

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

**Area Committee Meeting
Minutes**

September 10, 2016

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OPENING

Good morning, I'm an alcoholic a member of the Kedron Group in District 28 and my name is Rob McA. It's an honour to serve Area 83 as your Chairperson.

Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions: Ann D (no position stated) District: 78

12 Concepts (Short Form): Mike B - ADCM District: 62

Hi everyone and welcome to Quinte West. It's great to see everyone here today. This is our sixth Area Committee meeting of the 2015-2016 term. This is your meeting and it is an opportunity for you to share what's happening in your Districts. The Area committee 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 concerns addressed. Please feel free to voice any concerns or questions you may have. There may be someone in the room who has the same question and it helps to share. It is important for all of us to remember our First Tradition - "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity". We are here to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous remains unified and strong in Area 83 Eastern Ontario International. Our personal recovery, as well as the recovery of the still suffering Alcoholic, depends upon it.

Please be considerate to those around you and help to keep this a scent free zone. When someone is speaking, please do not speak to those around you. Let's be courteous to all who give reports, and during motion discussion.

Some reminders

This is a non-smoking facility. A break will be called sometime around 11:00 AM 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 interrupt the meeting.

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

Introduce officers

(If you could hold any applause you might want to give until the end it will speed things up)

On my right, our Panel 65 Delegate	Joyce S
Next to Joyce is our Alternate Delegate	Kim S
On my immediate left is our Secretary	James O'D
Beside James is our Treasurer	Kimberley M
Beside Kimberley is our Registrar	Sue B
Our Panel 63 Immediate Past Delegate	Mel C
And I'm your Chairperson	Rob McA

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Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

Again, please hold any applause you might want to give until the end.

Public Information Chairperson	Elaine H
Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson	Gary C
Correctional Facilities Chairperson	Robert B
Treatment /Accessibility Chairperson	Herb W
Grapevine Chairperson	Jim A
Self-Support Chairperson	Dave L
Archives Chairperson	Linda D
Service Information Day Chairperson	Ray R

These are your Area Officers and Sub Committee Chairs for 2015- 2016

Introduce Past Delegates, People with appointed Area Service Positions and long time Service visitors.

Today we have:

(X) Panel 51 Past Delegate Joe D

Currently serving as Class B Trustee of the General Service Board &
Director of AA World Services

(X) Panel 57 Past Delegate Dot D

Appointed positions:

(X) Area Webmaster – Jim R

Housekeeping:

Our meeting schedule including tentative dates to the end of 2016 will be included in the minutes. These dates are booked and secured with the hotel and church. Some are listed as pending as the date of the following Assembly/Meeting is approved at the end of each meeting.

The next Area Assembly and Service Information Day take place

October 28th-30th, 2016

The next Area Committee meeting takes place on December 3rd, 2016.

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Tentative Dates for 2016

Year	Date	What	Where
2016	Oct 28, 29, 30 <u>Approved</u>	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel
2016	December 3 <u>Approved</u>	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church

Note;

Assembly rooms cannot be booked online. Call the Ambassador hotel at 1 800 267-7880 or email reservations@ambassadorhotel.com and quote the group name AA October 2016. Our discounted block of rooms is held until 30 days before the Assembly.

Food:

Lunch will be extended to 90 minutes to give everyone time to go out to eat.

Seating:

As much as possible District Committee Members and Sub-Committee chairs sit on the outside of the tables. Alternate District Committee Members on the inside. Visitors and Past Delegates are 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 Members 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 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, that**

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person 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 welcome 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 James.

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

May I have a motion for simple majority?

(Due to printing issues/page numbers out of order, this item was not actioned on the floor. However, this item is almost ALWAYS carried as the Area Committee meeting members can call for a 2/3 vote at any time.)

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Are there any items that should be added to today’s agenda?

OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED - NONE

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED - NONE

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

Motioned: Bryan McL – DCM – D48

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Seconded: Wendy E - DCM - 50

Discussion: NONE

All those in favour of the motion - ALL
All those opposed to the motion - NONE
Any abstentions - NONE
Result: Carried

ROLL CALL

Our Area Registrar Sue B has circulated the attendance sheets – please sign in the appropriate spot – there is also a separate section for visitors.

Review and acceptance of minutes of the Area Committee Meeting of June 4th, 2016.

Minutes of the June 4th, 2016 meeting were distributed by email and a hard copy was placed in your folders today. As some of you might be seeing these minutes for the first time this morning, with your permission I will defer this agenda item until after lunch to allow time for review before voting on their acceptance.

*******Defer until after lunch*******

District committee members' reports (Sequence of reports 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 James O'D, our Secretary.

I would ask members to come up to the mic to give their report. Order is determined by the chair drawing District numbers from the bag. I will announce who is up and who is on deck. If you are “on deck”, please come up to the front and be ready to present when the DCM before you steps down. Please clearly state your name, your position and your District when you are up here, thank you. Let's get started...

District 02 Malton

Ray R

I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Last Chance Grp, and the District Committee Member for Malton District 2, my name is Ray R.

Our District table will be reconvening, tomorrow after taking the summer off. But the business of AA in district 2 did continue. The jails and treatment were attended to, and we've started up a trial meeting at a privately run health care facility in our district.

We will be participating with district 6 on Bring a Professional day in November, and are actively working with district 12 to facilitate the Gift of Life service meeting. There's also a new big book service meeting that meets 10 a.m. Wednesday mornings at the Grace United Church, in Brampton, and it seems to be doing quite well, attracting about 15 members weekly. Our annual District 2 Service Day will be held on November 12th at the Church of Christ, in Brampton. More news on that will be posted on the Toronto Intergroup website.

We began our election process before the summer break, and managed to fill the DCM position, but that was it. We will continue elections until all head table positions are filled. Shane H is our incoming DCM.

Issues we're discussing at our table include ways of reducing the amount of money we spend on literature, it seems literature cost is

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cutting into a large part of our operating budget, limiting our ability to contribute elsewhere. Some of the things we're looking at include, handing out beginner packages, instead of big books and other literature at the treatment centres, it was noticed that literature was often misused or discarded after they were given to the patients.

We're also asking groups to donate big book to the correctional facilities to aide in the b/b studies, and the groups seem to be responding to that idea. As always, we're open to ideas from other districts on what worked for them.

We're also looking at ways of strengthening our bridging the gap program, especially on our women side, as we've had to re-direct some calls lately as there was no one in our district to fill them.

All in all, we continue to serve our community well, and as usual, we're looking forward to greater things to come..

I.L.A.S. - Ray R
Malton District 02 - D.C.M.

District 06 Mississauga

Chris H

Good morning and welcome everyone. My name is David B and it is my privilege to serve as the Alternate District Committee member for District 6. I am a member of the Lakeshore group and I am an alcoholic.

Hard to believe the summer is coming to an end but the upside is that things start to ramp up more in service. Our election of DCM & ADCM was held at the June 15th meeting with David B of the Lakeshore group and Susan K of the Daily Reflections group both being acclaimed to the positions. Our election of Secretary/Treasurer and Registrar/Webmaster will occur in October. But for a couple of Alternate Committee chair positions all are full. In Treatment we continue to support the Jean Tweed, Cawthra Shelter, Peel Youth Shelter, and PAARC. CPC is busy planning for our Bring a Professional Day which will be held on November 15th, 2016 at St. Cuthberts Church in Oakville at 8pm. Archives has donated the District 6 book of group histories to the Archives at Toronto Intergroup with us keeping a duplicate with both continuing to be updated. Our Grapevine committee has been active attending many group medallions and corrections is active although the lock downs seem to out number the meetings but they are enthusiastic and continue to be committed. Public Information is helping to supply and support the meetings being put on at PAN.

The District has added a portal to the website on a trial basis until June of 2017. Its purpose is to provide the GSR.s with their own contact position as to pass on and post information from their home groups on a more timely manner. Also all members of the district will be able to set up their own personal email account for the same purpose with anonymity being followed. It will also allow continuing updates for things such as Treatment meeting commitment updates. The portal will be separately hosted from the District website but with a link directly from the District website and will operate under the District Website operating guidelines and follow our traditions.

The Mississauga Fall Roundup will be occurring this October 1st at the Vic Johnston Community Centre 335 Church St. Mississauga from 8am to 2.30 pm. You should have received a flyer in your folders.

As always if I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to get in touch.

YLS David B. ADCM District 6

District 10 Toronto South Central

Marty M

Hello everyone, I am a grateful alcoholic, member of the Yorkville group and I am privileged to serve as committee member for District 10; my name is Marty.

I send my regrets for not being with you today as I have another commitment this same day. Again I am grateful to have a reliable alternate DCM to step in.

District 10 is alive and well; all of our service commitments get filled and we are financially sound. We held elections for our District officers at the July meeting and I'm happy to say that all positions were filled. The remaining liaison and chair positions will be elected at the November meeting.

Although District 10 has grown in the number of groups; the attendance at our monthly meeting sits at around 50 to 55%. I hope that this is only a summer trend and the numbers will increase.

There have been some interesting discussions at the D10 meeting this past couple of months. This again for me was a lesson in humility. I am only there to chair the meeting. Not to vote or sway the opinion. Although I may have my own opinions and enthusiasm, the decisions of district business ultimately lay at the hands of the members. Their say and their vote is what matters; the groups really do run the show. So whether it be to take on another service commitment, to have a round up or not have a round up, or to make a financial contribution to a CPC event; these important issues are decided democratically and fairly, with everyone having the chance to say their piece.

I extremely grateful and humbled to be a trusted servant for Alcoholics Anonymous. I thank you for my sobriety and look forward to seeing you all at the fall assembly.

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Yours in Love and Service,
Marty

District 12 Toronto South West

Sean K

Good Morning, I'm an alcoholic member of the Prince Edward Group and District Committee Member for District 12, my name is Sean K.

We will be having our annual Pizza Night at our next District Meeting which is this coming Wednesday. I have asked Ray R. the D.C.M. from District 02 to come out and give a talk on Service. Our District will be having our Elections in October and I have asked Elaine H. the Area Public Information Chair to come and facilitate the Election. Our finances are in good shape.

On behalf of the District I facilitated two District Elections. The Districts were District 02 Malton and District 14 Toronto North Central. This was a great experience to go through the process of an Election.

That is my report. Thank you for my sobriety and have a safe drive home later this afternoon.

Sean K - District Committee Member
District 12 Toronto Southwest

District 14 Toronto North Central

Don MacP

I am an alcoholic serving as District 14's District Committee Member; my name is Don.

As of our last meeting, all of our committee service chairs are filled and most of the chairs are attending their meetings at GTA Intergroup.

Attendance at our most recent District Meeting was approximately 2/3 of our Active Groups.

The York Regional Police literature program continues to run well and we are fulfilling our other service commitments.

We have had a few Bridging the Gap requests in both Treatment and Corrections and have been able to offer the hand of AA via a contact person to those leaving facilities and institutions and helping them to acclimate to the world outside.

Our Treatment Chair Michael O. has volunteers signed up for The South Lake Hospital meeting in Newmarket, through the rest of the year.

Michael has also been reporting on the efforts of the Access Ability Committee and participating in their upcoming Inventory – a function he also undertook as a member of the Treatment Committee as well.

Our Public Information Chair Will H. has been helping to provide AA speakers and volunteers at the Catholic School Board health fairs over the past school year and will be ramping up activity now that school is back in session.

Our CPC Chair Diane McK has been active with the Intergroup CPC committee in carrying the message to various kinds of health care professionals. District 14 pledged \$125 of the requested \$250 requested by CPC for their upcoming Ontario Health Care Professionals Conference. We are waiting to hear the results of chair Mark B's efforts to get contributions from the rest of Ontario as GTA medical professionals only comprise 43% of all attendees at this conference.

Our Archives Chair Rick O. has been kept busy with his involvement with GTA Archives Committee and will be involved in facilitating the next Archives breakfast in November.

Sandra M., our TOYPAA liaison has been active with that committee for several years and has been helping to recruit fresh talent to help take the reigns as some of the long-time members of TOYPAA, including their chair, move on.

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Our Secretary Des S. has been diligent in distributing Area mailings to the GSRs, Committee Chairs and Officers in our District and I would like to thank all of the Area 83 committee for helping keeping us regularly informed of AA Activities.

District 14 is guaranteed to be involved in facilitating the next Info AA Day in May 2017 as our Alternate DCM, Dave B. was elected to that position.

District 14 elected David B. as incoming District Chair and Will H. as the alternated for the 2017-2018 term. Thanks to District 12's Sean H. for facilitating that election in June. We hope he can join us again in October when we elect our committee chairs for the coming Term.

Alt. DCM David B. attended the Regional Forum in Thunder Bay this past July and by all accounts it was an excellent AA event.

Yours in loving service,

Don MacP.
DCM District 14

District 16 Distrito Hispano De Toronto

Cesar H

NO REPORT

District 18 Toronto City East

Katrina E

Hi, I'm Katrina and I'm an alcoholic, member of Joy in Sobriety group, and the District Committee Member for District 18 Toronto East.

The district table is fairly well attended, and most of the chairs are filled. We are still looking for Self-Support and Archive chairs. The Treasurer has taken on the Grapevine role, and he has been busy selling off the Grapevine inventory and managing GV subscriptions for the district.

Corrections Chair has successfully passed responsibility for the South Detention Centre to the D6 Corrections chair. D18 members continue to support the meeting there.

We held our election for incoming DCM and ADCM in our June meeting, and elected Michael A., our current Secretary, as incoming DCM, and Glenn G., our current Treasurer, as incoming ADCM. Michael will assume the role of ADCM for the remainder of the term, as the sitting ADCM resigned in April. The election was facilitated by Murray O, the previous DCM. Michael represented the District at the Regional Conference in Thunder Bay in July.

Finances for the district are OK. We haven't been able to make a split so far this year but hope we can do that in the fall. Service commitments are covered for the 3 service meetings taken care of by the table.

The East Toronto Archives breakfast, which is put on by D18 and D22, was held on June 5/16 and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

We voted at the May meeting to not meet in July or August, so the next district meeting is next week on September 13.

Yours in loving service, Katrina E. District Committee Member for District 18

District 22 Scarborough

Eddy G

Good morning everyone. I am an alcoholic, a member of the Beaches Group, the DCM for District 22 Scarborough and my name is Eddy G.

We have 21 groups in our District. In the last three months (on average) 62 % (13 of 21) of the groups attend the District meeting. The average attendance at the table is 20. Both are slightly down during these summer months. We are financially sound and we are

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able to meet all our commitments. We are fully self-supporting and we do not use any money from the GTA Intergroup Sub Committees budgets when carrying the message in District 22.

Our District Officers positions are filled. Alt. DCM is Tom S. Treasurer is Ed F.H. Secretary- Ed H. (our Access Ability Chair has been filling in for Nina) & Registrar- Lynn E. All are doing a great job.

At our June meeting we held our elections. Tom S. is our Incoming DCM & Lynn E. is our Incoming Alt. DCM for the 2017-18 term. We sent Tom to the Eastern Canada Regional Forum held in Thunder Bay in July. Elections will be held at our October meeting for the Incoming Secretary, Treasurer & Registrar positions & in November for the Sub Committee Chair positions for the 2017-18 term.

All our Sub-Committee Chairs are filled except Literature, Grapevine & just recently Archives. Our Alt. GV Chair is looking after the GV position.

Grapevine (GV) - Alt. Chair Ruth F. has the GV display organized & well stocked. She has made a new display for information about GV. Also she has been invited to group business meetings to give an overview about the GV and to set up the GV display at open meetings. She will be getting orders from the GSR's for pocket planners & calendars.

Self Support- Chair Ed F. H. is asking groups to do a presentation at their business meetings. So far he has been invited to one group.

Public Information (PI) - Tracy C. chair - there are three members- Bryan D., Tony C. & Austin R. continue to check & restock literature display racks at 19 locations:
7-Community Recreation Centres, 6-Community Centres, 2-Libraries, 4- Churches.
We are looking at a meeting booklet with only meetings in D22.

Treatment Facilities (TF) – Jim M. TF Chair. The Tuesday meetings at the General Campus of Scarborough Hospital are looked after on a monthly basis by the District 22 Groups.

Corrections (CF) – Gail R. CF Chair. The Wednesday & Sunday night meetings at the Toronto East Detention Centre (TEDC) are being looked after by the District 22 members & some members from outside the district. There has only been one lock down/month in the last 3 months. Volunteers are needed for the Sunday meetings.

Archives – Joe A. Chair has stepped down. The District 22 group histories & photographs have been updated for the District 22 Archives travelling display. We have all the group & meeting histories of District 22. All these records & minutes from 1989 to 2016 have been put on a USB memory stick.

The 11th Annual East Toronto Archives Breakfast (ETAB) held in June was a success. Attendance was slightly down. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship, food & the guest speaker, Sean McC. (Welcome Group) with 53 years of sobriety. This is a joint venture between the District 18 & 22 Archives Committees.

The 38th Annual District 22 Service Day will be next Saturday September 17, 2016 at the Oakridge Community Centre. The theme is "More Than Just Meetings". The 12 Traditions Skit will be performed. The two guest speakers are from the District 22 Table. In the evening there will be a Social with a DJ. Tickets are \$10.00 for the Social. There are some flyers on the table at the back.

District 22 continues with the process of Carrying the Message to the Still Suffering Alcoholic at the Group, District, Area, GSO & GTA Intergroup levels.

Thank You, Yours in Service,
Eddy G
DCM District 22 Scarborough

District 26 Lakeshore West

Amy L

Good morning friends, I'm an alcoholic, a grateful member of the Liverpool Group and my name is Amy. It is my honour and privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for District 26.

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Since our last Area Committee meeting we have had one District meeting at the end of June before the table took our usual summer hiatus. I am looking forward to reconvening next weekend and hear how the groups and committees are doing.

We are doing well financially and meeting our commitments. We now have two vacancies at the table, as our CPC chair had to resign for personal reason; we still have yet to fill our corrections chair position.

Our district, along with District 28 continued over the summer to participate in meetings at the Renascent House. In August the two districts pulled off another great 3-day AA and AI-Anon event with the 44th Annual Lakeshore Districts' Conference!

We will be holding our District elections in October and we are grateful that Rob M. has agreed facilitate the voting.

Grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Amy L.

DCM District 26

District 28 Lakeshore East

Tom L

No report submitted. Verbal report given.

District 30 Quinte West

Miles C

No report submitted. Verbal report given.

District 34 Quinte East

Les MacD

I'm a alcoholic, belong to the Foxboro Friendship Group, have the privilege of being the District 34 Committee Member, and my name is Les MacD.

First off, how about greetings from District 34, since our last Area Meeting, our District 34 has being doing quite well, we had a Service in Sobriety Day on August 27, 2016 that was very well attended and we had Dot D speak on the roles of the GSR-District Table and Service Sponsor, Herb W Area 83 Treatment Chair give a presentation on his duties. Linda D our Area 83 Archives Chair gave a talk on Archives. Neil W our District 34 Sub-Committee Corrections Chair gave a talk on corrections in our District, Ruth F was our closer she gave a great presentation on Self-Support, we gave all attending their lunch, the committee was very pleased with the turnout and how well the day went.

We finally have a Self-Support Chair, Jack B. Also the Happy Destiny Group is having a Old Timers Panel tomorrow, September 11th. Our District is financially and spiritually sound and we are able to meet our obligations. Our District 34 elections will be next meeting.

On a closing note if no one told you today that they love you, let me be the First.....Les

District 36 Kingston & the Islands

Mac B

Good morning friends. I am an alcoholic, a grateful member of the Get Well Group in Kingston and it is my honour and privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for District 36, Kingston and the Islands, and my name is Mac.

AA is alive and well in Kingston. we have 28 active groups as well as 9 service meetings. These service meetings are in 2 treatment facilities, 3 major hospitals as well as in the public domain. One of the new meetings is a secular meetings. Our PIC has done a splendid job in conjunction with his committee circulating pamphlets all over the city. Our Treatment Facilities Chair as been equally busy lining up speakers and chairpersons for the Treatment Facilities and other service meetings every week. We are known as the Limestone City and that is what all our prisons are built with. We have 6 AA meetings a week in 4 different prisons.

The District is keeping our head above water financially. In fact we have a contribution to make to Area today.

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Our Founders Day Roundup was a big success this year. And we are looking forward to our annual District 34/36 one day Conference held in Napanee on the last Sunday in September. This Conference is widely known for its \$12 Roast Beef dinner as well as out of town speakers.

Our District will be having its elections for a new slate of officers and chairpersons. And we are happy to have Joe D. overseeing the proceedings.

Personally I have enjoyed serving as DCM for the past two years and I have learned a lot about AA and about life itself. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Yours in love and service,

Mac B. - DCM - District 36

District 42 St. Lawrence International

Milner G

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

District Status:

We have been implementing our "simplified" District Agenda format for about 4 months now. The level of interest and the discussions have been good. Attendees like the new format. And the meetings have ended after one hour.

During July and August we signed up volunteers to deliver three things to each group in our district:

- a packet of 12 newly printed Meeting Lists
- a "District 42" brochure explaining what we do so support our groups
- a pitch for participation, both financial and participatory, at our District table.

Our August meeting was a "District Open House", and we welcomed three new A.A. members who attended to see what we do. I updated some service materials and district job descriptions I had prepared a few years ago and gave a short explanation of the A.A. service structure and where we fit into that structure.

District Officers and Committee Chairs:

Blayne F. has been elected as District Registrar. (He is also currently serving as Treatment Facilities Chair.) David D., current Secretary and also a past Registrar, will work with Blayne to help him get up to speed.

Adirondack Inter-District Initiative:

Work is proceeding – very slowly – on establishing cooperation among the AA Districts in NY's Adirondack region – shared by three Areas – 83, 47, and 48. David D., our District Secretary, begun discussions among our neighboring Areas - 48 Hudson Mohawk Berkshire and 47 Central New York - about a shared service event. More will be revealed.

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

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District 48 Seaway Valley North

Bryan McL

Good morning, I am an alcoholic and the District Committee Member for District 48 Seaway Valley North and a member of the Last Chance group and my name is Bryan McL. On June 11th we held our service day (with Districts 42, 50 & 66) and it was very well attended. Thank you to our Delegate and all the committee Chairs for the presentations and reports, they were very informative. At our last District meeting it was voted that we will have our elections at our October meeting and there seems to be a lot more interest than in past years. We had two new groups represented at the last District meeting and a lot of questions on service which is encouraging. We are keeping our commitments and financially we are doing well.

In love and service, Bryan McL

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District 50 Cornwall

Wendy E

Hi family, my name is Wendy and am serving as DCM for District 50 and my home group is Monday night St. Columban's group. We only have one order for the Saturday Serenity group of 7 pocket Calendars. The Nooners Group which is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday will be celebrating their 9th Anniversary September 30th and it will be a potluck and an out of town speaker. Our District Treasurer is in the process of finding another location to hold our monthly meetings and have storage for our archives and Christmas decorations. It was brought to the GSR's to ask their groups if they can help support District in this Change. Our District Conference is coming up on November 11th and 12th, Celebrating 69 years and the Theme is Steps in Action. We have put flyers in all the folders. It was noted at our monthly meeting that our District was not on the Area 83 Website. I sent an Email to the Area 83 Webmaster Jim R. to verify and correct. I would also like to mention that our district is hosting a traditions workshop on Oct 1st from 9-4 Francys and Sabrina are the hostesses. We will be electing in a new DCM, ALT DCM, Secretary, Treasurer and hopefully a Telephone chair October 3/2016. December will be the elections for all other positions.

YILS - Wendy E. - District 50

District 54 Ottawa Rideau

Darlene K

Good morning everyone! I am currently serving as the District 54 Committee Member for which I am very grateful and my home group is Tuesday Night Beacon Hill. I am an alcoholic and my name is Darlene.

Our Table continues to be in healthy financial shape. We contributed towards Canadathon which was a very successful day in all respects. Mike, the incoming DCM for District 62 (Congratulations Mike!) visited our September meeting with a final report of the day. Looks like we can look forward to this being a yearly event!

All Table positions remain currently filled and the groups are fulfilling their service commitments at the various institutions and centers.

Our elections will be held in November and will be facilitated by the immediate past DCM, Robert B.

The Groups have been visited and emails sent in order to update and complete the Group contact information which was forwarded to our Area Registrar. I would like to thank JoAnne D, our District Registrar for all her time and efforts in order to complete this task.

Our Service Day, co-hosted by Districts 54, 58 and 62 held June 12th was well attended. We wish to thank you to all who participated. The Area Chairs, our Delegate Joyce and the local committees who shared their time and experience with us.

On personal note, I look very forward to seeing everyone once again at the upcoming Service Day/Fall Assembly. Until then, take care.

With Gratitude for Service,
Darlene K

District 58 Ottawa Bytown

Frank K

Hi, my name is Frank K, I am an alcoholic and DCM for district 58. I am sorry that I cannot be with you today to present my report and thank our ADCM, Michel D, for representing our district report at this Area committee meeting.

All is well at district 58. We are able to meet all of our financial and service commitments. Two new groups have been sending their representatives at the table in recent months and we hope to build on this and have greater representation at meetings in 2017-2018 term. We also hope to do better in terms of liaising with committees in Ottawa. Presently, we only have a liaison with CFT. The district elections will take place at its November meeting.

Michel, the ADCM and registrar, has been working with the Area Registrar to update the group list. Michel appreciates the help that he has received from Sue Balfour in this regard. There are presently 6 "unknown" groups in the district. Michel will do his best to bring all of the groups' information up to date by December 31.

Activities since the last Area Committee meeting.

We had a very successful Canathon, the very first one held in the city. The event's success ensured that we will have another one in 2017 at a time when a lot of people will be visiting Ottawa during the celebration of the country's 150th anniversary On July 1st.

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District 54 hosted, in collaboration with districts 58 and 62, its 2016 service day at Ottawa City Hall. It was well attended and the Ottawa districts enjoyed the presentations from the Area sub committee Chairs and the Delegate.

The 65th Annual Eastern Ontario Fall Conference will take place October 21-23 at the Hellenic Centre in Ottawa. You are all invited.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Fall Assembly in Kingston. Yours in service, Frank K – DCM - District 58

District 62 Ottawa West

Patrick G

I am an alcoholic, a member of the Pinecrest Group and am currently serving District 62 Ottawa West as their District Committee Member. My name is Patrick G.

Attendance is well at our district meeting with over 60% of our groups represented, as well as alternates and visitors.

District 62 is doing well financially meeting all budget items and we approved the disbursement of all excess funds to the various levels of service. A check has been written, signed and sent to Area for \$877.00.

The corrections and treatment committee is doing well, filling most spots for the year at Newgate 180 as well as other facilities. We do continue to have some difficulties with access to the Innes Road Jail, but hopefully all problems will be rectified in the near future.

We have filled all our table positions for the remainder of our term, finally. We will be holding our district elections in October for the 2017-2018 term, to allow those elected the opportunity to attend the fall assembly in Kingston to help prepare for their new positions.

The Ottawa area Intergroup office now stocks Grapevine literature for any groups or individuals wishing to purchase any of the fantastic books available. Also on the subject of Grapevine, the district approved the purchase of 10 subscriptions to be sent out to various treatment and corrections facilities. The exact locations will be left to the discretion of the C/T committee.

This year, District 62 has been hosting a traditions workshop meeting prior to our regular meeting. This has so far been very well received with an average of 20 members attending each month.

This past summer saw the start of a new event, the Canadathon held on July 1st. It was a huge success, both in attendance and financially. It already has the seed money for next year. So mark it in your calendar now folks, if you plan to visit the nation's capital to help celebrate Canada's 150th year, there'll be a safe place to spend some time if desired.

Another date to mark on your calendar in the near future, Oct. 21-23 for the Eastern Ontario Fall Conference once again being held at the Hellenic Centre. Hope to see many of you there.

I wish you all happy sobriety.

Yours in service, Patrick G, District 62

District 66 Golden Triangle

Terry K

No report submitted. Verbal report given.

District 70 Renfrew Pontiac

Mary Anne H

Hi Everybody; I'm Mary Anne and I am an alcoholic. I have the privilege of being DCM for District 70 Renfrew-Pontiac.

In District 70, we had another group open. A big book discussion on Friday nights in Arnprior. This now brings the total number of meetings in the District to 23. This group has decided to give itself 6 months to see if it is viable before registering with GSO as a permanent group.

We held the Tri-District Service Day on Saturday 25th June from 10-3, in Cobden. It was a joint effort between the Madawaska, Pembroke and Renfrew-Pontiac Districts. The Service Day was very well attended by a much larger crowd than in previous years. The Delegate, the Self Support Chair and a GSR presentation were all interesting, information and engaging. The booths set up by Archives and PI were also a great addition to the Service Day.

Sue B (our present Area 83 Registrar and former DCM for District 62) conducted an inventory for our District on August 21st. Sue was also accompanied by Mike B. (A/DCM District 62). The inventory was well attended and brought forth some great ideas on how we can improve the operation of District 70. Attendees were much more comfortable to participate in the process when they were assured that it was not being conducted because District 70 was doing something wrong. Sue explained that it was healthy for a Group/District to go through this process. Members in attendance seemed excited to put these new ideas in place. In my personal opinion it helped to reenergize the District table.

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Our elections for the new District Table will take place in October. I certainly understand the necessity of a 2-year term and the spirit of rotation at the District Table. I would like to come back to the table in some capacity since I have found my service opportunity so fulfilling. I do understand how Committee members can sometimes get jaded and may have a tendency to burn out.

I think the Service Day and the District Inventory were timely and will spark interest in members coming forward to get involved in District.

Yours in love and service, Mary Anne

District 74 Pembroke

Brian D

NO REPORT

District 78 Madawaska Valley

Irvin W

I am an alcoholic and my name is Irwin W. I am happy to serve as DCM for the Madawaska Valley district.

Things are going well in our district. We have really good group representation at our district meetings. We have all our positions filled except for archives. Our chair moved away but with elections coming up I am hoping we can fill it again.

All of our groups, although most are small, have good turnouts for the meetings. This summer and fall it seems like we have medallions almost every week.

Some of our groups are holding their elections this month and I am looking forward to meeting some new service workers.

We have our 37th annual Festival of Colors Roundup coming up on October 1, 2016. Jerry and his crew have everything all set up and ready. I do have dinner tickets with me. \$20 each!

I also have a small order for Pocket Planners and Calendars for Jim.

Thanks to Mary Anne for a great Service Day in Cobden.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Irwin W.

District 82 Victoria Haliburton

Jim S

Hi friends, I am an alcoholic, a member of The Sunday Nighters Group in Lindsay and my name is Jim S. I have the privilege of serving District 82 Victoria/Haliburton as the District Committee Member.

Things have been quiet in the District since we met in June. Our District table does not meet for the months of July and August and our first District meeting since June will be tomorrow. But things have still been happening in the District.

Our District is still financially and spiritually fit. We are meeting our commitments.

It was discussed at our District meeting in June about having an Alkathon or Talkathon in Lindsay over the Christmas and New Years holidays. Alcoholics being Alcoholics the discussion went from the original proposal, to District 82 having an AA Club and our own Intergroup in 15 minutes. I looked into both Clubs and Intergroups on behalf of the District and according to my interpretation of the Guidelines from GSO for both it is not a District responsibility to start either one. I did encourage the young girl who had the original idea of an Alkathon to proceed with it and get some help from other members in the District.

The meetings in the Central East Correctional Centre are picking up. We are down to two a month during the day so our volunteer base is still small. But we seem to be getting in to do meetings more often. I want to thank both our Female and Male Corrections Chairs Linda P and Paul R for hanging in there and doing their best to schedule volunteers for the meetings during this trying time.

That is about for now. Have a safe trip home.

Yours in the Love and Service of A.A. - Jim

District 86 Kawartha

Dave H

My name is Dave and I am an alcoholic the DCM for Kawartha District 86, member of the Liftlock Group, Peterborough.

AA is moving along well within the District with all the trials and tribulations, successes and joy of bringing the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

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We have 22 Groups and 36 group and service meetings a week. For the District there are 8 sub-committees, soon to be 9 because in 2017 we will be starting a new Accessibilities committee.

This month, tomorrow actually, the nomination and election process for General Service Officers and Committee Chairpersons will be starting. This is all in preparation for the new 2 year term (2017-2018).

Alcoholics have unique ways of building their sobriety and demonstrating the thrill of a sober life. We have a group of people who are gathering together in a Recovery Skydive. Yes, they are all going skydiving. Who said sobriety had to be boring?

Our Archives committee is busy once again bringing AA history alive by hosting an Archives Workshop Sunday, Sept. 18 at 3:30pm at our Intergroup Office. The History of AA's 3 Legacies will be covered. Pot luck supper will occur after. All are welcome to attend.

To finish, in District 86 all is AA okay.

Dave H, DCM, District 86

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 James, our Secretary. I would ask the committee members to stay at the front after their reports to answer any questions.

Our first report will be from our.....

a) Public Information

Elaine H

Good morning, everyone. I am a grateful alcoholic, a member of the Streetsville Group in District 6 Mississauga and my name is Elaine H. I have the privilege to serve Area 83 as Public Information chair for the Panel 65 term.

This will be a short report as things have been relatively quiet on the PI front during the summer months both in the Area and at the General Service Office... However, minutes and reports from Area Districts indicate PI activity continues – literature distribution to seniors' residence, community centres, police stations, foodbanks, libraries, participation in District events, placing advertisements in local newspapers and activities are picking up for the fall.

I had the privilege of attending and participating at the Districts 48, 50, 42 and 66 Service Information Day – Gratitude in Action – Inside AA in Iroquois on Saturday, June 5th - it was a great day of fellowship, getting to know the PI chairs and committees in those Districts, and participating in a workshop on what PI is and what we do.

That was followed on Sunday when I and several of the Area subcommittee chairs attended the Districts 54, 58 and 62 Unity Day in Ottawa.- again a chance to get to know the PI chairs and committees in Ottawa and to carry the message of PI – a message we all are responsible to carry.

When I was in Ottawa, I had a chance to see early versions of some new and exciting Public Information posters developed by the Ottawa PI committee. They are great – I understand GSO has cleared them for distribution and they will first be available at an event in Ottawa later this month. I also understand that Area 90 is working on translation so they will have wider circulation. Stay tuned – we will have copies available at the Assembly and I have asked Ottawa to present in the PI workshop – to talk to how the idea as born, the poster development and process to final for distribution. We should always be looking for new ways to carry the message and much of new posters and other literature starts at the local level. Ottawa has a tradition of innovation – they were responsible for the start and path to completion of the youth poster now part of conference approved AA literature. Keep it up Ottawa!

We had planned a summer edition of the joint PI/CPC Area 83 News Exchange – we had limited response to invitations for submissions so we are trying again to have an early fall edition. We are asking all DCMs to encourage their PI/CPC chairs to send us an update on what they are doing. My thanks to Gary C, our CPC chair for his coordination of the Newsletter.

I have been receiving minutes from some Districts – it is a great way to stay in touch with District activity – DCMs, can I ask you to check that I am on your distribution list.

I do have Public Information Kits available (for sale) if anyone needs one for their District chairs.

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Lastly, I am available at any time as a resource for your District chairs and District activities – it is my privilege to be of service to Area 83. It is important that we carry the message of our service committees to the Area and to generate enthusiasm for our PI activities. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. My email address is pi@area83aa.org and my phone number is 905 601-2801.

Thank you for allowing me to service
Elaine H, Area 83 PI Chair, Panel 65

b) Cooperation with the Professional Community

Gary C

Hi everyone, I am an alcoholic, my name is Gary C. and I'm a member of the Stonewall Group in Peterborough in Kawartha District 86. I have the honour and privilege of serving as your Area CPC chair for this term.

It's been a very quiet summer and the only activity I have to report is attendance at the Ottawa Unity Day on June 12 and attendance at the GTA CPC Committee meeting on June 13. GTA CPC meetings resume this coming Monday and we will discuss having CPC displays for the upcoming Toronto Gratitude Conference.

Our joint PIC/CPC Newsletter has been slow going out due to lack of participation. Elaine (PIC) and I are going to give it one last try.

I look forward to reading your District minutes and to taking part when asked in District(s) Service Day events.

In closing, I say 'Let Gratitude be your Attitude.'

c) Correctional Facilities

Robert B

Who will be your District Bridging the Gap (BTG) corrections contact person for 1 Jan 2017?

Corrections Canada connected with David T. and they have accepted that this is only a Correspondence Service and therefore have offered to simplify the whole process by volunteering to send a letter to all regions across Canada to advise the Client Welfare organizations in the Federal Institutions for the availability of our service.

The only question remaining is where should the internal clients be sending their requests i.e. should they write GSO or do we wish to set up an equivalent service here in Canada.

Please be advised that GSO has a list of Canadian AA members who wish to be correctional correspondents. At first they may write US clients (inmates) until more Canadian client become aware of the opportunity, or wait to be linked. The KEY right now is to have Canadian AA members aware, ready, willing & on the list at GSO. So if you will please announce that Canadian Correctional Correspondence are being ask to sign up on GSOs list.

Most correctional facilities in our area are doing very well with some exceptions like Toronto South Detention Center which was doing great this spring and is now about half the time lockdown. The correction center still with the most problems is the Central East Correctional Centre (Lindsay) which still having difficulty in getting in over the summer.

Most of the other correctional facilities common problem seems to be not enough AA volunteers and need more literature.

Bridging The Gap (BTG) at this time is going Okay. Still updating CF Chair list with the corrections BTG contact for each District. Please let me know any updated info about BTG contacts for your Districts.

For some years one of Toronto jails was run by a group of AA volunteers who had no interest or involvement with Toronto Intergroup or any District. Once their jail was closed they made an attempt to establish contact with the new Toronto South Detention center. Jim D. District 18 Correctional Chair for district18 stepped in and made it clear that an elected representative of Alcoholics Anonymous should be their contact person, who will report back to Toronto Intergroup district and Area 83 and be accountable to the AA fellowship. Since the TSDC was in District 6 Jim approach Jason and Robbie V. district 6 CF chairs and encouraged them to get involved with the TSDC. Robbie is now a volunteer at TSDC and representing the jail by attending district 6 and the Toronto Intergroup meetings and reports on the TSDC. He is the contact person for anyone who is interested in becoming a registered volunteer at TSDC. His contact information can be easily obtained from district 6 or intergroup. Also residence (Inmates) now have access to the Bridging the Gap program and literature from district 6 and Toronto Intergroup.

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After serving as the contact person for the TSDC Jim D. was elected CF chair for Toronto Intergroup last winter. Jim has bought a house in Northern Ontario and will unfortunately be leaving us but I'd like to thank him for all his good work in AA Corrections.



Thanks Robert B. Area 83 CF Chair

d) Treatment /Accessibility

Herb W

Hello Everyone, my name is Herb and I'm an alcoholic. I am a member of the Redwood Group in Quinte West, District 30. I hope everyone enjoyed the summer and it's good to be back doing service again. Since our Area meeting the activities I attended were June 11th Districts 42, 48, 50 and 66 Service Day in Iroquois. I also gave a presentation on Accessibility. On June 12th I attended Unity Day in Ottawa for Districts 54, 58, and 62 and I presented on Treatment Committees. July and August I had the opportunity to chair a Greater Toronto Area Treatment Committee Inventory. I would like to thank them for that opportunity. It was very rewarding and well worth the time invested. On August 27th I attended District 34 Service Day in Belleville and was very pleased at the attendance and enthusiasm and was happy to see many new faces. I would like to thank all the Districts and Committees who gave me the opportunity to share and give back a little of what I've learned.

On September 16th I will be attending District 22, Scarborough 38th Annual Service Day and will be giving a presentation on Treatment Committees.

Bridging the Gap has been very busy this summer. I usually get 4 to 8 requests per month from other areas and Districts needing help. Any problem that I am having is usually related to communication or lack of information. Otherwise, the Committee Chair people are doing outstanding service in our area. I would like to thank them for their dedication and service. I'm looking forward to the Assembly in Kingston in October and hope to see you all there. Please don't hesitate to let your name stand and I would be happy to answer any question anyone has about this position. Please feel free to invite me to any of your events and keep sending me your minutes.

Gratefully Yours in Service,
Herb W.

e) Grapevine

Jim A

Good day friends. Hope everyone had a great summer. Did you take your Grapevines to the cottage! I am an alcoholic, member of the East York Group, District 18, my name is Jim A. Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving you as the Panel 65 GV chair for Area 83.

Thanks list: District Secretaries for providing me with district minutes; to GV chairs in GTA and elsewhere. And to all of 83, we are a great bunch.

What's been done since we last met:

The Area 83 GV library continues to grow slowly, so please forward any old magazines my way. Oldest one so far is now from 1968. The reprinted Memorial issues for Bill and Bob, is quite popular item. Please bring any extra GV's to Kingston, the older the better. I'm particularly looking for anything prior to 2009.

June 11th Iroquois & June 12th Ottawa

My first service double header. Thanks to all the districts involved for two services days on the same weekend. Grapevine is alive and well in Eastern Ontario, as are all the other areas of service. A few books and some CD's have new homes.

Meeting of GTA Intra-District GV chairs July 27th.

This meeting had small representation but was very productive. The new GTAAI chair, Fred B. attended. He reported that Grapevine and its importance at Intergroup level is being well received. I invite all GTA and Lakeshore District GV chairs and or ADCM to attend. This mtg is always held at 7:30 on the 4th Thursday every other month, so the next meeting will be September 25th.

Looking Forward:

Toronto round up Sept 17th.

Scarborough Service Day Sept 17th

Mississauga Round up October 1st.

Please go to aagrapevine.org and do all your Xmas shopping. Books and Gift subscriptions for sponsees, sponsors, or maybe a corrections institution near you.

2017 Planners and calendars:

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See me before you leave. I will place the order by the end of next week. I know there are some districts that meet tomorrow. Please inform me asap and cc our Treasurer please. Delivery will be at the fall Assembly. I have had one district inform me that they will not be able to place an order. AS usual I will have some extras available at the assembly. First come first served.

Please continue to recycle old GV magazines to your district committees especially corrections.

I would like to hear back from you the DCM's and/or GV chairs all of the interesting ways you have done this. New idea. I have heard of a group that has a breakout room that uses the current issue of Grapevine for discussion. Pass it on.

Also please bring old GVs to Kingston.

News from NY

For a more indepth look at all matters Grapevine, i invite all interested to read the lastet General Service conference report, particularly pages 32-34 and the financial reports at the back of the book. Some highlights:

- 2015 was a very good year for Grapevine. The Subscription Challenge succeeded as the number of subscriptions decline on ly 2.5% not the usually 5%.
- Net income was \$245,000 not the budgeted \$14,000 loss, and was achieved through cost savings.
- Grapevine contributed \$260k to the Reserve Fund.
- Nearly 40,000 members get the free quote of the day

New Book

I HAVE SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST. Grapevine released a new book on September 1st called "Our Twelve Traditions" A collection of stories from AA Grapevine, members write about their experiences with the core principles contained in AA's Twelve Traditions. Born of the trial-and-error experience of the Fellowship's earliest years, the Twelve Traditions provide the spiritual and practical underpinning for AA's ongoing adventure of living and working together. Seen through the eyes of individual members, the stories in this book offer groups, as well as members, workable solutions to difficult problems.

I will have some of these available at the Assembly. GV chairs will be busy keeping this one, just like when "Forming New Partnerships came out last fall.

I look forward to hearing from/meeting the district GV chairs. As with Self Support, District GV Chairs are encouraged to help each other. Be good neighbors to adjoining districts Shop locally first for GV presenters at your next function. I am available if needed. If you have any comments questions suggestions or ideas, I would love to hear them. Contact me through the Area website at: grapevine@area83aa.org. Have a safe sober and fun summer, and I will see you all, soon enough in Kingston.

It's grape to be sober

Yours in love and service.

Jim A

Panel 65 GV Chair Eastern Ontario International Area 83

f) Self-Support

Dave L

Hello everyone, my name is Dave and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the Liverpool Group in District 26 Lakeshore West and I have the privilege to serve as your Area 83 Self Support Chair.

Since my last report at the June Area Committee Meeting, I attended the District 70, 74 & 78 Service Information Day in Cobden on June 25th with our Area 83 Delegate and gave a presentation on Self Support. I also attended the District 26 & 28 Conference in Oshawa on August 13th, where I set up the Area display and spoke with many members about Self Support.

The bi-monthly meetings of the Toronto Self Support Committee were suspended for the time being, in view of light attendance. Some of the challenges with attendance relate to other AA commitments, summer activities and the fact that the term for District Self Support Chairs ends in December 2016.

There will be a meeting at the Area 83 Assembly in Kingston (for the Toronto District Chairs in attendance on October 29) to discuss how to position the establishment of the Committee for the 2017/2018 term.

Self Support is alive and well within Area 83. Self Support District Chairs have been elected in more Districts and are proactive in contacting me to discuss self support ideas. The separate collection for the AA International Day of Gratitude was expanded to three Districts this June.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

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Yours in love and service, Dave L., Self Support Chair - Panel 65 – Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

g) Archives

Linda D

Hello my name is Linda D, I am a member of the Land O'Lakes group in Sharbot lake and I am an alcoholic. It has been my privilege to be the Archives Chair for Area 83 for the last 21 months. Since we were last together I have done a few things within our Area. On June 11th I took part in a service information day in Iraqis. Then took a little drive to Ottawa and took part in their Service information day. Both were well attended and very informative. Then things went fairly quiet. On August 27 I participated in Quinte east information Service day. Just a quick reminder that we are still looking for an Archivist to replace David T. Put out the word to your districts.

I am looking forward to the upcoming Area Assemble in Kingston and look forward to see all of you there.

Yours in service
Linda

h) Service Information Day Chairperson

Ray R

I'm an alcoholic, a member of the last chance Group, and serving as your Service Information Day Chair, my name is Ray R.

The Fall Agenda has been finalized, and submitted to the Area Chair. Sub-Committee Chairs and participating DCM's have all been notified, and have accepted the workshops assigned to them. We've also secured the wild card presenters, who've also confirmed, while managing to stay within our budget of our operating guide lines.

I'd like to thank the committee for all their hard work in putting together the agenda, enabling us to get it out in good time.

Again, thanks to all who took the time to fill out the surveys, as they proved to be a useful tool in planning the next Service Information Day.

One concern that came up from our last assembly, was the amount of debris and discarded agendas left behind after the assembly. It wasn't just the clutter that was a concern, but some documents had the names of presenters on them, which could have been problematic had they gotten into the wrong hands. The committee plans to monitor the mess so it doesn't become an issue.

Nothing much has changed as far as rooms and audio/video equipment, we still offer overhead and laptop projectors, and of course if you require a laptop projector, you will have to provide your own laptop. If you require anything else, for example, a white board, please email me or our secretary Amy L, and we'll try our best to accommodate.

We're looking forward to this our final Service Information Day, not because it's the end of our term, but because we can bring forward everything we've learned over the last two years and hopefully make this the best Service Information Day ever.

As always, it's an honour to serve, and on behalf of the Service Information Day Committee, I'd like to thank you for this opportunity.

Yours in Service - Ray R
Service Information Day
Chairperson.

Registrar's Report

Sue B

Greetings! I'm an alcoholic; a member of the Parkwood Hills Group in District 62, and my name is Sue. It continues to be an honour & privilege to serve the fellowship in this manner as your Panel 65 Area Registrar.

The roll call for today is 15 Area Officers (including Webmaster & Area Archivist), 0 Immediate past Delegate, 2 Past Delegates, 19 District Committee Members, 12 Alternate District Committee Members and 7 Visitors.

For voting purposes there are: 13 Area Officers eligible to vote (including 0 Immediate Past Delegate) and 23 District Committee Members for a total of 35 votes. Total delegation for this meeting is 54.

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One of our Delegate's goals this term was to clean up the active groups still listed in Districts 38 and 46 which had both disbanded a few years ago. Between Joyce, Bill - the Delegate of Area 48, Milner - DCM of District 42 and I, this goal has now been accomplished.

When I started my term as Area Registrar, we had approximately 90 Unknown Groups. As of today, we have 34. This is after much encouraging, begging, threatening, brow-beating, and generally going to any lengths to have the poor DCM's, Alt/DCM's, and Registrar/Secretaries find someone in a group that would agree to be a mailing contact for their group so it may become Active. I do apologize to those of you whom I have really harassed, but we must remember that this is not about us, but rather having groups become Active so that they may be knowledgeable with what is happening not only at the General Service Office, but with the wider world of AA in general.

For those Districts which have Unknown Groups, I have placed an updated list in your folders. What I find concerning is that the last list of Unknown Groups, dated May 30, 2016, had 36 groups listed. The list I placed in your file folders today, dated September 4th still has 34 groups listed. Obviously, we must do our best to get these numbers down as soon as we can. Remember, 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 along with their full mailing address on a Change Form sent in to me, and the group will become Active.

Within the next week or two, I will be sending each District individual Group sheets with all pertinent information. If there are any updates or corrections to be made, please send them to me on a Change Form as soon as possible so that I may make the corrections to ensure the Sign-In sheets for the Fall Assembly are correct.

At the back of the room are some Group Information Change forms and New Group forms that I have brought with me. Please feel free to pick some up should you wish.

I would like to thank those Districts who send me their Minutes; I love to read them. For those that do not, (I believe that is only one or two now) it would be great if you could add me to your distribution list. I'm always pretty amazed when I receive the Minutes from Tim F, Secretary/Registrar for D86, just a few hours after their District meeting. How helpful is that for GSR's who's Business Meeting is within the week or two after!!

Service can be lots of fun, and I thank you once again for this opportunity.

Yours, in Love and Service,

Sue B,
Panel 65 Registrar
Area 83 – Eastern Ontario International
registrar@area83aa.org

ATTENDANCE:

	VOTING	/	NON-VOTING
DCM's	19	/	
ALT. DCM's	4	/	8
AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS	12	/	2 (Chair, appointed positions)
PAST DELEGATE	0 (Immed.)	/	2
VISITORS		/	7

TOTAL DELEGATION: 54

TOTAL VOTES: 35

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Treasurer's Report

Kimberley M

Hi friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Ajax Area Group in District 26, and my name is Kimberley. It is my privilege to serve Area 83 as your Treasurer. Hopefully you enjoyed your summer and the warm weather!

Our next big event is the Fall Assembly next month! While you are encouraging your GSR's and their alternates to attend, please gently remind them that Area 83 pays the Ambassador \$13 per person to provide coffee/tea throughout the weekend. The contributions put in the 7th tradition and coffee cans over the weekend, will go towards this expense.

In the District Committee Members mail folders you will find 2 Area 83 contribution envelopes. Please share these with your District and Group Treasurers for future contributions. More envelopes are available on the side table, please help yourselves. Please thank the groups that are including their service number either on the envelope or right on the cheque. It is helpful and appreciated.

Also in the DCM mail folders, as well as the Area Committee Members folders you will find copies of the financial statement for the period ending August 28, 2016. Copies of these are available on the side table and let's go through the numbers now.

Page 1 is a financial summary. It shows our reserve account, which is set aside for unforeseen circumstances, has a balance of \$20,000 and is in the form of a GIC paying 1.4% interest maturing September 11, 2017.

Income for the period: 7th tradition collected at the Assembly and Area Committee Meetings (\$3 667.13), Cost recoveries from the sale of grapevine and service manuals (\$371.00), Group and District contributions (\$33 287.22)

Total income for the period is \$37 325.35. Expenses for the period: Committee expenses are \$22 176.05, Area committee meeting – rent and refreshments (\$802.85), General Service Conference \$10 412.40, Bank service charges \$6.82, Paypal Fees \$10.64, Forum in Thunder Bay \$744.34, Ontario Delegates Conference \$1 514.37. Total expenses for the period are \$35 667.47. To date expenses are \$1 657.88 lower than income. The bank opening balance on January 1, 2016 was \$26 640.83. Total income less expenses leaves a balance in the operating account of \$25 298.71 as of August 28, 2016. The bank reconciliation has been done and the balance in the operating account is accurate.

Page 2 shows details of expenses. Here we see an itemized breakdown of expenses for the period for each Area Committee Member, as well as all other expenses to date.

Just to clarify some of the numbers that you see here: The amount shown on the Webmaster line under miscellaneous, \$39.98, is the amount of website renewal for 2 years. The amount shown on the Archives line under miscellaneous, \$499.93, is for the Archives workshop in Ottawa. Beside the Spring Assembly, under meals you see \$4000 which covers the coffee. In that same line under miscellaneous, the amount of \$1255.74 includes Archives room and DVD rental (\$322.05), data projectors (\$214.70) and the set up of the ballroom (\$678). Beside Area Committee Meetings, travel expenses were for a previous delegate to facilitate the election for the new self-support chair at the January ACM.

Miscellaneous in that same line is for the rent and refreshments for the January and June ACM meetings.

At the bottom of the page is a summary comparing year to date for 2016 and 2015. Here you can see that our income to date is up \$1 856.08 compared to last year at this time. Our expenses are up \$9 446.23. The resulting net change to our operating account is \$7 590.15. Contributions are up \$1 607.15 compared to last year at this time. 7 less groups have contributed and 2 more districts have contributed so far this year compared to last year.

You may ask why expenses are up \$9446 compared to last year. Many expenses are actually down. Three items that contribute to this increase are: General Service Conference – we have paid the full amount which is approx. \$7800 more than we had paid at this point last year. Forums – approx. \$580 more due to being in Thunder Bay. There was no forum last year. The Ontario Delegates Conference – was held in Sudbury vs Hamilton accounting for an additional approx. \$780.

Page 3 shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from the District, as well as Groups within the District. Thank you to the 133 Groups and 14 Districts that have made financial contributions to Area 83 this year. As of August 28, 2016 all cheques received were processed and receipts along with return contribution envelopes were sent out.

Please continue to remind groups who would like to contribute using Paypal to include their 6 digit Group Service Number with any contributions using Paypal so that the group can get credit for the contribution. The place to enter the group number is the screen after entering credit card information. Paypay charges a fee of 2.9% plus 30 cents per transaction. There have been 4 contributions using Paypal this year so far.

For the six months ending June 30, 2016, 26.88% of groups in Area 83 have sent contributions to the General Service Office compared to 25.68% last year. This morning Joyce gave me a hard copy of contributions to GSO listed by group per district. I put

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these in the DCM folders during lunch, so please pick them up sometime this afternoon so your district can have them for their reference.

The 7th Tradition today was \$302.20. Thank for your generous contributions.

Yours in Love and Service, Kimberley M., Treasurer, Panel 65 Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Secretary's Report

James O'D

My name is James and I am an alcoholic.

My home group is The Early Morning Discussion Group in downtown Toronto and we meet 13 times per week. I am currently serving as your Area 83 Secretary for the 2015-16 term.

On July 1st I was invited to Ottawa to speak at the Canadathon. What a wonderful experience! A great day of games, speakers, BBQ, music and so much more. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all those who organized this event and those who took excellent care of me while I was there. It was a well put together event and apparently, Canada Day weekend is one of the hardest weekends of the year for a newcomer to stay sober. Hope to see many of you there next year if you are in the neighborhood. The fireworks were also spectacular!

On the next weekend, July 8 through 10th, I was off to the Regional Forum in Thunder Bay. Another great AA team organized a super weekend. What struck me most, besides all the very useful information and lively debates, was the attendance and intensity of our francophone members. I got to sit in on a few workshop style rooms and see their love of the fellowship, steps and traditions first hand – in French! Very inspiring....

The rest of the summer has been a little less glamorous but very productive. All/Most of the Districts have been updated and the FNV is current as of today. My email is filling up with a few last minute touchups here and there which is very common coming up to an ACM or Assembly. Thank you to all the secretaries/DCMs for being as clear as you can with all of your updates. It makes the task you have given me much easier to complete.

Reminders:

1. Please remember to empty your District folder
2. Email District reports whenever possible BEFORE the ACM/Assembly
3. Update Hardcopy Request form
4. Extra ACM June minutes and today's agenda are in front of podium
5. Area sub-committee Chairs have been given their roster. Please make any necessary corrections and return to the Secretary. Corrected version will be emailed out.
6. DCMs – Please hand in any District Change forms to me or place in beige folder.

I too am looking forward to our Area Assembly in October and have booked the Sunday night at the hotel as well because I know that this will be an amazing but long Assembly.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve our beloved Fellowship as your Area Secretary.

Alternate Delegate's Report

Kim S

Hi my name is Kim, I am an alcoholic, a member of the St Clements group and the panel 65 Alternate Delegate.

I attended the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in Thunder Bay from July 8-10. It was nice to see so many from Area 83 there. It was one of the best I have attended. I learned so much and heard so much inspiration.

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On Saturday morning Joyce and I attended a breakfast meeting on CERAASA where a potential agenda was discussed. It is being held at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Moncton February 24-26, 2017. Room rate is 121.00. There are a block of 75 rooms being held until January 24.

I also attended the Remote Communities meeting. It was a great and informative meeting. Highlights are, there is a tele-conference call through KOE Health every Wednesday. They have been going on since September 2015. Some reserves require a formal letter and not word of mouth to attend. Manitoba has 40 remote communities.

During sharing time there was a question to GSO as to whether remote communities will be a standing committee and the answer given was, not at this time.

A great piece of information was there is a eastern Canada Regional correspondent. His name is Steve Smith. Use in tandem with other depts or staff members. I never knew this before.

A tidbit of trivia, there were 1694 visits to GSO last year.

After the forum there was a remote communities call scheduled for July 18. Many were on vacation and not able to attend. There was a replacement call in August but not everyone was informed so not all Remote Communities chairs attended the call. There is talk through email about having a call in September.

I attended joint sharing at Toronto inter group on August 2. Much discussion was had about the scientific assembly November 24-26 through CPC. Richard chair of the 12 step committee reported on poor turnout for phone duty at inter group. He said there is some difficulty with boredom. They have some gaps and they are doing a drive to get more bodies. Training is the first Sunday of the month from 11:00-5:00.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Kim S

Delegate's Report

Joyce S

Hello, everyone. I am an alcoholic, a member of the St. Clement's Group in District 10 and my name is Joyce. It is also my honour to serve the fellowship as your Panel 65 Delegate for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International.

Well, back to A.A. business. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and are now looking forward to what will take place for the end of this term.

Although it has been quite the last few months, the month of June was pretty busy. The following are the events where the Delegate's report was presented:

1. District 48 hosted Districts 42, 50 & 66 on Saturday, June 11th. Thank you District 48 for your contribution of \$100.00 towards my expenses.
2. The next day, June 12th, District 54 hosted Districts 58 & 62 at Ottawa City Hall.
3. District 70, 74 & 78 had their service day on Saturday, June 25 in Cobden. D70 hosted. Our Self-Support Chair, Dave L. and I traveled together.

I would like to thank those who attended these services days allowing me to fulfill my commitment to Area 83 as your Delegate. It takes a lot of planning and work to set up these days and I truly appreciate it. The enthusiasm shown was evident by the attendance of so many members new to service. Keep up the good work!

On July 8-10th, I attended the Regional Forum in Thunder Bay where I had the honour of doing a presentation on "How to Attract People in Service." I personally enjoyed listening to all the presentations and think they were an exceptional contribution to the spiritual and informative sharing though out the weekend. There were 220 in attendance with 74 new time attendees.

While at the forum, I received some cards from the host committee for CERAASA 2017 which will be held in Moncton, NB February 24-26, 2017. There is a stack of them on the table so please take some back to your groups. I have read in some district minutes Area Committee Minutes September 10, 2016

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that this event is being discussed and I encourage all to attend, if possible. More information can be found at www.ceraasa.org. I checked the other day and registration is now open.

I do not have anything else scheduled, except of course, the Fall Assembly. I am looking forward to watching the process of our elections. For those of you are able to let your name stand for any of the positions, please consider it. I can tell you from my personal experience that in my wildest dreams, I never in a millions years thought my service journey would lead me this far down the triangle. What an experience!

I received the 2016 Final Conference Reports and have packaged them up into districts. There is also a box of spares over by the table for anyone who would like more. I have another 250 spares which I will bring to the Fall Assembly with me. I request that you ensure that all the groups in your districts get a copy, mentioning that full last names are used in the reports, therefore, they should not be left lying around.

On another note, I received a request from the We Agnostics, Atheists & Freethinkers International AA Conference Toronto Bid Committee 2018 for a letter of support from Area 83. (Copy of request and letter of support attached).

Please continue to have your District Secretaries 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.

Yours in Love and Service, Joyce S. Delegate - Panel 65 Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Agenda Item 4

(Acceptance of previous minutes deferred from this morning).

Has everyone had the opportunity to review the minutes of the
June 4th, 2016 Area Committee meeting?
Are there any errors or omissions in the minutes?

On page 9, Item 13 D – change “Herb D” to “Herb W” (and we all laughed, and laughed, and laughed...)

I would entertain a motion to accept the June 4th, 2016 ACM minutes as submitted (or amended)

Motioned: Elaine H – Area PI Chair

Seconded: Jim S – DCM – D82

Discussion - NONE

All those in favour of the motion - ALL

All those opposed to the motion - NONE

Any abstentions - NONE

Result: Carried

**Note: At this point in the agenda, I would like to recommend that we move to 2/3 majority.
May I have a motion to move to 2/3 majority?**

Motioned: Linda D – Area Archives Chair

Seconded: Tom L – DCM – D28

Discussion - NONE

All those in favour of the motion - ALL

All those opposed to the motion - NONE

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Any abstentions - NONE

Result: Carried

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

a) Report from Ad-Hoc Committee on Area Inventory Review - Robb W Panel 61 Delegate

Hi friends, I am an alcoholic and my name is Robb W. My thanks to Dave for agreeing to present this short report to you as I am currently in Saskatchewan at a wedding!

I was asked by your Chair to head up an Ad Hoc Committee whose scope is: "To review the inventory and make recommendation to the Area Committee based on the inventory results". Joining me on the committee are Darlene K. DCM District 54, Amy L., DCM District 26 and Dave B. Alt. DCM, District 14.

We have had one online meeting and a number of emails back and forth. At the writing of this report, we have gathered the responses from the inventory, all 122 pages, and are looking it over. Our next meeting will probably take place prior to the Fall Assembly. We will also try and find some time to meet face to face at the assembly.

More will be revealed!

Thank you for the honor of serving Alcoholics Anonymous.

Yours in Love and Service,
Robb W

b) Report from Ad-Hoc Committee on Area Assembly Location - Kim S Area 83 Alternate Delegate

Hi my name is Kim, I am an alcoholic and a member of the St Clements Group. I was asked by our Area Chairperson Rob, to chair the Area Assembly Location Adhoc Committee to research new Area Assembly locations. On June 11, 2016 Rob sent a letter to Les, DCM of District 34 and Miles, DCM of District 30 and asked them to participate on the committee.

Our scope was to acquire quotes from hotel/convention centres with facilities able to accommodate our Area Assemblies, in locations central to our Area.

Our Mandate: To report our findings to the Area Committee with an interim report at our September ACM and a final report preferably at our December ACM.

Being Area Chair last term I have booked and organized the Area assemblies with the hotel. So I am aware of what is required for an assembly. Rob sent me current BEO's and invoices from the last assembly. Based on that information I put together a list of what is needed for an Assembly along with our current discounted price for guest rooms and sent both Les and Miles a list of requirements.

The area that we looked at was from Port Hope to Kingston. We did not look at Toronto or Ottawa as we asked to look for areas central to our location. The main cities looked into were Port Hope, Coburg, Peterborough, Napanee, Perth, Napanee, Trenton and Belleville.

Most of the cities researched did not show anything suitable for our Assemblies. There is one place that is still being researched and I am not prepared to report on that today.

Rob and I did discuss this and agreed I will give a final report to the Assembly in October.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Kim S

c) Discuss Ontario Delegate's Committee Meeting at CERAASA 2017 - Joyce S Area 83 Delegate

At the Ontario Delegate's Committee Meeting, which was held in Sudbury from March 4-6, 2016, the current 4 Ontario Delegate's and Alternate's voted to forgo the 2017 Ontario Delegate's Committee Meeting which was scheduled to take place in Thunder Bay. This was due to CERASSA 2017 which will be taking place in Moncton, NB from February 24-45, 2017. It was felt the cost for the Delegate and the Alternate to attend both events on back to back weekends would be a tremendous cost to the individual areas. This

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happened when Area 83 hosted CERASSA in Toronto in 2015, then the following weekend the Delegate and Alternate attended the Ontario Delegate's Committee Meeting in Hamilton.

At the June 1, 2013 Area Committee Meeting, when I was Alternate Delegate, I put forward the following motion:

The Immediate Past Delegate is a voting member of the Assembly, but is not eligible for any Area office and is to be reimbursed for attending the Area Assemblies, Area Committee Meetings and **the first Ontario Delegates' Committee Meeting of their term.**

The reasoning behind saying the first Ontario Delegates' Committee Meeting of their term was that in the second year of the Delegate's term, the Delegates would have already attended a General Service Conference, therefore would already know what to expect.

This motion passed and was inserted into the Operating Procedures.

I am requesting a sense of the room as to whether the Immediate Past Delegate for the term 2017-2018, which would be me, should attend CERASSA 2017 since there will not be an Ontario Delegate's Committee Meeting in 2017. Past Delegates are encouraged to attend the Ontario Delegate's Committee Meeting and CERASSA for their shared experiences in attending the General Service Conference. Requests for the Immediate Past Delegate to participate in either are quite common. The host committee is making every effort to incorporate the Ontario Delegate's Committee Meeting into the agenda of CERASSA.

I have done some cost comparisons and they are as follows:

1. Thunder Bay costs could have been approximately \$750. This total was taken from the costs which were incurred to attend the 2016 Regional Forum in Thunder Bay this past July. This includes all expenses.
2. I checked flights from Toronto to Moncton and the cheapest I could find was Air Canada for approximately \$500.00. With registration, 2 nights hotel and meals, I arrived at a cost of approximately \$988.00

This is a difference of about \$244.00.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours in Love and Service, Joyce S. Delegate - Panel 65 Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

d) Discuss 2020 Regional Forum - Joyce S Area 83 Delegate

You have heard me mention previously that Area 83 is scheduled to host the Regional Forum in 2020. I request your patience as I mention it, again. The term 2015-2016 will be up at the end of the year, so I am asking the current District Committee Members and the incoming District Committee Members to please continue to mention it at your meetings. From what I understand, the next Delegate will be asked at the 2017 General Service Conference if Area 83 would consider hosting in 2020. This Delegate should have the consensus of the area which could be taken at the spring 2017 area assembly. It is premature to even think about setting up committees or even think about a venue. I would think all this would be done by the members in 2019 sometime.

For those of you who have attended Regional Forums, I am sure you would agree that they are not to be missed. Therefore, let's keep this in mind.

Hopefully, more information will be received as time goes on.

Yours in Love and Service, Joyce S. Delegate - Panel 65 Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

e) Discuss DCM reports at election Assembly

The Chair proposed to the Area Committee members that the verbal DCM reports at the upcoming Area Assembly in October be dispensed with as it is an election Assembly. A "sense of the room" indicated strongly that no DCM reports are to be read in October in Kingston but written reports should be submitted to the Area Secretary by email and will be included in the Assembly minutes.

Is there any other new business? No.

14. Sharing - what's on your mind? Much sharing took place about roundups and anniversaries.

15. Next area committee meeting.

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on December 3rd, 2016
Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?

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Motioned: Miles C – DCM – D30

Seconded: Herb W – Area Treatment Chair

All those in favour of the motion - ALL

Result: Carried

The 3 year term of our Area Archivist David T is up at the end of this year. We still do not have any one to fill this position. The call for resumes will be re-issued. A call has been sent out to fill the position of Alternate Webmaster beginning Jan. 1, 2017. If you know anyone who may be interested in either of these appointed positions please ask them to submit a resume. The deadline for submission for Alternate Webmaster is November 15. No deadline has been set for Archivist submission. The deadline for resumes for the position of Webmaster has passed and the appointment will be at our December 3 Area Committee meeting.

Reminder: The Fall Assembly will be held at the Ambassador Conference Centre in Kingston October 28th – 30th, 2016.

16. CLOSING

It is now 3:15 p.m. and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you all a safe drive home. I look forward to seeing you again in March.

May I have a motion to end this meeting?

Motioned: Bryan McL – DCM – D48

Seconded: Darlene K – DCM D54

All those in favour of the motion - ALL

All those opposed to the motion - NONE

Any abstentions - NONE

Result: Carried

CLOSE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

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AS OF: August 28, 2016

RESERVE ACCOUNT		Actual
January 1, 2016 Opening Balance		20,000.00
Interest		
Transfer to Operating Account		0.00
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE		20,000.00

INCOME		
7th Tradition		3,667.13
Cost Recoveries		371.00
Flow Through to GSO		0.00
Grapevine Seasonals		0.00
Group & District Contributions		33,287.22
	TOTAL INCOME	37,325.35
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE		0.00
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS		37,325.35

EXPENSES		
Accommodations		4,547.40
Meals		6,198.64
Travel		7,312.25
Long Distance		0.00
Postage		112.32
Printing		1,040.55
Literature		940.69
Stationery		184.05
Miscellaneous		1,840.15
Total Committee Expenses		22,176.05
Ad Hoc Committees		0.00
Area Contribution to GSO		0.00
Area Committee Meetings		802.85
General Service Conf. Assessment		10,412.40
Bank Service Charges		6.82
Paypal fees		10.64
Forums		744.34
Grapevine Seasonal		0.00
GSO Flow Through		0.00
Ontario Delegate's Conference		1,514.37
International Conferences		0.00
Total Other Expenses		13,491.42
TOTAL EXPENSES		35,667.47

OPERATING ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2016		23,640.83
Total Income & Transfers		37,325.35
Total Expenses		-35,667.47
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE		25,298.71

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Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Annual Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	256.94	210.07	824.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1291.79	2095.00	803.21	61.66%
Alt. Delegate	0.00	83.00	315.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	398.70	1650.00	1231.30	24.46%
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	99.47	183.40	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	296.87	550.00	253.13	53.98%
Chairperson	0.00	113.23	395.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	508.63	945.00	436.37	53.82%
Secretary	0.00	66.95	441.70	0.00	0.00	537.69	0.00	10.25	0.00	1056.59	2170.00	1113.41	48.69%
Treasurer	0.00	58.00	274.00	0.00	112.32	262.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	706.91	1360.00	653.09	51.98%
Registrar	0.00	59.58	328.30	0.00	0.00	69.83	0.00	31.64	0.00	489.35	1240.00	750.65	39.46%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	237.44	88.91	339.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.98	705.83	1841.78	1135.95	36.32%
Archives	0.00	155.41	316.50	0.00	0.00	15.41	0.00	0.00	499.93	987.25	1315.00	327.75	75.08%
Archivist	237.44	70.90	330.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	639.09	1250.00	610.91	51.13%
Cooperation with the P.C.	0.00	58.17	572.50	0.00	0.00	99.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	807.83	1540.00	732.17	52.46%
Corrections Facilities	0.00	71.00	576.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	647.10	1445.00	797.90	44.78%
Grapevine	135.59	122.87	453.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1248.73	1110.00	-138.73	112.50%
Public Information	0.00	212.58	595.87	0.00	0.00	41.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	1064.57	1495.00	430.43	71.21%
Self Support	115.79	135.22	620.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.40	44.50	1020.93	1020.00	-0.93	100.09%
Treatment Facilities	0.00	84.31	345.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	103.76	0.00	533.17	960.00	426.83	55.54%
Service Info Day Crite	949.76	508.97	443.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1902.53	2985.00	1082.47	63.74%
Spring Assembly	2614.44	4000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1255.74	7870.18	9042.00	1171.82	87.04%
Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8952.00	8952.00	0.00	100.0%
COMMITTEE EXP.	4,547.40	6,198.64	7,312.25	-	112.32	1,040.55	940.69	184.05	1,840.15	22,176.05	42,945.78	20,768.73	51.64%
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.00	10.00	0.00%
Area Committee	-	-	179.90	-	-	-	-	-	622.95	802.85	1,530.00	727.15	52.47%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.82	-	-	-
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.64	-	-	-
Paypal Fees	246.34	120.52	377.48	-	-	-	-	-	-	744.34	1,670.00	925.66	44.57%
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,412.40	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400.00	11,242.00	829.60	92.62%
GSC Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,514.37	1,670.00	400.00	0.00%
GSO Flow Through	497.16	138.97	878.24	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,514.37	1,670.00	155.63	90.68%
Ont Delegates Conf.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.00	-
International Conferences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.00	-
OTHER EXPENSES	743.50	259.49	1,435.62	-	-	-	-	-	622.95	13,491.42	21,522.00	8,041.22	62.69%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,290.90	\$ 6,458.13	\$ 8,747.87	\$ -	\$ 112.32	\$ 1,040.55	\$ 940.69	\$ 184.05	\$ 2,463.10	\$ 35,667.47	\$ 64,467.78	\$ 28,810.95	55.33%

Income Summary	
August 28, 2016	
7th Tradition	3,667.13
Bank Interest	-
GSO Flow through	-
Contributions	33,287.22
Cost recoveries	371.00
Grapevine Seasonals	-
Total Income	\$ 37,325.35

August 28, 2016		YTD 2016	YTD 2015	Change
Income To Date		37,325.35	35,469.27	1,856.08
Expenses To Date		35,667.47	26,221.24	9,446.23
Net Change To Operating Account		\$ 1,657.88	\$ 9,248.03	-\$ 7,590.15
Contributions		\$33,287.22	\$31,680.07	\$1,607.15
Contributing Groups		133	140	-7
Contributing Districts		14	12	2

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GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF August 28, 2016

District	00	Unspecified	\$0.00
District	02	Malton	\$510.81
District	06	Mississauga	\$1,002.50
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$3,204.26
District	12	Toronto South West	\$1,681.03
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$1,362.80
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$150.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$285.00
District	22	Scarborough	\$1,305.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$1,659.74
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$1,452.20
District	30	Quinte West	\$1,400.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$2,130.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$1,640.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$317.30
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$550.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$1,580.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$360.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$295.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$3,291.38
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$2,540.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$830.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$740.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$200.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$1,500.20
District	86	Kawartha	\$3,300.00

Total Contributions YTD: \$33,287.22

133	Groups Contributing	Total from Groups	\$26,193.94
14	Districts Contributing	Total from Districts	\$7,093.28

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**We Agnostics, Atheists & Freethinkers International AA Conference:
Toronto Bid Committee 2018**

c/o: Joe Chisholm, 23 Cannon Road, Unit 5 Toronto, ON M8Y 1R8,
TorontoWAAFTIAAC2018@gmail.com 416-239-8737

August 24, 2016

Joyce Saunders
Area 83 Delegate

delegate@area83aa.org

Dear Joyce S, Area 83 Delegate:

Warm greetings from the Toronto bid-committee for We Agnostics, Atheist & Freethinkers International Alcoholics Anonymous Conference (WAAFTIACC) 2018. The Fall Box 4-5-9 announces the upcoming WAAFTIAAC 2016 and our committee will be there in Austin, November 11th to 13, bidding for Toronto, Canada to host the 2018 International Conference.

We are writing today, to seek your letter of support.

Toronto has been the stage for AA's quinquennial international convention in 1965 and again in 2005. AA is vibrant and diverse in Canada with over 25 meetings every week for agnostics and atheists. Area 83 is home to agnostic and freethinker AA groups from our North Eastern border in Ottawa to our South West border in Mississauga. AA offers conferences for the LGBTQ community (<http://gal-aa.org>), Young People in AA (<https://www.icypaa.org/>) and International Lawyers in AA (<http://www.ilaa.org/home/>), who gather in Vancouver this October. And of course, there we have a conference for AA's secular-minded members.

We Agnostics, Atheists and Freethinkers in AA (<http://www.waافتiaac.org/>) are well represented in Toronto and we have the support of other secular AA groups in Area 83. The Toronto bid-committee is a team of experienced and dedicated AA members with experience in regional conferences and the AA Service Structure. We believe that having WAAFTIAAC 2018 in Toronto would be great for the city, Ontario and Canada.

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We are currently seeking letters of support to be included in our bid-binder from local (Toronto Mayor), regional (Ontario Premier) and national dignitaries (Prime Minister), encouraging the International community of secular AA's to come celebrate AA sobriety in Toronto in 2018. We would be remiss not to show the support of Area 83 in our bid.

If you would be so gracious, please mail your letter of support to: Toronto Bid Committee: We Agnostics, Atheists & Freethinkers International AA Conference 2018 to the address above; we would be grateful for your support.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Joe Chisholm, Toronto Bid-Committee Member
WAAFTIAAC Toronto Bid-Committee 2018

AA Fact File:

As of January 1, 2016 Canada has an estimated 85,500 members who attend 5,043 groups.

AA has over 2 million members and 60,000 AA groups.

The Greater Toronto Area is home to over 500 AA meetings every week and our annual Ontario Regional Conference of AA attracts 2,500 to 3,500 AA members and our friends and family, every March.

"...this was the great contribution of our atheists and agnostics. They had widened our gateway so that all who suffer might pass through, regardless of their belief or lack of belief." -- Bill W., Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, p. 167

For more information on Alcoholics Anonymous: <http://www.aa.org>

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**Alcoholics Anonymous
Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

September 11, 2016

We Agnostics, Atheists & Freethinkers International AA Conference
Toronto Bid Committee 2018

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter of August 24, 2016 informing General Service Area 83 Eastern Ontario International of the bid from the Toronto committee for We Agnostics, Atheists and Freethinkers International Alcoholics Anonymous Conference 2018.

We understand that the bid requires a letter of support from the Area where it is to be held, and we are pleased to provide such a letter.

As with other conferences and events by and for A.A. members, we would welcome international representation of the A.A. Fellowship in Toronto and understand that your committee would provide a well-organized conference in 2018, if selected to host it.

I have shared this letter with Area 83 to seek their group conscience, and it is agreed by substantial unanimity that I submit our indication of support to the Toronto Bid Committee.

With all best A.A. wishes and regards.

Sincerely yours, in fellowship,

Joyce S.
Panel 65 Delegate
Area 83 Eastern Ontario International