautifully, with lots of excitement and eagerness to listen and learn. The speakers were amazing, the food was delicious, and everyone came together to help make this year's conference all it could be. Financially we did great! Our District was pleased to be represented in this amount of love and willingness of time, energy, and effort. Many thanks go out to Jan M. and all the volunteers.

Financially at the District table we are doing great. All of our requirements and needs are met without distress. Most groups are able to donate to the District and Area level. As mentioned in Sandra's last report, Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community is holding a Bring A Professional night on Monday, October 6th, 2014. I have some flyers with me today or you can find the event on our District website. This event will be held at the Peterborough Public Library so please attend if you can.

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It is an honour and a pleasure to serve as District Committee Member for district 86, in the area, and to help carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. I find doing service especially rewarding and humbling. So would like to say thank you at this time for my sobriety and giving me the chance to serve. Don't hesitate to come check us out at www.peterboroughaa.org

Yours in love and service,
Amanda M., District Committee Member for District 86.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

We now come to our Area Sub-Committee Chair reports. We rely on your humility and compassion to keep your reports brief. As with the Districts, written reports may be as long as you like and will be included in the minutes in their entirety, if given to Tony, our Secretary. I would ask the committee members to stay at the front after their reports to answer any questions, if any.

a) Public Information Report

Herb W.

Hello everyone, my name is Herb and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the Sunday Morning Redwood Group in Trenton, in District 30 Quinte West and I have the privilege and honour to serve as your Public Information Chairperson for Area 83. I would like to welcome everyone back and hope you all had a great summer!

On June 14th I was invited to Ottawa for their Service In Recovery Day to give a Public Information presentation with Randy H. It was very well attended and I would like to thank everyone on the committee for a job well done! August 16th I attended the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in Laval, Quebec and had wonderful day of workshops and fellowship and would like to encourage any of you that have never been to one to go if you have the opportunity!

There are two Public Service Announcements that do not have complete close captioning as pointed out by Bell Media and Jim Malone our Public Information Coordinator at the General Service Office has passed the request on for updating. All Public Service Announcements in Canada must be closed captioned by September 1st but we can apply for a grace period until November 30, 2014.

I have recently received a memorandum from the General Service Office on guidelines, as September is considered as Recovery month in the United States and Canada. It is very informative and so I will include it after my report as "Annex A"

On September 27th I will be in Cobden for the Tri-District service Information Day for Districts 70, 74, 78, Renfrew, Pembroke and Madawaska Valley to do a presentation for Public Information.

I cannot believe two years has almost past and we are at our last Assembly for our term! I am looking forward to seeing you all in Kingston for the Area Assembly in October 24, 25, 26, 2014. Keep sending your minutes and please do not hesitate to invite me to any of your events, I would be glad to help you carry the message of recovery. My email is pi@area83aa.org and my phone number is 613-868-7787.

Gratefully, remembering those who are still suffering,
Herb W., Public Information Chairperson - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

"Annex A"

MEMORANDUM

*From: Jim M., P.I. Coordinator – 212-870-3119, publicinfo@aa.org
To: Public Information Committee chairs
Cc: Area Delegates, Central Offices/Intergroups
Re: Participation in Recovery Month Events
Date: August 26, 2014*

As you may know, the month of September is considered by many to be Recovery Month in both the U.S. and Canada. This time of year often means an increase in invitations to provide information about Alcoholics Anonymous through a variety of local and national events.

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In recent years your G.S.O. has found it necessary to decline invitations to some national events that we had previously attended, because the nature or purpose of the event had changed. While A.A. strives to provide information through many channels, the decision about how, when or if to utilize a particular venue are generally made by a close look at our Traditions, particularly those that suggest we avoid affiliation or endorsement of outside causes, and that we avoid expressing opinions on controversial issues.

The P.I. desk here at G.S.O. has received some challenging questions from trusted servants about how best to respond to local invitations. Even when considering events in which local A.A. has previously participated, several committees have reported that they needed to carefully reconsider the details of each event, to review our Twelve Traditions, and to consider the shared experience in our P.I. literature in order to arrive at an informed group conscience regarding having an A.A. presence.

To that end, here are some questions that committees have found it helpful to explore:

Is the event "informational" in nature? If the event is part of a cause (advocacy, politics, religion, etc.) is there a way that information about A.A. can be provided that will not be viewed by attendees/general public as an endorsement, "actual or implied," of that cause?

With there be media coverage of the event (including television, print and online media)? If yes, what assurances can be obtained that A.A. members' anonymity (no faces, no full names) will be respected?

Is the event potentially controversial in the world at large (potentially involving A.A. in outside controversy) or within A.A. (potentially damaging local A.A. unity)?

Will the A.A. literature display/booth be distinctly separate from other entities/organizations, to avoid confusion regarding singleness of purpose and non-affiliation?

How will participating organizations be listed in media (e.g. event posters/flyers, etc.)? Alcoholics Anonymous does not "sponsor" non-A.A. events.

It is often helpful to speak with other local trusted servants, such as your delegate, or to discuss with other local P.I. committees how they are handling such invitations. Of course, you can also contact the P.I. desk at your General Service Office if we can be helpful to your committee in reaching an informed group conscience.

b) Cooperation with the Professional Community Report

Dan N.

Hello friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Royal York Group and the Area 83 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson and my name is Dan. It has been relatively quiet in the Cooperation with the Professional Community since our Jun 7th meeting. Here are some highlights within Area 83:

- I mentioned at our June meeting that The People in Motion conference was held the weekend of June 5th - 7th in Toronto and a Cooperation with the Professional Community team from Toronto Intergroup was present. Of note, Sandy D. at District 22 spoke with the Ontario Association of Occupational Therapists and will be following up to see if we could present to this organization.
- Along with Mel, Joyce and Heather (for Grapevine), I was at the June 14th Service in Recovery Day in Ottawa. Even though the Cooperation with the Professional Community had 10 minutes less than other presentations and we were at the end of the day, April C. and I of course ignored that particular restraint and the attendees really enjoyed our Cooperation with the Professional Community presentation.
- District 26 continued to give Cooperation with the Professional Community presentations during the summer at Durham College and these are planned to be ramped up in the fall for professional career students in health, addiction and possibly legal.
- There are 2 new Cooperation with the Professional Community chairs that were put in place during the summer and for the remainder of our session; one in District 14 (Dianne M) and the other in District 6 (Marrey P).
- District 54 is putting together professional kits for distribution within their area.

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- Monica V, District 62 Cooperation with the Professional Community chair, is looking into senior residences and retirement residence employees in gaining awareness of AA with the elderly population.
- Ottawa Cooperation with the Professional Community chairs are participating in Recovery Day taking place today. This is a national effort with sessions held in major cities across Canada in bringing awareness to the services offered in addiction recovery to the community.
- I've been asked to participate in the upcoming Professional Symposium Oct. 6th with District 86 in Peterborough

In closing, being Area 83 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair is an extremely rewarding experience and I continue to be impressed with the quality and dedication to the Cooperation with the Professional Community in Area 83. I will always remember the hard work and dedication given.

Yours in love and service,

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

c) Corrections Report

Gary O.

Good Morning Area 83 Officers, Past and Present Delegates, District Committee Members and guests. It is great to be here and my name is Gary. I am a member of the Living Sober Group New market Ontario.

Since our last meeting in June it has been reasonably quiet in Corrections. The Lindsay Jail is again up and running and there is a coordinator in place to replace Grace K. who retired. There has been some talk about having their meeting from night time meeting two day time meeting this move in practice has had some concerns to the volunteers who service all the meeting they are not sure if all the volunteers can attend the afternoon meeting. I am hoping this can be resolved by our next area meeting.

Our Bridging the Gap program has also been fairly quiet. There is still more requests from our women's institution in Milton for the program all request for contacts have been sent out two date.

As some of you are aware I developed a health problem in my life and had to ask some of our area people to look after my duties. Those people know who they are and I thank you for your service to A.A. and the Area. I and my doctors are watching my recovery every day everything seems to be back to normal.

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

Yours in service,

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

A question was raised regarding male correctional volunteers for the correspondents program and Gary had replied that he had only gotten 2 in the Ottawa area. Any further questions regarding the correspondents program can be directed to David T.

The new volunteer coordinator at the Lindsay jail has indicated that management has made the decision to go to daytime volunteers as a cost cutting measure that the facility is going through. Many of the evening meetings had been cancelled and District 86 does not see this as entirely a bad thing.

d) Treatment Report

Ruth F.

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

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

Anyone who would still like to learn about these awesome packages as a tool for treatment facilities within your district, just email me, or come to the Treatment workshop or Sunday meeting at the Assembly. We will be discussing them again, there. Thank you for your input.

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I am looking forward to attending the District 12 Ra-Ra evening, and the District 22 Service Day. Thank you for the invitations.

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

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

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

The Bridging the Gap workshop is this weekend in Kansas City. I will receive the report from the weekend, and will include highlights at the Treatment workshop and Sunday meeting at the Assembly.

Please send me your district minutes. I enjoy reading about what is happening in your districts. I can be contacted at www.area83aa.org or at tjbruth7395@aol.com.

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

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

e) Grapevine Report

Heather M.

I'm an alcoholic, a member of Prince Edward Group, my name is Heather. Pocket planner and wall calendar orders will mostly be received by now. I will place the order this week and will distribute at the area assembly.

There is a new book out "Sober and Out", sharing LGBT experience strength and hope. There are several new titles coming out over the next year. I've sent the Grapevine Newsletter out monthly to all district Grapevine Representatives. As mentioned, Ian from District 34 does a wonderful report for his district and is comfortable with it being sent out to anyone who wishes it. Other than that Grapevine had had a slow summer.

I will be moving out of the area as of November 1. I will handle the bulk order of pocket planners and wall calendars, will give my final report to the assembly and will then be stepping down from the position of Area Grapevine chair. I will leave it to the area as to how to handle but suggest that Grapevine chair be filled at the December Area Committee Meeting, effective as of that meeting rather than as of Jan 1 as is normal.

I will not be attending the December Area Committee Meeting. I will arrange for the Grapevine display and materials to be brought there for me. I will still be available by email to answer any questions the new Grapevine chair has and if the area wishes can cover the position via email between Assembly and Area Committee Meeting. (I'm moving to southwestern Ontario). I appreciate all that I have learned from Area 83 and will no doubt use it all as I continue my journey in service.

Yours in Service,

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

A question was asked about all of the publications that have been reported from the Grapevine publications and does boosting Grapevine sales an answer to their budget problems? The answer from Heather was no and not solely. And secondly, with regards to all of the other materials that the Grapevine generates, are they all covered under the editorial approval that Grapevine has? Heather commented that Grapevine has blanketed editorial approval to select material for the magazine and has approval to repackage the various already published material.

f) Self-Support Report

Jim A.

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

Summer has gone even if it never really started. There has been a flurry of activity mostly in the last month:

Attended the June 14th Ottawa service great room, great presentations - an all-around great day. Service is rockin' in the capital.

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A couple of weeks ago I was at the 42nd annual Lakeshore Conference. I had a few great questions during the breaks...which led to...

A gracious invitation of the Fall Toronto round up being held at the Little Denmark Grp on Sept 13th new District 10 Self-Support Chair Nick will be in attendance too. I am looking forwards to Sept 27th Tri-District service day in Pembroke.

I was invited to present a short talk about Self-Support at the August 26, 2014 Greater Toronto Area Intergroup general meeting. And the icing was to have a member volunteer to be involved with Self-Support. So District 10 may have a new Self-Support chair. That would make 17 of 26 districts having a dedicated chair which just might be the high water mark for this position.

In May, I attended Joint Sharing and the Finance committee meeting. As a result of the August Toronto Intergroup Operating Committee meeting, Self-Support will be allowed to have a Zone 1 meeting for the 8 local districts in that boardroom. I encourage the same level of cooperation in other zones of Area 83 places.

I have received my order placed for another 500 birthday envelopes and for 200 Self-Support kits. Help yourselves over in the corner and to the other pamphlets too.

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

The same can be said for groups. Word out of recent forum in Laval is that some groups send a special donation to General Service Office on the group's anniversary. Formidable!

The key message of Self-Support is connecting spirituality and service. The right amount of the right type of resources at the right place at the right time. I am preaching to the choir, everyone here know that service rocks. Please carry the message of service back to your district tables.

Today's financial reports are most encouraging. Three more groups and one more district so far this year than last year but a smaller \$\$\$. Just more cheques but smaller amounts. Please thank your groups. It's the participation that is important, not the amount on the check. Awesome display of expense control given we hosted this year's Ontario Delegates Committee.

Election season is upon AA at every level. Please encourage your district tables, groups, and group members to let their names stand whenever the chance comes. There is so much that could be done, there is probably something for everyone.

I have noticed a new trend. Members are bringing topics to business meetings. East York Group case in point has added a "no chanting" phrase to its open meeting agenda. Other observations are use of service sponsors is being mentioned more; and the difference between an AA event (based on 3 legacies) and an event for AA members (tend to be social affairs) is being emphasized.

Without unity there can be no service. Without service there is definitely no recovery. And without recovery! There is nothing.

As always I encourage comments and questions from you and especially from the 17 Self-Support Chairs and those covering this position. Please contact me at selfsupport@area83aa.org.

This committee is the silent partner to all other business. Self-Support is everybody's business. Service Rocks!

Yours in love and service,

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

A question was raised about the availability of the service zone maps and it was clarified that it is on the area website.

g) Archives Report

Gary C.

Hi, Everyone. I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Stonewall Group in Peterborough in Kawartha District 86 and my name is Gary. I have the honour and privilege of serving as your Area Archives Chair. I'd like to welcome a couple of new District Archives Chairs, Linda M. in District 48 Cornwall and Elizabeth D. in District 82 Victoria-Haliburton. Welcome to the world of archives and to the Area Archives team!

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A couple of weeks ago, I circulated an email to the archives chairs that I have on my Area list for Quinte East and West, Lakeshore East and West., Victoria-Haliburton and Kawartha Districts. So far, I have received only one reply. I would like to explain to members here today from those Districts what I am after.

In compiling the history of AA in Kawartha District, it became evident that early members from all these Districts met each other at 1170 Yonge St. and then subsequently met in each other's homes while trying to start meetings in their home towns. We believe that the first AA meetings in Central Ontario were held in Peterborough, but included members from Trenton, Port Hope, Oshawa and Lindsay prior to meetings being established in those locations. Thus we have a common history and I believe it beneficial to meet and compare notes to further our written history of AA in Central Ontario.

The Area Archivist participated in the Ottawa Service day and also in the Belleville Service day. David also had an archives display at the District 48 Roundup and spoke there regarding Service.

In closing, David T. and I continue to be available for District Service Days and will certainly do our best to answer any archival questions you may have. We can be contacted through the Area website to archivist@area83aa.org or archives@area83aa.org.

Let gratitude be your attitude,

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

h) Service Information Day Report

Sue B.

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

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

I cannot believe that this is our last Assembly to prepare for. The term has gone by very quickly and I know for myself, that I learned much more than I thought I would; every situation, whether I liked it or not, has taught me things that I hope I will carry along with me through life.

With this being an election Assembly, it is going to be a very exciting time. It is always interesting to see who will be in new positions for the 2015 – 2016 term. There will be a workshop on the Third Legacy Voting Procedures to help out members who are not quite sure how this works, or as a refresher for those of us who have been through this a few times.

The Service Information Day Agenda is near completion, one confirmation left to go.

We are looking forward to those of you who will be presenting at the Traditions Workshop. Should you have any questions or concerns, please see Robert Bean before you leave today.

Please inform your District's that once again, we have planned an interesting and fun day. Whatever the workshop will be, we believe you will find the day informative. Please remind everyone in your District and Groups to book their rooms for Kingston soon, if they have not already done so.

Yours in Love and Service,

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

7. REGISTRAR REPORT

Scott M.

Greetings to all and a happy ending to the summer! I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Bloordale Group in District 06 and my name is Scott. Hi! It continues to be an honour and privilege to serve the fellowship in this manner as your Panel 63 Area Registrar.

The roll call for today is 16 Area Officers (including Webmaster and Area Archivist), 1 Immediate Past Delegate, 4 Past Delegates, 20 District Committee Members, 11 Alternate District Committee Members and 2 Visitors.

For voting purposes there are: 12 Area Officers eligible to vote (including 1 Immediate Past Delegate) and 20 District Committee Members for a total of 33 votes. Total delegation for this meeting is 53.

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Work relating to this position has been fairly quiet throughout the summer. Most Districts continue to meet and have been sending few changes and updates. Mirroring my last report in June, it is still a task to obtain accurate group membership counts so that our Area can do our part for AA as a whole and the next membership survey.

Also, in order to not have as many unknown groups, it will be up to you, here, to attempt to contact or visit your District's unknown groups to investigate and report whether they are active or inactive. If they are still meeting, all we need is a contact name and they can have an active group status. I ask that we continue to work together to continue to reduce the number of unknown groups of which there are now 83. I will be communicating with the District Registrars and District Committee Members to go over these unknown group lists in order to further reduce our numbers.

In the coming weeks, prior to Assembly another group listing will be sent out by district for any updates or corrections to info that I have in the database.

As a reminder, this terms' New Group forms and Group Information Change forms, updated with my address and contact email (registrar@area83aa.org) have been posted on our Area website (www.area83aa.org) under Resources and District Resources. As there have been some District Registrar position changes, please pass on to those new Registrars that these forms can be sent to me via email, fax or snail mail. My fax machine is always on and it is the same as my home phone number - (905) 454-5008.

A copy of the current 2012-13 Canadian A.A. Directory is here with me today should anyone wish to borrow it. I would expect that you will be receiving your next Directory in the near future.

Thank you to those Districts that send minutes. I do read them. For those that do not, I'd love to be added to your distribution list. Continuing to trudge the road of Registrar destiny. Again, thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Yours, in love and service,

Scott M., Registrar - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

8. TREASURER REPORT

Rob M.

Hi friends. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Kedron Group in District 28, and my name is Rob. I have the privilege to serve Area 83 as your Treasurer. I hope everyone's having a great summer. I've enjoyed attending some of your District Round-Ups and Service Days. The Eastern Canadian Regional Forum in Laval Quebec was an excellent weekend of Service and Fellowship. It was nice to see over 700 members attending, many from Area 83.

In the District Committee Members mail folders I've placed some Area 83 contribution envelopes. Please share these with your District and Group Treasurers for future contributions. Several of the envelopes are available on the side table, please help yourselves. Also in the District Committee Member mail folders, as well as the Area Committee Members folders I placed copies of the financial statement for the period ending August 31, 2014. Copies of these are available on the side table and I would like to go through the numbers now.

Page 1 is a financial summary. It shows our reserve account, which is set aside for unforeseen circumstances, has a balance of \$20,000 and is in the form of a GIC paying 1.85% interest maturing September 16th, 2014. I have previously reported the GIC paying 1.5% interest but that was incorrect. I will be in touch with the bank this week to have the interest transferred to the operating account and re-invest the prudent reserve into a similar GIC.

Total income for the period is \$31,490.11 and total expenses for the period are \$36,692.81. To date expenses are \$5,202.70 higher than income. Thank you to the 114 Groups and 14 Districts that have made financial contributions to Area 83 this year. As of August 31, 2014 all cheques received were deposited and receipts along with return contribution envelopes were sent out. There was 1 group contribution cheque that was returned NSF. The \$5 bank fee is listed as an Area expense under bank charges.

The bank opening balance on January 1, 2014 was \$30,433.87. Total income of \$31,490.11 less expenses of \$36,692.81 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$25,231.17 as of August 31, 2014. The bank reconciliation has been done and the balance in the operating account is accurate.

The second page shows details of expenses. Here we see an itemized breakdown of expenses for the period. The top section lists Committee Members expenses to date, and the bottom section lists all other expenses to date. The summary box at the bottom of this page shows that income is down, and expenses have increased from the same period last year. The number of Groups and Districts contributing is higher than last year.

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Page 3 shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from the District, as well as Groups within the District. The 7th Tradition today was \$219.25. Thank for your generous contributions.

Yours in Love and Service

Rob M., Treasurer - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

[See Appendix A - Financial Statements]

9. SECRETARY REPORT

Tony A.

Good day members of the 83 Committee, Past Delegates, friends and guests. I am an alcoholic, a member of the St. Clements Group in District 10 and currently serve as your Panel 63 Secretary for Area 83 International and my name is Tony. I am delighted to be here with you for our 6th Area Committee Meeting of our term.

There has not been too much activity in my secretary world over the summer months. I did have the opportunity to attend the Lakeshore Conference in mid-August and it was a wonderful experience. I have also been asked to chair the District Committee Member and Alternate elections for District 10 this coming Tuesday.

I have placed a copy of each district roster into their respective district folders for you to see what I have. If there is any data that needs editing, advise me as soon as possible by sending an updated district change form or an email. As mentioned previously, a complete mailing address is needed in order to have information inputted into the General Service Office Fellowship New Vision database. The FNV database will not accept incomplete address information. It is also very helpful to include an email address and phone number when submitting these changes.

District change forms can be obtained by visiting our area website and is located under the district resources tab and is a downloadable Word document. There are also some of these blank change forms sitting on the table beside the district bins if you need. It is best to send your information and changes to me through email and Word documents whenever possible. Please highlight or bold the changes to draw these to my attention.

I look forward to receiving your emailed report for this Area Committee Meeting if you have not already submitted one and thank you to those who have already sent your report. I will make myself available to you should you need me for any service related functions and please continue to send me your district's minutes and changes through email to secretary@area83aa.org.

Please place your district tent card back in the file bin when you leave this meeting and I thank you for the trust and confidence that you have placed in me and for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Fall Assembly.

In grateful and loving service,

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

10. ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT

Joyce S.

Good afternoon, everyone. I am an alcoholic, a member of the Hill Group in District 12 and my name is Joyce. It is also my honour to serve Area 83, Panel 63 Alternate Delegate.

I hope everyone had a great summer and now it's the time of year when I can get back to normal, whatever normal is. The summer sure did go by quickly.

Since we last met at the June Area Committee Meeting, I have participated in the following:

- 1) Facilitated the District 22 Scarborough elections on June 8th.
- 2) Tagged along with Mel and attended the Ottawa District Service day on June 14th. They had a good turnout and the day was very informative.
- 3) On June 21st, I facilitated the Anniversary Group Inventory.
- 4) Attended the Regional Forum in Laval, Quebec from August 15 to 17th. Unfortunately, Mel was unable to attend so I read his presentation on "Singleness of Purpose". Although, it did not seem like a big turnout, there were 723 attendees with

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419 first time attendees. Area 83 was well represented. Sandy and Robb facilitated workshops with great enthusiasm. All in all, it was a great weekend.

For upcoming events I have scheduled the following:

- Have been asked to facilitate the Newmarket Group inventory on September 27th.
- Asked to facilitate District 14 elections on October 20th
- Asked to participate in the Bring a Friend meeting in Lindsay put on by D82 on November 5th
- Asked to participate in the Bring a Professional meeting by District 28 in Oshawa on November 11th

Please continue to have your District Secretary send me your minutes as I enjoy reading them.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83. I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Assembly.

Yours in Love and Service,

Joyce S. Alternate Delegate - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

11. DELEGATE REPORT

Mel C.

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

I've not a ton to report as the summer has been slow for me. I did present the Delegate's Report on June 14 in Ottawa and I must say it was a great day. There was such representation from the Area there, and everyone did such a fantastic job it was utterly amazing.

The Public Information desk at General Service Office (Jim M.) asked for our Area's help in conducting the new Membership Survey. It was such an interesting process to be a part of. 8 Groups from Area 83 were chosen at random and I received the list of them and large packages to post. I called each General Service Representative personally and mailed their packages to them. The General Service Representative's, at their groups (large and small) distributed the surveys and regular ol' AA's just filled them out. Most were returned to me on time and I forwarded back to Jim in a timely manner. For a few of us in Area 83, when we see the next survey, we will know our voices were in it!

I received the new 2014-15 International AA Directory if anyone is planning a trip to Greece or anything like that and the new pamphlet "Many Paths to Spirituality" if anyone would like to see it.

It is with a certain sadness that I report to you that District 38 is officially leaving Area 83. Gari V., such a bright light in that area has been trying, but the somewhat obvious choice for those in that District has been made. Here is the letter I've received:

Good Morning,

It appears our hope and struggles to keep District 38 alight in Area 83 is coming to an end. With 1 or 2 of the other final hold-outs down here realigning with District 0700 of Area 47.

And now finally, Keep It Green Group is looking at moving also. We have seen it affect our membership as people have joined other groups in order to have the opportunities to be of service in an active district and to be able to actively represent a group as General Service Representative and maybe District Committee Member. Both the legal aspects (US arrest history) of crossing the border and the cost issues of purchasing the DL or passport have been legitimate cited reasons.

So, I need to know the procedure for us to follow to do this correctly. Personally, this saddens me. On behalf of the group, it is the right thing.

In Service & Lovin' It,

Gari

We will certainly be sad to see them go, but know that they are still AA's and if better served there, well, that's the best for AA!

CERAASA has been the hot topic for many in this room and much work has been done. The website is up and running and registrations can now be completed. There is a video in process, the agenda is being set, there will be a banquet and a dance and I for one could not be prouder of the work done to date. Shortly, the opportunity will arise for all on the committee to be active.

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Certain things needed to be put into place first, but they are pretty much done now. I hope you'll all peruse the webpage and start talking this event up. It is not in the usual rotation of events for us (yet!) so we need to make that so. More to follow...

I received this in the mail - not sure if everyone did or it was just me. An Atlanta Memorandum regarding the upcoming 2015 International.. If anyone would like to see, please just ask.

In October, we have our election Assembly for Area Officers and in December, our election for Committee Chairs. I just want to say that I think every single person in this room is capable of every position coming available. Not one exception. If you have the will and the time, please, please, please, Let Your Name Stand! You know what we always say. "Let your name stand and let God sort it out". Your presence here demonstrates your commitment to your group, your District, our Area and your own sobriety. God has a path for you to take, but you need to be willing to put your foot on that path and it starts with being available. Which means raising your hand when the time comes. Good luck to everyone.

Yours in love and service,
Mel C., Delegate - Panel 63 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

A question was raised about whether we should move on the elimination of District 38 and it was suggested that we wait until the Area 83 Assembly to discuss this only because this information was brought forward to us by a member that was not a District Committee Member of this district.

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

Moved by: James O., District Committee Member of District 10
Seconded: Michael C., District Committee Member of District 48
Discussion: None
Motion: Carried - All in favour

12. OLD BUSINESS

a) Motion tabled June 7, 2014 – “For Area 83 to recognize AccessAbility as a standing committee at the area level”

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

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

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

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

Vote: 7 In Favour; 13 Opposed; 5 Abstained
Motion: Defeated

Result will be announced at the Fall Area Assembly that this motion was defeated at the Area Committee level.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Motion: “Change the operating procedures to cover the cost of the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to be reimbursed by the area for expenses incurred to attend CERAASA “**

Moved by: Linda D., District Committee Member for District 34

Seconded: Rod D., District Committee Member for District 66

Discussion: It was noted that a similar motion was previously made 2 years ago but was only for the last CERAASA and was not for future CERAASA's. At our last CERAASA, the Delegate and Immediate Past Delegate had their expensed reimbursed. A question was raised on do we have a set guideline for the reimbursement for this event. These typically are events that the Delegate and Alternate attend. There were questions on the limits of spending and we might need to look at a cap for expenses incurred.

Vote: 27 In Favour; 1 Opposed; 3 Abstentions

Motion: Carried

The voice of the minority was given an opportunity to speak and a motion to reconsider was made by John V. and seconded by Heather M. however simple majority was not achieved and motion to reconsider failed.

This motion will be an agenda item at the Fall Area Assembly

- b) **Motion: “That Area 83 add AccessAbility role functions to the Area Treatment Chair”**

Moved by: Murray O., District Committee Member for District 18

Seconded by: Michael C.; District Committee Member for District 48

Discussion: None

Vote: 28 In Favour; 0 Opposed; 4 Abstained

Motion: Carried

This motion will be an agenda item at the Fall Area Assembly

The chair reminded there is a call for webmaster resumes and please have these directed to the Area Chair prior to the Fall Area Assembly. Also, we have to change our internet service provider and our website. The former webmaster does not wish to have our website on his company any longer. The chair is forming a group of individuals to research this for us.

14. SHARING – WHAT’S ON YOUR MIND?

A member asked if there were any groups having issues with people smoking e-cigarettes. A member had asked for us to not use so many acronyms while giving our reports. The Self-Support Chair asked for us to send emails with any topics that relate to group health. It was announced that there are some ideas ruminating on how we can speed up the voting process at the Fall Assembly. There is a Recovery Day currently happening in Ottawa however this is not an AA specific event – Should AA be involved in this? A comment was made that this is appropriate and perhaps could be seen as Cooperation with the Professional Community or Public Information so we can get the information out to the public. There was a concern in a particular district about fundraisers (dances) charging a fee for the purposes of funding to purchase Big Books for a charity cause – perhaps the incoming delegate could address this. A question was raised on how often various district perform their inventories. Ross McD. celebrated 28 years. The Laurier Sandy Hill Group has returned to its original location at St. Joseph’s Church.

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15. NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Kim S. – Area Chairperson

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on **December 6, 2014**. Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?

Moved: Dan N., Area Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair

Seconded: Robert B., District Committee Member for District 54

Motion: Carried - unanimously in favour

16. CLOSING

It is now 3:30 pm and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you all a safe drive home. May I have a motion to end this meeting?

Motioned: Herb W., Area Public Information Chair

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

Motion: Carried - unanimously in favour

Meeting officially closed with THE RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

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

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Appendix A – Financial Statements

EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83

AS OF: AUGUST 31, 2014

RESERVE ACCOUNT	Actual
January 1, 2014 Opening Balance	20,000.00
Interest	0.00
Transfer to Operating Account	0.00
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE	20,000.00

INCOME	
7th Tradition	2,515.10
Cost Recoveries	189.00
Flow Through to GSO	785.00
Grapevine Seasonals	0.00
Group & District Contributions	28,001.01
TOTAL INCOME	31,490.11
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	0.00
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS	31,490.11

EXPENSES	
Accommodations	4,677.06
Meals	6,078.03
Travel	9,013.85
Long Distance	48.80
Postage	78.65
Printing	1,416.51
Literature	177.35
Stationery	9.82
Miscellaneous	1,544.22
Area Web Site	98.39
Total Committee Expenses	23,142.68
Ad Hoc Committees	0.00
Area Contribution to GSO	0.00
Area Committee Meetings	653.08
General Service Conf. Assessment	6,558.48
Bank Service Charges	167.17
Forums	726.47
CERAASA	0.00
Grapevine Seasonal	0.00
GSO Flow Through	785.00
Ontario Delegate's Conference	4,659.93
Total Other Expenses	13,550.13
TOTAL EXPENSES	36,692.81

OPERATING ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2014	30,433.87
Total Income & Transfers	31,490.11
Total Expenses	(36,692.81)
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE	25,231.17

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Details of Expenditures
as of: Aug.31,2014

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Annual Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	185.29	282.37	1312.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1779.91	3590.00	1810.09	49.58%
Alt. Delegate	0.00	105.33	266.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	411.33	2080.00	1688.67	19.78%
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	0.00	606.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	606.20	970.00	363.80	62.49%
Chairperson	0.00	132.98	557.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	690.39	1070.00	379.61	64.52%
Secretary	0.00	138.51	303.80	0.00	0.00	846.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	1288.92	2090.00	801.08	61.67%
Treasurer	0.00	95.08	343.00	0.00	78.65	225.88	0.00	9.82	6.78	759.01	1540.00	780.99	49.29%
Registrar	0.00	116.90	375.60	0.00	0.00	58.24	0.00	0.00	69.29	620.03	1390.00	769.97	44.61%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	228.12	125.00	494.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	98.39	945.71	1710.00	764.29	55.30%
Archives	0.00	53.63	595.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	251.61	900.24	1640.00	739.76	54.89%
Cooperation with the P.C.	368.24	146.71	540.80	0.00	0.00	103.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	1159.15	2080.00	900.85	56.27%
Corrections Facilities	67.06	79.83	70.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	217.29	1310.00	1092.71	16.59%
Grapevine	100.00	118.32	970.80	8.80	0.00	16.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	1214.10	1530.00	315.90	79.35%
Public Information	279.33	147.44	536.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	963.67	1010.00	46.33	95.41%
Self Support	0.00	107.00	609.00	0.00	0.00	85.70	177.35	0.00	0.00	979.05	1360.00	380.95	71.99%
Treatment Facilities	0.00	104.82	737.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	842.32	1310.00	467.68	64.30%
Service Info Day Cmte	0.00	81.66	305.10	0.00	0.00	26.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	413.13	1260.00	846.87	32.79%
Spring Assembly	939.70	642.44	389.90	0.00	0.00	54.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	2026.37	3230.00	1203.63	62.74%
Fall Assembly	2509.32	3600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1216.54	7325.86	7300.00	-25.86	100.35%
COMMITTEE EXP.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7300.00	7300.00	0.00%
	\$ 4,677.06	\$ 6,078.03	\$ 9,013.85	\$ 48.80	\$ 78.65	\$ 1,416.51	\$ 177.35	\$ 9.82	\$ 1,642.61	\$ 23,142.68	\$ 43,750.00	\$ 20,607.32	52.90%
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	15.00	0.00%
Area Committee	-	-	72.10	-	-	-	-	-	580.98	653.08	900.00	246.92	72.56%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250.00	82.83	66.87%
Bank Charges	305.52	84.19	336.76	-	-	-	-	-	-	726.47	1,840.00	1,113.53	39.48%
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00%
CERAASA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,558.48	0.00	100.00%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	785.00	715.00	52.33%
GSC Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,779.93	120.00	97.49%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,843.41	6,293.28	68.29%
Ont Delegates Cont.	2,303.59	858.24	964.21	-	-	20.00	-	88.57	425.32	4,659.93	-	-	-
OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 2,809.11	\$ 942.43	\$ 1,373.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 88.57	\$ 1,006.30	\$ 13,550.13	\$ 19,843.41	\$ 6,293.28	68.29%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 7,286.17	\$ 7,920.46	\$ 10,386.92	\$ 48.80	\$ 78.65	\$ 1,436.51	\$ 177.35	\$ 98.39	\$ 2,648.91	\$ 36,692.81	\$ 63,593.41	\$ 26,900.60	57.70%

Aug.31,2014	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	Change
Income To Date	31,490.11	35,985.78	(4,495.67)
Expenses To Date	36,692.81	36,095.36	627.45
Net Change To Operating Account	\$ 5,202.70	\$ 79.69	\$ 5,123.12
Contributions	\$28,001.01	\$50,938.78	-\$22,937.77
Contributing Groups	114	111	3
Contributing Districts	14	13	1

Income Summary	Aug.31,2014
7th Tradition	2,515.10
Bank Interest	-
GSO Flow Through	785.00
Contributions	28,001.01
Cost recoveries	189.00
Grapevine Seasonals	-
Total Income	\$ 31,490.11

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GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF AUGUST 31 , 2014
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District	00	Unknown	\$0.00
District	02	Malton	\$1,285.53
District	06	Mississauga	\$2,105.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$5,122.50
District	12	Toronto South West	\$1,040.66
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$1,595.00
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$145.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$2,525.33
District	22	Scarborough	\$1,004.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$862.26
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$590.36
District	30	Quinte West	\$250.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$600.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$2,370.00
District	38	Thousand Islands	\$32.15
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$194.26
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$300.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$1,202.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$500.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$190.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$1,592.40
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$840.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$660.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$850.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$160.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$600.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$1,384.56

Total Contributions YTD: \$28,001.01

Total from Groups	\$21,866.61
Total from Districts	\$6,133.49

Groups Contributing	114
Districts Contributing	14