

# **Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

## **Area Committee Minutes**

**January 6, 2018**

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### 1. OPENING

Good morning!! I'm an alcoholic a member of the Ajax Area Group in District 26 and my name is Kimberley. It's an honour to serve Area 83 as your Chairperson.

Can we open this meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer. Can we have that moment now please?

Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions: Kim

District: 58 - ADCM

12 Concepts (Short Form): Eileen

District: 28 - ADCM

Welcome to Quinte West. It's great to see everyone here today. This is our fourth Area Committee meeting of the 2017-2018 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 and 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.

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. This includes e-cigarettes and vaping. 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. Also, please be considerate of those with perfume allergies when applying scents.

The church has asked us to be extra vigilant when we are disposing of our recycling and garbage. Please pour any liquid that you are disposing of in the bucket before putting the cup/container/bottle in the appropriate bin. You should also know that this church is a non-styrofoam facility and they ask that we not use Styrofoam in our meetings.

*<The chair indicated physically where the different recycling items were to be placed in accordance with the wishes of our host.>*

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

Introduce officers

On my immediate right, our Panel 67 Delegate

Kim S

On Kim's right, our Alternate Delegate

Rob M

On my immediate left is our Secretary

James O'D

Beside James is our Treasurer

Sue B

Beside Sue is our Registrar

Amy L

Our Panel 65 Immediate Past Delegate

Joyce S

And I'm your Chairperson

Kimberley M

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### Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

Public Information Chairperson	Les MacD
Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson	Jim S
Correctional Facilities Chairperson	Mac B
Treatment/Accessibilities Chairperson	Marty M
Grapevine Chairperson	Robert B
Self-Support Chairperson	Ray R
Archives Chairperson	Eddy G
Service Information Day Chairperson	Shane H

These are your Area Officers and Sub Committee Chairs for 2017- 2018

And in Appointed positions we have

Area Webmaster – Jim R

### Housekeeping:

Our meeting schedule up to and including tentative dates in 2018 will be included in the minutes. These dates are booked and secured with the hotel and church. Some are listed as tentative as the date of the following Assembly/Meeting is approved at the end of each meeting. We will be meeting in June, September and December this year.

Year	Date	What	Where
2018	March 23,24,25 <u>Approved</u>	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel
2018	June 2 <u>Approved</u>	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2018	September 8 <u>Tentative</u>	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2018	December 1 <u>Tentative</u>	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church

Assembly rooms cannot be booked online. Call the Ambassador hotel and quote the group name AA March 2018 or AA Oct 2018 or. Our discounted block of rooms is held until 30 days before the Assembly. Remind your GSR's to book well in advance of the Assembly to secure a room.

The agenda for the Assembly is sent out approximately 6 weeks in advance. It is sent to DCM's to distribute to the GSR's. This is so that groups will have time to discuss the items and vote at the group level and at the district level prior to the assembly.

### Food:

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

Thank-you Gord for organizing the lunch, refreshments, and snacks.

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### Seating:

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

### Who votes?

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

### How do we vote?

### Procedure:

Alcoholics Anonymous has traditionally made decisions by 'substantial unanimity'. In practice, this has translated to 2/3 majority. At times, I may ask for a show of hands to get a 'sense of the meeting'. This is not a vote, and anyone may raise his or her hand. I 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 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 goods points and opinions will come out in any discussions, and if discussion is prematurely cut off, we will not get to hear them.

### Who may address the committee meeting?

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

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

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

### Floor Motions

If you are making a floor motion for the Area Committee to consider today, it would be much appreciated if you would write your motion

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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?

MOVED: BILL C – DCM – D74

SECONDED: MAC B – AREA CF CHAIR

DISCUSSION? NONE

All those in Favour? ALL

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 0

Voice of Minority? NONE

Motion was passed.

**2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

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

OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

12. NONE

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

13 (a) "Appointment of George McQ as Alternate Webmaster for 2 year term." – Jim R – Area Webmaster

13 (b) Discussion of the Area 83 map. – Marty M – Area TF/Accessibilities

13 (c) Discussion about the Meeting App – District 30 – Ian W - DCM

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

MOVED: JIM S – CPC AREA CHAIR

SECONDED: MIKE B – DCM – D62

DISCUSSION? NONE

All those in Favour? ALL

All those opposed? None

Any abstentions? None

Motion was passed.

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

**4. Review and acceptance of minutes of the Area Committee Meeting of September 9th, 2017.**

Minutes of the September 9th, 2017 ACM 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\*\*\*\*\*

**5. District committee members' reports (Sequence of reports drawn from the hat)**

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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, our Secretary.

I would ask members to come up to the mic to give their report. Order is determined by 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 give your report 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**

**Shane**

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

**District 06 Mississauga**

**David B**

Good morning everyone and welcome. I have the humble privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for district 06 Mississauga, Etobicoke and Oakville. I am a member of the Lakeshore group, I am an alcoholic and my name is David B. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and I wish you all the best in the new year. Our district is healthy. We just approved another split to Area and the General Service Office. Although the number of groups forwarding contributions to the district is down for the year contributions are up by \$3000.00 compared to last year. Attendance hovers around 50% but the room is full with many Alternate General Service Representatives attending and our December meeting as our annual pizza night was enjoyed by all. A topic for discussion at our last meeting was on splitting the Register/Webmaster and Secretary/Treasurer from two positions to four. The main idea was for more opportunities to participate in service but after discussion it was felt that in the past we have had difficulty filling all positions at times, that the work load is not over whelming at the moment and although we encourage everyone of the district table to attend and participate in our Area assemblies it would add a substantial cost to the district of upwards of \$2500.00 per term. Our committees continue to be busy with all chair positions filled with three alternate positions open.

As always if myself or anyone at our district can be of service please do not hesitate to contact us.

YLS David B DCM District 06

[dcm@aamississauga.org](mailto:dcm@aamississauga.org)

**District 10 Toronto South Central**

**Rob A** (ABSENT – REPORT SUBMITTED)

I am an alcoholic, a member of the Twelfth Tradition Group and currently serve as the DCM for District 10 and my name is Rob A. Sorry I can't be with you today.

It's unfortunate that I must report John M has resigned from the Registrar's position. So this is now another open position. I have received the District roster and will personally review this information to ensure GSO has the correct information.

District 10 is looking forward to The Area 83 Spring. I hope all GSR's in D10 will be able to attend. In order to encourage attendance District 10 considers sponsorship for GSR's whose Home Group is financially challenged.

As for District 10 I am happy to report we continue to do well. Our district meetings are well attended. We are in a good financial position. We currently have a few open positions at the table and I trust they will be filled shortly. We continue to carry the message through the service meetings at the Salvation Army Harbour Light Centre, CAMH, Maxwell Meagan & Women's Own Detox and through our Sub committee service chairs.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve. Yours In Love & Service, Rob A

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**District 12 Toronto South West**

**Mark B**

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

**District 14 Toronto North Central**

**Dave B**

ABSENT – NO REPORT

**District 16 Distrito Hispano De Toronto**

**Victor M**

ABSENT – NO REPORT

**District 18 Toronto City East**

**Michael A**

Good morning friends, My name is Michael A, I am an Alcoholic a member of the Danforth group in Toronto and I have the honour and privilege to Alcoholics Anonymous as the District Committee Member for District 18 Toronto City East.

We are doing just great in District 18. We have maintained 25 groups in District 18. 12-16 groups regularly attend the monthly district meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of the month. District 18 flirted briefly with having a full roster of committee chairs; however we now have two chair and alternate vacancies.

We are very active with treatment meetings in our district. We put on the service meeting at Toronto East General and the Scarborough Grace, which continues to struggle for support. We also have a detox center and a parole board meeting we support.

We also voted to pass on funds to Area and GSO.

All in all AA is alive and well in District 18, Toronto City East.

Yours in love and service,

Michael A

**District 22 Scarborough**

**Tom S**

Hi Everybody; I'm an Alcoholic, member of the Saturday Morning Discussion Group, and currently District Committee Member (DCM) at Scarborough District 22. My name is Tom S.

Joyce S. and Amy L. kindly consented to facilitate and transcribe our Scarborough District 22 Inventory which was held in November. Although it seems that there was consensus about wanting to generate more enthusiasm and commitment to Service, no specific motions have been forthcoming from the Groups, as of yet. Many thanks to Joyce and Amy for being a power of example regarding these principles.

Our District is financially sound and has forwarded contributions to Area and GSO.

Treatment continues to put on weekly Service Meetings at Scarborough General Hospital. Twelve groups annually commit to hosting for a month.

Corrections Meetings at the Metro East Detention Centre have been somewhat erratic lately due to seasonal lock-downs during the Holidays. We expect to be able to put on our regular meetings twice a week into the new year.

Public Information (PI) continues to place pamphlets into various community locations.

Our District allocated funds for PSA's (Public Service Announcements) to be included in local community newspapers for those who might want recovery from too much "merriment" during the holidays.

This year we will again be co-hosting the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual East Toronto Archives Breakfast (ETAB) with Toronto City East District 18 on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the QSSIS Banquet Hall on Kingston Road at Markham Rd. in Scarborough.

We are also participating in the Information AA Day Committee where the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Districts and Toronto Intergroup put on their Annual Service Day, just in time to catch our Delegate Kim S. present her Report upon returning from the General Service Conference in N.Y.

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On a sadder note, Bryan D'S, District Committee Member (DCM) 2013-14, with 39 years of sobriety, recently passed away. He was a mentor and a friend to many. As well as distributing pamphlets at many locations with Public Information (PI), he compiled group histories for the District. He photographed meeting spaces and created a slide show of these locations. He scanned the District minutes from 2000-2017, as well as Area Assembly and Area Committee Meeting minutes from 1977-2017. That's 40 years of Area 83 Service History. Thank you, Bryan.  
God/dess Bless!

### **District 26 Lakeshore West**

**Dave L**

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

Our District is doing well, we have met all of our financial commitments this year and were able to forward our residual funds to GSO, Area 83 and the Lakeshore Intergroup.

Our attendance is hovering around 65% at the table with our Grapevine chair position is still vacant.

Our committees continue to carry the message to the Professional community, Durham College and University of Ontario Institute of Technology, among the young professional classes, including presentations to the Practical Nursing and other Health related classes.

The PI committee have done an excellent job of looking at all of the categories peoples and places that might come into contact with the alcoholic, and have reached out to make these institutions aware of the PI committee and the literature that might best serve their community. This committee is continuing to explore the possibility of a youth focused AA website.

Our treatment chair continues to schedule groups in our district for meetings in the Renascent House in Brooklin, as well as being on call for Bridging the Gap needs in Durham Region. Efforts continue to find more BTG contacts from within our district.

Our Archives and new Corrections Chair are both very active in spreading the AA Message.

In review, it has been a great year at the district table and I am looking forward to 2018. In District 26, A.A. is working and our District Table are working together, to identify solutions that help the still suffering alcoholic.

Thank you for my sobriety and I am always grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Dave L.

DCM District 26 Lakeshore West

### **District 28 Lakeshore East**

**JoAnn P**

Good Morning, I am an alcoholic, serving as District Committee Member for Lakeshore District 28 East and my name is JoAnn P. District 28 has been busy carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic during the last few months.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Fall Roundup was held Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> in Bowmanville. The new location at the Garnet Rickard Recreational Complex was fantastic and the organizing committee was pleased with the turn out. I was asked to give a short report as to the activities and what is new in AA as a whole and in District 28 and Area 83 and I was happy to comply.

November brought the annual Cooperation with the Professional Community Bring A Professional meeting, which is presented on a rotating basis with Lakeshore District 26 West, held November 9<sup>th</sup> in Oshawa. Congratulations on a job well done District 26. District 28 will be responsible for organizing the 2018 event.

At our District Meeting, group attendance is hovering around 65-75% depending on the weather.

In December we welcomed Annie W from Hampton New Life as our District Self Support Chair and I am pleased to report that we have a full District Committee. Our District Secretary, Paul B., continues to send all communications forwarded so that our groups are informed. We are in robust financial position and anticipate forwarding disbursements in early February, once our financial affairs are audited. I would also like to introduce District 28 Alternate District Committee Member, Eileen S, who is attending her first Area Committee meeting today.

Also, at our December District Meeting, a motion was passed to combine the Co-operation with the Professional Community and Public Information committee meetings as both groups find themselves with members representing one group on both committees. In the interest of using their time effectively, the opening and closing of the meetings will be shared. At the start of the joint meeting, a role call

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as to what committee a member is representing will take place. During any vote, only the members identified as a voting member of the applicable committee will vote. To put it simply, a PI committee member will vote on PI business and a CPC committee member will vote on CPC business. The chairing of the meeting will rotate between the CPC and PI chairs. This combined meeting will start at 10:30 am with both PI and CPC Chairs attending the District Meeting at 12:30. January 14<sup>th</sup> will be the first combined CPC and PI meeting and I will report to the Area at the Spring Assembly.

District 26 & 28 took part in the annual Alcathon held December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in Oshawa. Gratitude style meetings were held every hour on the hour chaired by a different group or groups from the 2 Districts. Again, the event was well attended. My home group was responsible for the 8:00 Christmas morning meeting and a young fellow (6 months sober) that I sat beside said that the 8 am meeting was his 10<sup>th</sup> meeting since the previous day at noon. That is the reason we do what we do.

I look forward to participating in 2018. A.A. – A Solution for all Generations is the theme of the 68<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference and it is going to be an amazing year!

Yours in Love and Service,

JoAnn P - DCM, District 28 East

#### District 30 Quinte West

Ian W

I am an alcoholic, member of the Alderville Pioneer Group, currently serving as District Committee Member for District 30 Quinte West, and my name is Ian W.

Morning everyone. District 30's table is starting out with a busy agenda in early 2018. We have started the process of reviewing our District operating procedures, asking input from the groups before starting meetings of a the 6 person ad hoc committee. Our procedures need to be reviewed every 2 years.

We have also have started planning for our District 30 Roundup, the hope was to get more people involved, and we had lots of people step up. Individuals taking charge of food, fliers, setup, etc., Groups have volunteered to look after each panel, and we drew from the hat to decide which group got what topic. Our Area Chairperson Kimberley, has agreed to come out as our closing speaker . Saturday, April 28, all are welcome

Our CPC representative, Laurie, has been inquiring about interest within the medical community for an AA information day, early days yet, but it is something new for our District to look into as a way to carry the message.

We have had a couple of new treatment facilities open in our District, sending their clients out to local meetings. Northumberland seems to be the place to go! Treatment chair , Herb, has made contact with each, and we are always glad to have more newcomers.

We currently have a notice of motion on the table to change the language in our operating procedures , authorizing our Literature chair to sell only AAWS approved literature, as recommended in the AA Guidelines, as well as some chips and pins. We currently have some titles from another publisher available. Being mindful of what message we are carrying as a District

In October of this year we had discussions about participating, as a District, in a meeting guide app, Meetingguide.org. The motion was voted down, sighting our 6<sup>th</sup> tradition on affiliation, but one of our groups has brought the subject forward again for consideration. I have been asked to find opinions at this Area meeting to bring back to our table. Any input on this issue would be welcome.

Yours in Service Ian W, DCM, District 30. wian@rogers.com

#### District 34 Quinte East

Gord T

Good morning friends. I am an alcoholic, a member of the Foxboro Friendship Group and my name is Gord. It is my privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for District 34 Quinte East.

In 2017 we met all of our financial commitments and we were able to contribute to Area 83 and GSO

We had all of our positions filled until last week, when our Corrections Chair, Rose had to step down for personal reasons. Rose has done an excellent job for AA in District 34 over the past year and she will be missed.

Our Bridging the Gap requests are being handled promptly and our 12 Step call list has been updated.

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Our Belleville and Area Roundup, on November 18<sup>th</sup> was a success in every way. Attendance, food and fellowship were all awesome. Many thanks fo out to the committee that our this great day together.

Yours in Love and Service, Gord T – DCM District 34

### **District 36 Kingston & the Islands**

**Martin St-L**

ABSENT – NO REPORT

### **District 42 St. Lawrence International**

**Pat M**

My name is Pat M and I am an alcoholic and the District Committee Member for District 42. My home group is the Potsdam Nooner Group, Potsdam, NY.

Our finances are healthy with all obligations met including my expenses to attend Area events which I so appreciate. At the Area Committee Meeting in September I reported that all our positions were filled and that has changed. We now have openings for PI/CPC and Corrections. Each of these openings are due to our members obtaining employment that prevents them from serving in these service positions. So a congratulations to them but a loss for our district table. We hope to get these positions filled soon.

Plans are moving along and we are looking forward to the Interdistrict Fellowship Day on Saturday, February 17, 11 am to 4 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church in Potsdam, NY. The Church is a beautiful red sandstone structure with Tiffany windows situated on an island in the Racquette River. The fellowship room where the meeting is held has a beautiful view of the river. The focus of the day will be on service through sponsorship. Kim S, our Area 83 Delegate has graciously agreed to facilitate the service panel. We are delighted that she can be there and share her experience with us. There will be other speakers and lunch served. Bring a dish to pass. District 19 is co-sponsoring this event and you all are welcome—visit our website for details.

We have decided to ask a member from Area 83 to facilitate an inventory for our district in the spring. Lately it has been difficult to fill our positions, attendance at the district meeting is on the low side with little to report. There is somewhat of a controversy between those wanting to adhere to the agreed upon 1 hour district meeting and those wanting longer meetings allowing time for more discussion and education. Therefore, we think it a good time for an inventory so we can have these discussions and problem solve with some guidance.

I am grateful for this opportunity to serve and grateful for all of you who keep AA healthy and available to those of us who suffer from this disease.

Patricia M - 4312 State Highway 56, South Colton, NY 13687 - [DCM42@aa-stlawrenceny.org](mailto:DCM42@aa-stlawrenceny.org) - cell - 315-261-2321

### **District 48 Seaway Valley North**

**Winnie S – (ABSENT – Report read by Secretary)**

Good Morning Friends, I'm an alcoholic and my name is Winnie. I have the honor and privilege of serving as District Committee Member for Seaway Valley North and my home group is Sunday Morning Study Group. We meet at 10 A.M. in Kemptville.

I hope everyone had a Lovely Christmas and sober New Year. My home group hosted our 5th annual New Year's Eve bash at the Masonic Lodge in Kemptville and it was a great success. We had roughly 50 in attendance and there was plenty of food, sharing, a gratitude meeting and even some dancing. We had some younger members who kept the party going until after midnight.

Our district is busy preparing for our annual Round-up Feb. 3rd at Matilda Hall, Dixons corners. We are looking for a great crowd as usual. It begins at 8:30 with breakfast served and meetings all day with lunch and pot-luck Dinner. Come join us. We have a great Dinner Speaker lined up.

Our District was having a little financial shortfall in Nov., but as usual the groups rallied and we are now again in good financial shape. All our positions are currently filled with the exception of CF/TF with the alternate DCM. Wayne L still covering that admirably. There is not too much more to report, so I would like to wish everyone a Sober, Healthy and Peaceful 2018.

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Yours in Love and Service, Winnie

**District 50 Cornwall**

**Kimberley C**

ABSENT – NO REPORT

**District 54 Ottawa Rideau**

**Bartosz W**

Good morning everyone, I am the District Committee Member for District 54 Ottawa Rideau, my home group is Search for Serenity on Wednesday nights on Old Tenth Line Road, I am an alcoholic and my name is Bartosz.

Our District is doing well. All service positions at our Table are filled except for Grapevine Representative. We are actively seeking a volunteer to fill the position through our GSRs. Group representation remains at approximately 50%.

Recently we visited and were provided with updated contact information for the Sunshine Group which meets on Tuesdays at 8pm at the Holy Cross Church in south-central Ottawa. The distance that the group is located from the main Ottawa Rideau area, as well as not having their GSR position renewed contributed to them not being consistently present at the district meetings. Ron P. has put his name forward as the group contact and we hope to be seeing more of him in the future.

Thank you all for your support and I look forward to another year serving with you all!

Yours in gratitude for service, Bartosz W.

**District 58 Ottawa Bytown**

**Michel D**

Hi, my name is Michel D. and I am an alcoholic, a member of the Sobriety Group of Alcoholics Anonymous and currently serving District 58 Ottawa Bytown as its District Committee Member. First, I would like to say that I am happy to let you know that our ADCM Kim B. is here today. Attendance has been good at our meetings throughout the first year of my mandate. All of the officers' positions are filled and we are able to meet our financial and service responsibilities including meetings at the Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre and the Recovery Home NewGate 180 in Merrickville. We also have liaisons with all of the service committees in Ottawa - Archives, CPC/PIC, CFT as well as Intergroup.

Our district will not have a meeting on Monday, January 8 since we have accepted the invitation from District 62 to attend their Pot Luck Meet & Greet event on that date. The potluck will be followed by a General Service Representative Interactive Workshop that will be facilitated by Sue B.

Although the level of participation is quite respectable at the district meetings, I would very much like to increase the district's participation at the assembly in Kingston. And we are taking steps to ameliorate the situation. First, we created a fund to help groups that cannot afford to send their GSRs to the assembly. Being a downtown core district, we have a lot of smaller groups that have inconsistent membership and that can barely pay rent and that simply cannot pay for their GSRs to attend Kingston. We will also coordinate rides and room sharing to make it easier for these GSRs to come. Finally, Kim made a list of the 22 groups who do not send a GSR on a regular basis to the district. Kim and I will visit these groups this year to encourage them to come to the district table and hopefully the assembly. This will undoubtedly help attendance.

Yours in service, Michel D, District 58 Ottawa Bytown

**District 62 Ottawa West**

**Mike B**

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Good morning, I am an alcoholic. A member of the West End Group in Ottawa and have the honour and privilege of serving as the District Committee Member (DCM) for District 62 Ottawa West, my name is Mike B.

-District 62 is in good shape Spiritually and financially. All our commitments are being met. Attendance at our District meetings are at a steady pace and all our service positions are filled. We recently were able to disburse surplus funds to Area 83 & The General Service Office.

### General Service Representative Workshop

-This coming Monday, January 8th, District 62 will be holding our Annual General Service Representative Workshop (GSR) and Pot-Luck open house. We have invited Districts 48,54,58 & 66 to attend as well as all our Service Committees. This year the GSR workshop will be facilitated by our very own Area 83 Treasurer and past DCM of District 62, Sue B. The evening is not limited to only GSR's, we have encouraged all members of the Fellowship to attend. Last year we had over 120 members in attendance.

### Bring a Professional Night

-On February 12th-2018 our Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Committee (CPC/PI) will be holding its first ever 'Bring a Professional Night' at our District hall. The Committee has been working hard to carry the message to Professionals in the National Capital Region and let them know that AA is here if needed. This is a Committee that was down to 2 members at the beginning of our term. It just goes to show that with a little bit of faith, some dedicated members and a desire to be of Service, all things are possible if we work for it.

### Group Inventories

-Groups continue to request Group Inventories. So far this term, along with our Alternate District Committee Member (Chris M.) I have had the privilege of facilitating over a dozen Group Inventories in our District. It is a pleasure and an honour being able to serve the Groups and to meet and interact with the members that I might not usually see. When I assumed the position of DCM I made a pledge to myself that I would visit all 44 groups and attend at least one of their business meetings throughout our 2-year term. Just like one of our Step 9 Promises, I am amazed that I am more than half way through.

### Events

-Our Alkathon which was held over Christmas & New Years for 24 hours each, was a success as usual and the Canadathon which is held annually on July 1st has started planning their 3rd annual event for 2018.

### Closing

-In closing, I would like to thank the members of District 62 for being the driving force behind a healthy and Spiritual District and allowing me to Serve. "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity." I see that Principle alive and well in AA in Ottawa and I am blessed and grateful to have the opportunity to be part of it. "Enthusiasm breeds Enthusiasm!"

Yours in Love & Service, Mike B, District Committee Member - Ottawa-West, District 62

### District 66 Golden Triangle

Jenny C (Absent – Report submitted and read by Secretary)

I'm an alcoholic member of the smiths falls Saturday night group. Currently service as district Committee Member and my name is Jenny.

Good morning friends and Happy New Year. Our apologies for not being able to attend both Neil and I we unable to avoid working this weekend.

All is running smooth in District 66. We have our new treasurer in place and were able to make contributions to both area and GSO. And the district is financial doing well.

On a lower note our correctional facility's chair Chris P had to step down due to personal reasons. We have already held another election to replace her and welcome Brian to the table with open arms. We would very much like to thank Chris the the past 5 years that she has

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spent supporting corrections. She has done a fantastic job and she will be missed.

The district table is hosting meetings with an average of 65% of groups in attendance.

At the end of the month we will have our first round up committee meeting. Stay tuned for more details on our round up that will be taking place in the beginning of April.

Look forward to seeing everyone again soon. Yours in love and service, Jenny C - DCM District 66

### **District 70 Renfrew Pontiac**

**Seanna B** (ABSENT – Report read by Bill C – DCM -D74)

I am an alcoholic. Member of the Keep It Simple Group in Renfrew - DCM District 70 Renfrew Pontiac. My name is Seanna B

Hello Everyone, and Happy New Year,

I'm sorry that I'm not present in Belleville today ,I am here in spirit. Thank you Bill for being a great neighbouring DCM for both reading this report and bringing flyers for our St .Patrick's Day Round Up to this committee meeting. Please try and come to the round up , it happens on March 17<sup>th</sup> this year, you don't have to wear green or even be Irish!

It's really hard to believe that a whole year has gone by since asking Mary Anne H. (past DCM District 70) "So what 's involved with DCM-ing?". Little did I know what a wonderful gift it is to be blessed with the opportunity to get involved with service, or how much help and support would be given to me. I am so grateful to everyone.

District 70 is comprised of 20 groups; happy to report that the Lunch Bunch and Spirit of Hope groups will continue holding meetings thanks to members willing to keep them up and running.

District meetings are well attended, about 70% regular attendance by GSRs. All but 1 chair filled; that being the Archives chair, grateful to John from District 74 who helps us out .

District 70 is financially sound, all groups report the same. We have a contribution in the amount of \$100.00 to Area 83 toward the expenses of sending delegate to New York.

The year ended with a special New years Eve meeting hosted by the Keep It Simple Group, a guest speaker from District 74, Elwood \_\_, dinner and dancing ; well attended by all groups in the district. It was the first dance in a number of years, there are rumours going around that AA's in the valley like to have fun so there are going to be many more dances from now on! Something good is working ,keeping AA alive and well; in less than one week, since January 1<sup>st</sup>, District 70 members have already celebrated 72 years of continuous sobriety.

Looking forward to participating in the Tri District event next Saturday hosted by District 74, Founders Day , celebrating 75 years of AA in Ontario. Hard to express how very grateful we are to those members who brought AA to Ontario, and those who kept it alive; I for one wouldn't be alive if it wasn't for AA. It is an honour and privilege to be of service, thank you,

Yours in Love and Service, Seanna B

### **District 74 Pembroke**

**Bill C**

I am an alcoholic and have the privilege of serving as DCM for District 74 – Pembroke and parts of the Ottawa Valley. My home group is the West End Group in Pembroke. My name is Bill C.

Our current District Operating Procedures call for about half of the District Table to change each year through Elections. These took place in November and I'm pleased to report that all positions, have been filled. We welcome our newly elected representatives and look forward to their contributions over the next two years.

Financially, we are in good shape and will be making a donation to both Area and GSO this year.

Many of our Groups hosted special events over the Christmas and New Year holidays. These were a great opportunity to provide support to the suffering alcoholic over the holiday period and an occasion for additional fellowship – usually over a selection delicious of food!

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The first big event of 2018 will be the Tri-District Founder's Day celebration recognizing the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of AA in Ontario. This is being organized with Renfrew-Pontiac and Madawaska Valley Districts. The celebration takes place at Holy Name Church Annex in Pembroke on Saturday 13 January 2018 from 10am to 3pm. We have a great line-up of sessions and speakers as well as warm fellowship and a hearty Valley lunch – all are welcomed! We are expecting about 120 for the lunch.

A special milestone in our District - John G of the Centre Group is celebrating 50 years of continuous sobriety on 13 January 2018!

I am very grateful for this opportunity to serve. Yours in Love and Service, Bill C, District Committee Member for District 74.

#### **District 78 Madawaska Valley**

**Ann Marie V**

ABSENT – NO REPORT

#### **District 82 Victoria Haliburton**

**Janice D – ABSENT (District report by ADCM)**

Good morning. I am an alcoholic, I belong in the Bolsover Pines Group and my name is Glenn.

Janice, our DCM was unable to make this meeting, as her alternate I am stepping in and getting warmed up to this position if elected as DCM next year.

Our district is doing well and meeting all financial obligations. Attendance at our District meetings has been about 90%.

Corrections has been struggling with holding meetings. Women's corrections had no meetings in Nov/Dec but the men had a few.

Our conference chair is busy preparing for our May 5th all day conference. Our conference has been well attended in past years and we are looking forward to another great day of AA. Flyers will be available soon.

Karen, our Grapevine Chair has her display set up and is ready to go to any requested functions in our District. She has also ordered a few new books - Voices of Women. She will make them available to anyone interested.

Elizabeth, our Archives chair will be getting an alternate chair person, Adam A. who she says is introducing lots of new ideas. They are also purchasing a device to convert old speaker tapes onto USB so we will be able to save our history of speakers and able to share them with interested members.

Our District has decided to try and make our district banking electronic. We are in the process of doing this now. This should make depositing cheques from the groups easier for our treasurer.

Wishing you a safe drive home

Yours in Love and Service, Glenn B

#### **District 86 Kawartha**

**Larry D**

Hello: My name is Larry and I am an alcoholic

Yesterday I attended the Area Committee meeting in Belleville it was reported by many districts that finances are in good shape also from reading the area financial report the area is doing well too. An app on the internet was discussed that enables to user to locate meetings when travelling, there exact location and the distance it is from you. Many DCM's find it very useful. It is privately operated by recovered alcoholics somewhere in California, it is not conference approved. The app does not need any permission from the groups but the operators out of respect ask each district if they would like to be included. Tim checked to see if our district was on it and found it wasn't but a link was provided to our site. I think we should investigate giving our blessing to put the info directly on the app as it would also show travellers how close to a meeting they are. The date for the spring assembly has been set as March 23-25, rooms will be guaranteed available till mid February. The cost of coffee has increased by a dollar per person to \$15 per person and the seventh only covers half of this. Coffee is a large expense (approx. \$5 000) it was discussed whether it was practical. After hearing that the price also covered rental of many of the rooms we use and soft drinks it was the feeling that it would continue. It may be brought up at the assembly.

Yours in service Larry D.

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### 6. Committee member reports

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

Friendly reminder that items shared in these reports are meant to be shared with GSRs at the next District meeting to take back to their groups...so get your pens ready!!

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

#### a) Public Information Chairperson

**Les MacD**

Hello Friends, welcome to Quinte East, I'm a alcoholic, a member of the Foxboro Friendship Group right here in District 34, I have the privilege of serving as your Area 83 Public Information Chair, My name is Les MacD.

Hope your New Year is filled with Love, Happiness, Peace and continuous Sobriety. Haven't being asked to do much, maybe that's okay as for me the District P.I.C. Chairs are doing a fine job according to all the District minutes I receive, these tell me what the different Districts are up to with their Public Information Committees.

As for the C.P.C and P.I.C. Newsletter, Jim S .your Area 83 CPC Chair and I haven't gave up on this deal, we now have Joyce S our Immediate Past Delegate on board and we're going to make this happen for the 2018 Spring Assembly, Jim S will explain more about this in his report.

Thanks to all Districts and Intergroups that send me their minutes, lots of great reading,these let me know how the different Districts carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

On a closing note " If no one told you today that they love you, let Me be the First ".

Yours in Love- Service and Hugs in A.A.....Les M

#### b) Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson

**Jim S**

Hi friends, I am an alcoholic, a member of The Sunday Nighters Group in District 82 Victoria/Haliburton, and my name is Jim S. I have the honour of serving Area 83 as The Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair.

I do hope that you all had a safe New Year.

As far as being invited to do any workshops I have nothing new to report since my last report at the Area Assembly in October. But I have had several questions from various Districts that I was able to help them out with the information they requested.

I am glad to see that several Districts have either had or are planning a Bring a Professional Night. I understand the one held by Districts 26 and 28 was a success and I hope the one being planned by Districts 54, 58 and 62 for Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> is as successful. If I am reading the minutes I receive correctly I believe there are other Districts planning these functions as well.

I mentioned in my workshop at the Fall Assembly some of the percentages that members are introduced to AA. These were taken from the last 2014 Membership Survey. For your interest I am going to mention these again. 32% came from Treatment Facilities, 12% from the Judicial System, 13% from some sort of counselling or Mental Health Professional, 2% from Correctional Facilities and 1% from a member of the Clergy. A total of 57% were referred to AA by a counsellor, medical or mental health professional. You can see by these numbers that the relationship AA has with the professional community is a very important and longstanding one.

Les M your Public Information Chair and I are still working of having a combined PI/CPC newsletter done for the Spring Assembly. We are going to change up the format used in the past by using the suggestions suggested by Joyce S our immediate past Delegate.

I thank those Districts and Intergroups that send me their minutes. I greatly appreciate them and read them all. They really do help me to keep in contact with what is going on in the Area.

Wishing you all a year filled with Peace, Love, Hope and Joy.

Yours in the Love and Service of AA

Jim

#### c) Correctional Facilities Chairperson

**Mac B**

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Good day 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 Correctional Facilities Chair for Area 83 and my name is Mac.

Since the September Area Committee Meeting I have received a number of Bridging the Gap Requests and was able to pass them on to the appropriate Areas and Districts. Two were particularly challenging. There were two inmates being released from a Correctional Facility in upper New York State and going to Islip N.Y. and Rochester N.Y. It took me awhile to find the correct Areas. But I finally got the right ones.

I received a Corrections Activity Update from Diana L, the Corrections Coordinator at the General Service Office in New York.

2017 General Service Conference

Here is an update on the additional considerations from the Conference Corrections Committee:

- A letter was created to be sent to corrections professionals in Canada raising awareness about the Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS) in Canada and summarizing its benefits. The letter was targeted to those roles who have daily contact with inmates: activity coordinators, counsellors and social workers.

- A postage-paid envelope was implemented to reduce the initial postage cost for "inside" Canadian members to sign up for the CCS. We are mailing samples out to incoming Corrections, Bridging the Gap, and H & I Area Chairs and Delegates in Canada.

- A memo was sent out to Canadian Delegates and District Committee Members sharing a brief history of how CCS started at the ground level, to be shared with Canadian members at the local level.

- The CCS request form for "inside" members was added to the Corrections Committee page on G.S.O.'s A.A. website, in order to make it more accessible to local corrections committee members.

- Ways to offer CCS via email were explored. The CCS matches will continue to be randomly based on a physical address that is two regions away. Once an insider and outsider have made contact, they can switch to email if mutually agreed. Various email services are offered at some correctional facilities.

- The pamphlet "Many Paths to Spirituality" was added to the Corrections Kit to aid local committee work to carry the message to incarcerated Native America/First Nations/Inuit People.

- A.A.W.S. received and approved a request to produce versions of the video "A New Freedom" that are dubbed in French and Spanish to make the A.A. message more accessible. This project is in progress.

National Corrections Conference

The first National Corrections Conference was held in St. Louis, MO on November 10-12. There were 35 states, including the territory of Puerto Rico, and 4 Canadian provinces represented. It was a huge success. Over 389 AA members involved in corrections service attended. The 2018 conference will be held next November in Maine. I hope to be able to attend and represent Area 83.

Meanwhile I remain, Yours in Love and Service

Mac B - Panel 67 Correctional Facilities Chair - Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

### d) Treatment/Accessibilities Chairperson

**Marty M**

Hello everyone, I am a grateful alcoholic, member of the Open Hands Group in District 6 Mississauga and privileged to serve as your Treatment/Accessibilities chair for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International; my name is Marty.

Since we last met at the fall Assembly I have received and sent out 19 additional Bridging the Gap requests. The total for 2017 is 93 Bridging the Gap requests.

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to those who take on these requests and contact these newcomers. Thank you very much Larry (DCM District 86) for contacting a client still in treatment in B.C., then taking him to meetings when he returned home near Peterborough.

I must share this other success with you; and I do have permission to so:

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I received an email from my service sponsor Wayne who belongs in Orangeville ON, which is in District 25, Area 86. He got a Bridging the Gap request from a woman attending a meeting while still in Treatment. This young lady was returning home to Verdun, Montreal. I immediately went to the Area 87 Website and found the BTG coordinator. There was a phone number, so I called it and spoke to Richard. He was glad that I called and more than happy to take care of this.

A few days later I received an update from my friend "Wayne! A man named Richard who lives in Verdun got in contact with me right away! It looks like there's a woman who will pick me up to go to a meeting as soon as I'm back"! 😊

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, I got this grateful news:

Hi Wayne! Thanks so much for helping me get connected. I went to a Sunday morning AA meeting and it felt like the Orangeville group's doppelgänger ha ha. I joined the group, and they're having me come in early this month to set up chairs and wash dishes after. Who knew I'd be excited to be asked to do such awful sounding things. I had a great New years and I hope you did too. Wish everyone at the group a happy new Years for me Please!

It's hearing stories like this that make me so happy and truly grateful to play a part in this.

I am happy to say that for the most part, the cooperation I get from the Districts is outstanding. Unfortunately, that is not always the case. There are times, although very seldom, when I repeatedly will try to contact the Treatment chair, DCM, and ADCM and still do not get a response. Like I said, all I can do is try.

Accessibilities: The Greater Toronto Area Intergroup Accessibility committee is in very bad shape. Attendance is next to none. Of the 8 Toronto Districts, maybe two are represented, and now the Chairperson has stepped down. I am willing to take over as the interim chair for the committee for now, and I hope that theDCMs of the Toronto Area Districts will help to fill these positions or send your alternate DCM to the meeting.

In February I will be visiting District 26 to give a brief talk about Accessibility. I am more than happy to do that for any district who wants more information.

Our Spring Assembly is around the corner in just three short months. As I always look forward to this, I encourage everyone to invite all General Service Reps and all group members to attend. The Ambassador Resort is fully Accessible, and we welcome everyone.

Remember: While there are no special A.A. members, there are members with special needs.

I thank you all. Yours in Love and Service, Marty

### e) Grapevine Chairperson

Robert B

Area 83 Grapevine Chair Robert B. of the Rexdale United Group.

Subscription for the Grapevine magazine \$35.00 (US) = I paid (47.53 CDN)

Subscription Online Grapevine magazine \$34.97 (US)

Subscription for the combined printed magazine and complete online access \$49.97 (US)

NEW ANDROID Grapevine Subscription App and iPhones and iPads \$23.88 (US)

NEW BOOKS-Voices of Women in AA is selling very well.

NEW SPANISH BOOK - Un Dia A La Vez (One Day At A Time)

The price of the 2019 pocket planners and wall calendars will be calculated based on the June exchange rate of the US dollar, and will include the following costs; shipping, money order, and taxes. A price will be established and given out at the 2 June 2018 Area 83 committee meeting. (Based on the US exchange about one week before the 2 June 2018)

The money will be collected at the 9 September 2018 Area 83 committee meeting.

The bulk order will be made to Grapevine Inc. and paid in September 2018.

Then the 2019 pocket planners and wall calendars will be given/delivered to the districts at the Area 83 assembly 26, 27, 28 October 2018.

Deirdre B. the Toronto Inter Group Grapevine Secretary has organised a bulk order of Grapevine literature, to take advantage of the of the 20% discount for orders over \$500.00 US.

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Free on [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) I-Poll and Sobriety Calculator.

Last updating the list of Area 83 Grapevine Chairs 14 December 2018.

We encourage every AA Group to buy at least one subscription of the Grapevine magazine for their library to display and sell or just give away to a newcomer.

The best way for the fellowship to know and understand Grapevine is to have it available at the group level.

Thanks Robert B.

[grapevine@area83aa.org](mailto:grapevine@area83aa.org)

**f) Self-Support Chairperson**

**Ray R**

I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Last Chance Grp, and serving as your Panel 67, Area 83 Self Support Chair, my name is Ray R.

I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year, and all the best to everyone..

9 out of 26 districts are with out S/S chairs. no change from my last report. Approximately 1/3rd but thats a good thing, because as we know, anyone involved in active service, is in fact, participating in Self Support.

I continue to meet with the GTA Self Support Chairs every other month at the Toronto Intergroup office, where we continue to share ideas, and give progress reports. Ideas are shared thru-out the area as we send out minutes to all the chairs who are unable to make it. Some ideas we're discussing include a Founders Day drive, in which, Groups and Districts will collect funds during the period from June 1st to 10th, and donate the funds to the entity of their choice. Much like gratitude month. We also discussed ways of encouraging GSR's to read the green cards at meetings and thought that reading portions at a time might be more effective, rather than reading the entire card, cause we know how short the attention span of an alcoholic can be.

While I haven't been invited to events, it seems the District Chairs have been making my job a little easier for me. Some chairs have been visiting some groups and giving their own presentations, which is a good thing, and I also attended the District 2 service where a district chair was put on the presentation, and I was there only for support. She did an amazing Job.

Please continue to send me your reports, and know that I'm available for any of your service events. I can be reached at [selfsupport@area83.org](mailto:selfsupport@area83.org).

Yours in love and service Panel 67 Area 83 - Self Support Chair - Ray R

**g) Archives Chairperson**

**Eddy G**

ABSENT – NO REPORT

**h) Service Information Day Chairperson**

**Shane H**

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

**7. Registrar's Report**

**Amy L**

I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Liverpool Group in District 26, Pickering and my name is Amy. I am grateful to be of service as Area Registrar for Area 83.

The roll call for the Area Committee of January 6, 2018 is:

15 Area Officers (including , and Area Webmaster), 1 Immediate Past Delegate, 0 Past Delegate(s), 15 District Committee Members, 13 Alternate District Committee Members and 9Visitors.

For voting purposes, we have: 12 Area Officers eligible to vote (including 1 Immediate Past Delegate) and 16 District Committee Members plus 1 Alt DCM for a total of 28 votes. Total delegation for this meeting is 51.

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I continue to enjoy serving Alcoholics Anonymous as Registrar for Area 83. I have been so impressed with the effort and cooperation that the districts have shared with me over the last 12 months to do our part to keep each of the 560+ groups in Area 83 connected to AA as a whole.

I anticipate that I will be receiving a number of new Group Service Representatives and their Alternates in the upcoming weeks. Feel free to let your registrar know that they can submit these one at a time, or all at once.

I will be sending out Group Information sheets in the next week or so. Please tell your registrars to feel free to use these forms to submit your changes for Group information changes (including meeting details and GSR contact information and number members in the group). I want to remind you that an individual cannot be entered into the GSO database without an up-to-date mailing address. I have received a few forms that included just a name and maybe a phone number. In these cases I had to send it back to the district registrar to track out the complete details.

I took a chance and sent a note to a few DCMs to see if Santa brought anyone a GSR for their unknown groups. Low-and-behold, I was promised details for 4 unknown groups. If all come through, we should be down to 11 unknown Groups.

GSO has advised me that the Publishing department of GSO is reviewing and updating the components for the GSR and New Group Handbooks, therefore there is a delay in the delivery of these kits. Furthermore, there is a flush of changes in the new year that will be going through GSO (e.g., 40 some of the Areas are going through whole scale rotations) so this will add additional delays. I mention this, because if you have new GSRs that are keen to review their GSR kit, remember we have a link posted on the Area Website under Registrar Resources to the online documents that are included in the GSR kits. Please encourage these enthusiastic GSRs and their Alternates to start reviewing the contents online while they wait for their hard copy kits arrive.

Thank you to the Districts that send me your minutes; I enjoy reading them. If I am not on your District's distribution list, I would appreciate if I could be added. Send your minutes and any group updates to me at [registrar@area83aa.org](mailto:registrar@area83aa.org).

Once again, thank you for this opportunity to be useful and of service.

Happy New Year All! and lots of serenity for all in 2018!  
Yours in Love and Service,

Amy L

### 8. Treasurer's Report

**Sue B**

Hello friends. I am an alcoholic, a member of the Parkwood Hills Group in District 62, and my name is Sue. It remains both my honour and a privilege to serve as your Area 83 Treasurer.

I have provided two envelopes with my address in each of the District Committee Members (DCM) folders. There are several envelopes also available on the side table, please help yourselves to them. Please thank the groups in your District who are including their Service Number either on the envelope or right on the cheque. It is very helpful, and appreciated.

Please continue to remind Groups who would like to contribute using PayPal to include their six-digit Group Service Number with any contributions using PayPal so that the Group may get credit for the contribution. The place to enter the Group number is the screen after entering credit card information. PayPal charges a fee of 2.9% plus 30 cents per transaction. There were eight contributions received in 2017 through PayPal.

The Financials were updated as of December 31, 2017 and will be part of the four-year average calculation used to determine the Proposed Spending Guidelines for 2018. I will be presenting these Guidelines at our Spring Assembly.

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The General Service Office (GSO) sends out a record of the Group contributions from Groups in our Area to the GSO several times a year. The latest ones received, dated September 30, 2017, have been put into the DCM folders for information purposes. The percentage of the 559 Groups in our Area that have contributed to the GSO as of September 30, 2017, was 34.35%. At December 31, 2016, it was 44.56%.

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 December 31, 2017. Copies of these are also available on the side table. 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 maturing September 11, 2020. The previous GIC matured on September 11, 2017 and \$1,800.00 in interest was transferred to the operating account.

#### Income for the period:

- 7<sup>th</sup> tradition collected at the January, June, and September Area Committee Meetings totaled \$799.29. At the Spring Assembly, \$3,541.62 was collected, and \$4,123.40 was collected at the Fall Assembly.  
Total of all = \$8,464.31.
- Cost Recovery is \$775.25. This is from the sale of Public Information Kits Les sold at the Spring Assembly, and for Service Manuals sold by the Service Information Day Committee at both the Spring and Fall Assemblies.
- GSO Flow Through = \$120.00. (A Flow Through is when a Group sends a cheque for ie \$120.00. They request a certain amount of the monies be allocated to Area 83, ie \$60.00, and the remainder be sent to the General Service Office. This is shown as Income as the total cheque of \$120.00 is deposited.)
- Grapevine Seasonals = \$4,244.39 collected for Pocket Planners and Calendars.
- Group and District contributions = \$57,508.19.

Total income for the period is \$72,672.14.

#### Expenses for the period:

- Committee expenses were \$41,022.84.
- Area Contribution to the General Service Office = \$750.00.
- January, June and September Area Committee Meetings – Rent and Refreshments = \$919.23.
- General Service Conference Assessment \$8,688.10 CDN. (Total cost was \$6,500.00 US, and has been paid in full.)
- Bank service charges – \$186.67.
- PayPal Fees – \$37.61.
- Grapevine Seasonals - \$3,970.89 CDN (\$3,113.54 US). This includes a courier fee of \$26.70, and \$15.00 for money orders.
- GSO Flow Through - \$120.00. (A cheque from the Area in the amount requested, ie \$60.00, from the example given above, is now written and sent off to the General Service Office. This is now shown as an expense, as the monies will be deducted from the Area's Operating Account.)
- CERAASA, held in New Brunswick in February 2017 – \$2,437.53

Total expenses for the period are \$57,892.87.

To date income is \$14,779.27 higher than expenses.

The bank balance on December 31, 2017 was \$44,557.43. As of that date, all cheques received have been processed, and letters of receipt, along with return contribution envelopes have been sent out.

The bank reconciliation has been done and the balance in the operating account is accurate.

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Page 2 shows the 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 for 2017.

Just to clarify some of the numbers that you see here:

- The amount shown on the Alt/Delegate line under postage, \$29.52, is for mailings of Grapevines to Remote Communities. Under miscellaneous, \$1,013.29, is for the purchase of 1,000 Area 83 pins which was approved under New Business at the 2017 Spring Assembly, and for Remote Communities phone calls.
- Beside both the Spring Assembly, and Fall Assembly, under meals, you see \$5,600.00 which covers the cost for coffee. For the Spring Assembly, in that same line under miscellaneous, the amount of \$1,241.86 includes the Archives room, DVD rental, data projectors and the set up of the ballroom. Under miscellaneous for the Fall Assembly, the cost is \$1,098.08 as less equipment etc was required.
- The General Service Conference (GSC) Assessment. At the Spring Assembly in 2007, a motion passed stating that “provided it doesn’t affect our prudent reserve, Area 83 will pay to the GSO the full annual expense for our Delegate to attend the General Service Conference.” The total cost this year was \$6,500.00 US, or \$8,688.10 CDN for our Delegate to attend and has been paid in full.

At the bottom of the page is a summary comparing year to date for this year and last year at the same time period. If you look under “Change” in the summary, Income is \$5,666.50 higher compared to this time last year, and contributions are up \$3,107.28 compared to this time last year with one more Group, and one more District contributing in comparison. Expenses are down \$3,256.71. The resulting net change to our operating account is \$8,923.21.

Page 3 shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from Districts, as well as Groups within the District. You can see that 178 Groups and 17 Districts made financial contributions to Area 83 in 2017.

The rates for the 2018 Spring Assembly, being held March 23 – 25, will be as follows:

### Room Rates:

- Traditional, 2 Queen Beds - \$105.00 + applicable taxes
- Business Class King - \$115.00 + applicable taxes

Our block of Hotel rooms will be held until Wednesday, February 21, 2018. After this date, you will not be guaranteed a room. Remember to quote the Group Name: “Spring Assembly” when you call.

### Food and Beverage Prices:

- Saturday Dinner Buffet – \$35.00 per person includes gratuity and tax
- Coffee Service – \$15.00 per person includes gratuity and tax

Last year the Ambassador charged \$14.00 per person for coffee over the weekend. This year the Spring Assembly cost per person for coffee over the weekend will be \$15.00. Please share this with your Districts and Groups, and remind them that all the 7<sup>th</sup> Traditions and Coffee Can contributions collected over the weekend are entirely used to cover this coffee cost.

The 2018 General Service Conference (GSC) will be held in Manhattan, NY in April of this year. The cost of this event will be sent out to Delegates later this month, however the minimum required payment is \$1,600.00 US which is due by March 1, 2018. The GSC was last held in Manhattan in 2016 at a cost of \$7,400.00 US or \$10,412.40 CDN and was paid in full by Area 83.

As per the motion passed in 2007, that “provided it doesn’t affect our prudent reserve, Area 83 pay to GSO the full annual expense for our Delegate to attend the General Service Conference”, once our Delegate informs me of the GSC cost, I shall pay it in full by March 1<sup>st</sup>, and will report this amount to the Assembly in the Spring.

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The 7th Tradition collected today was \$231.80. Thank for your generous contributions.

I would like to thank those Districts who send me their Minutes; I love to read them. For those that do not, it would be great if you could please add me to your distribution list.

In closing, thank you to the 178 Groups and 17 Districts that made financial contributions to Area 83 in 2017; you are greatly appreciated!

Yours in Love and Service,

Sue B - Area 83 Treasurer - Panel 67

### 9. Secretary's Report

James O'D

Name tags and tents cards have been updated. I would like to extend a special thank you to Angie R (D16) for her service to her District and Area 83. While we are sad to see her move on from us we are pleased to welcome Victor M as the new DCM for District 16.

Linda McQ's (new Area Archivist) name tag and tent card are waiting for her in her file.

Thank you for sending in your District updates. It is suggested to CC Amy (Registrar) but it is important that I receive those as I manually update the current District rosters until I receive the data dump from the FNV.

The updated Procedures & Guidelines were updated and posted on the website by Jim R (Area Webmaster) on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. When you have a moment I would suggest that everyone go to the website and review those guidelines.

Our Area 83 Assembly was held on October 29<sup>th</sup> and a week later a few of us decided to attend the Area 86 Assembly on November 4<sup>th</sup> Kitchener/Waterloo. Joyce S (Immediate Past Delegate) invited me to participate in a small way in her presentation on Anonymity. It was a wonderful experience to see how other Areas conduct their business meetings and Assemblies. While we are a very healthy and vibrant Area it was inspiring to see that AA is alive and well in other areas of our nation.

Future engagements includes (but not limited to) are: ODC – Thunder Bay – March 2-4, ORC – Toronto – March 9-11, Area 83 Assembly – Kingston – March 23-25.

Today is my belly button birthday and turning 48. I never thought I would live to see this day - literally. Also, I celebrated my 10 years sober on December 26<sup>th</sup>. Just over ten years ago it was probably the worst week of my life. When asked what I was doing on my birthday today, I said I was going to celebrate with my friends in Belleville. There is nowhere else I would rather be but with you here in a church basement on this arctic afternoon.

### 10. Alternate Delegate's Report

Rob M

Hi friends. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Kedron Group in District 28, and my name is Rob M. It's an honour to serve Area 83 as Alternate Delegate for this term.

I'd like to wish everyone a happy, prosperous new year. I look forward to serving Area 83 with you in 2018.

Here's what I've been doing since the Spring Assembly.

On November 4<sup>th</sup> I presented a workshop on the general service structure at the District 02 service day in Brampton. It was a great day of service and fellowship. It was well organized, well attended, and I really enjoyed all of the workshops.

After the Service day I continued on to Kitchener for the Area 86 Assembly for the rest of the weekend. It was their election Assembly and I found it very interesting. They do some things the same as us, some things differently. It was a great learning experience, and nice to see several other members from Area 83 there.

On November 19<sup>th</sup> I had a call from the Chairperson of the Lakeshore Districts Intergroup. Heather had some concerns about a notice of motion regarding their website, and some questions regarding procedures. I was asked to attend a meeting of the Intergroup executive on ACM - January 6, 2018

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December 3<sup>rd</sup>. At the meeting I provided them with the Area 83 guidelines for our website and some information on the position of Webmaster, and Alternate Webmaster from our operating procedures. Hopefully this will help them to make an informed decision at their next Intergroup meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

On November 20<sup>th</sup> I took part in the Remote Communities workgroup conference call. There were only four of us on the call, one of them being the interim Chairperson. I say interim as John has been doing it for quite some time, and is hoping someone will take over. Many of the Areas involved in Remote Communities have just started a new term so there will be some rotation of the Remote Communities liaisons. The workgroup Secretary Alizon just started her term as Area02 Alaska Delegate, so we will need a new Secretary. The next conference call is scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup>.

I'm looking forward to the Ontario Delegates committee meeting in Thunderbay March 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. I was asked to do a presentation on one of the presentation topics for the upcoming General Service Conference

"Attraction Not Promotion: A.A.'s Relation to the World".

If I can be of Service to your Groups or Districts please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Love and Service  
Rob M

**11. Delegate's Report**

**Kim S**

Hi my name is Kim and I am an alcoholic' a member of the St Clements group and I am your Panel 67 Delegate.

I have not been too busy since the fall assembly. I did attend the District 2 service day where I presented on safety in A.A.

I left there and attended the Area 86 fall Assembly. They had their election and it is always interesting to see another assembly in action.

I am very sorry to the people that I promised my Delegate's Presentation. It was too large to send via email. I tried with help to make it smaller but I had no luck. I think moving forward if you bring a USB to the assembly and I can put my presentation on it there

I will be attending District 42 and chairing Service Panel on February 17

My flight is booked for the Ontario Delegates Conference. The ODC is in Thunder Bay from March 2-4 at the Days Inn. I will be attending the 68th general service conference in New York City from April 21-28. I have been asked to read

On May 16th I will be facilitating a District 6 inventory

I will be attending info A.A. day on May 26 to give the GSC report.

I will also be attending a service day in Oshawa for districts 26 28 82 86 to give the GSC report.

Now is the time that your districts should start planning a service day for Delegate (me) to give the conference report.

I am letting everyone know that I am having spinal cord surgery on January 9. There may be a couple of days I cannot respond to emails. I should be able to still be able to fulfill all my Delegate duties

Yours in love and service with hugs.  
Kim S.

Agenda Item 4 (Review and Acceptance minutes deferred from this morning).
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Has everyone had the opportunity to review the minutes of the September 9th, 2017 Area Committee meeting? Are there any errors or omissions in the minutes?

I would entertain a motion to accept the September 9th, 2017 ACM minutes as submitted (or amended)

MOVED: MIKE A – DCM – D18

SECONDED: MAC B – AREA CF CHAIR

DISCUSSION - NONE

All those in Favour? ALL

All those opposed? None

Any abstentions? None

Motion was passed.

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?

MOVED: MICHEL D – DCM – D58

SECONDED: BILL C – DCM – D74

DISCUSSION? NONE

All those in Favour? ALL

All those opposed? None

Any abstentions? None

Voice of Minority? No

Motion was passed.

## **12. OLD BUSINESS**

NONE.

## **13. NEW BUSINESS**

### **(A) "Appointment of George McQ as Alternate Webmaster for 2 year term." – Jim R – Area Webmaster**

Jim R (Area Webmaster) spoke to the motion outlining the qualifications. The Area Chair appoints this position and therefore there is no vote.

Disapproval? NO

He is approved by the Chair. Welcome George!

### **(B) Discussion of the Area 83 map. – Marty M – Area TF/Accessibilities**

Marty spoke on the discussion. The Area map has been outdated for a very long time. Every committee member has been given a map in their folder. He is asking for input by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The digital version will then be forwarded to all committee members. It is by no means a final product at the moment. A comparison was made with the Area 86 map which was recently updated and looks fabulous.

### **(C) Discussion about the Meeting App – District 30 – Ian W - DCM**

Ian spoke to the discussion. Concerns include: Tradition 6, advertising, etc.

Mike B (DCM – D62) – If they were to promote this app in Ottawa it would kill the website.

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Jim R (Area Webmaster) – not sponsored by AA. Pulls data from Intergroup websites. IF you change a group meeting info the app will pull that information. You have to subscribe/give developers access to your Intergroup website. Not AA approved. A bunch of sober web developers out of California.

Gord T (DCM – D34) – His District 34 has agreed to share the already public information.

Rob M (Alt Delegate) – At least this app asks for permission. Others do not.

Shane (DCM – D02) – Traditions not violated (#6 & 10). What are we really afraid of?

Joyce S (Immediate Past Delegate) – What would the affiliation be? Who's anonymity would be broken?

Michel D (DCM – D58) – Why are we even speaking about it? We are not discussing endorsement.

Motions going to the Assembly need to be shared with GSRs to take back to the groups. At the group level the motions need to be discussed and voted on and then again at the District level. This will prepare GSRs and DCMs to make informed decisions at the Assembly. Ideally, everything discussed collectively at this meeting would be shared with GSRs and their groups.

### 14. Sharing - what's on your mind?

Anniversaries and roundup information shared.

### 15. Next area committee meeting.

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on

June 2, 2018

Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?

MOVED: LARRY D – DCM – D86

SECONDED: JIM S – AREA CPC CHAIR

DISCUSSION? NO

All those in Favour? ALL

All those opposed? None

Any abstentions? None

Voice of Minority? NO

Motion was passed.

Reminder: The Spring Assembly will be held at the Ambassador Conference Centre in Kingston March 23-25, 2018.

### 16. CLOSING

It is now 2:31p.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 in Kingston.

May I have a motion to end this meeting?

MOVED: RAY R – SS CHAIR

SECONDED: MIKE A – DCM – D18

DISCUSSION?

All those in Favour? ALL

All those opposed? None

Any abstentions? None

Voice of Minority? NO

Motion was passed.

CLOSE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

I AM RESPONSIBLE...

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

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### **EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83** **AS OF: December 31, 2017**

<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>		Actual
January 1, 2017 Opening Balance		20,000.00
Interest		1,800.00
Transfer to Operating Account		(1,800.00)
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>		20,000.00

<b>INCOME</b>		
7th Tradition		8,464.31
Cost Recoveries		775.25
Flow Through to GSO		(120.00)
Grapevine Seasonals		4,244.39
Group & District Contributions		57,508.19
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		70,872.14
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE		1,800.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; TRANSFERS</b>		72,672.14

<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Accommodations		8,266.45
Meals		14,892.15
Travel		9,726.55
Long Distance		
Postage		329.30
Printing		2,251.39
Literature		1,495.75
Stationery		216.41
Miscellaneous		3,844.84
<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>		41,022.84
Ad Hoc Committees		0.00
Area Contribution to GSO		750.00
Area Committee Meetings		919.23
General Service Conf. Assessment		8,688.10
Bank Service Charges		186.67
Paypal fees		37.61
Forums		0.00
Grapevine Seasonal		3,970.89
GSO Flow Through		(120.00)
Ontario Delegate's Conference		0.00
CERAASA		2,437.53
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>		16,870.03
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		57,892.87

Includes \$11,200.00 coffee expenses from both Assemblies

(\$3,113.54 US), includes \$26.70 courier, \$15.00 money orders

<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>		
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2017		29,496.89
Total Income & Transfers		72,672.14
Total Expenses		(57,892.87)
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>		44,557.43

0.00

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Details of Expenditures  
as of: December 31, 2017

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Annual Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	157.70	283.50	798.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1239.55	2352.00	1112.45	52.70%
Alt. Delegate	0.00	196.41	717.50	0.00	29.52	0.00	66.52	0.00	1013.29	2023.24	1520.00	-503.24	133.11%
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	205.85	798.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1004.55	855.00	-149.55	117.49%
Chairperson	0.00	110.96	496.00	0.00	18.31	25.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	651.26	985.00	333.74	66.12%
Secretary	0.00	207.95	763.00	0.00	0.00	1339.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	2310.20	2611.61	301.41	88.46%
Treasurer	0.00	120.00	980.00	0.00	281.47	405.77	0.00	183.74	0.00	1970.98	1875.00	-95.98	105.12%
Registrar	0.00	164.64	431.80	0.00	0.00	11.05	0.00	32.67	169.25	809.41	1130.00	320.59	71.63%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	484.20	182.70	658.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1324.90	1575.00	250.10	84.12%
Archives	0.00	160.97	391.50	0.00	0.00	45.20	0.00	0.00	100.00	697.67	1220.00	522.33	57.19%
Archivist	362.10	188.40	544.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1095.20	1260.00	164.80	86.92%
Cooperation with the P.C.	60.00	153.89	921.90	0.00	0.00	20.34	198.33	0.00	130.82	1485.28	1570.00	84.72	94.60%
Corrections Facilities	0.00	202.14	59.50	0.00	0.00	209.00	56.19	0.00	0.00	526.83	1430.00	903.17	36.84%
Grapevine	0.00	102.32	767.90	0.00	0.00	22.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	893.14	1120.00	226.86	79.74%
Public Information	0.00	157.07	232.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	263.39	0.00	66.00	718.46	1530.00	811.54	46.96%
Self Support	0.00	225.32	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	265.32	1060.00	794.68	25.03%
Treatment Facilities	0.00	199.57	805.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1005.27	995.00	-10.27	101.03%
Service Info Day Cmte	1876.28	830.46	320.00	0.00	0.00	171.87	911.32	0.00	25.54	4135.47	5145.00	1009.53	80.38%
Spring Assembly	2663.10	5600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1241.86	9504.96	9800.00	295.04	96.99%
Fall Assembly	2663.07	\$5,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1098.08	9361.15	9800.00	438.85	95.52%
<b>COMMITTEE EXP.</b>	<b>\$ 8,266.45</b>	<b>\$ 14,892.15</b>	<b>\$ 9,726.55</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 329.30</b>	<b>\$ 2,251.39</b>	<b>\$ 1,495.75</b>	<b>\$ 216.41</b>	<b>\$ 3,844.84</b>	<b>\$ 41,022.84</b>	<b>\$ 47,833.61</b>	<b>\$ 6,810.77</b>	<b>85.76%</b>
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	15.00	0.00%
Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	919.23	919.23	1,500.00	580.77	61.28%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	750.00	750.00	750.00	-	-
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	186.67	200.00	13.33	0.00%
Paypal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37.61	-	-	-
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GSC Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ont Delegates Conf.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CERAAASA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 834.90</b>	<b>\$ 358.78</b>	<b>\$ 1,075.76</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 26.70</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,929.19</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,540.42</b>	<b>\$ 16,870.03</b>	<b>\$ 17,811.23</b>	<b>\$ 978.81</b>	<b>94.72%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 9,101.35</b>	<b>\$ 15,250.93</b>	<b>\$ 10,802.31</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 356.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,251.39</b>	<b>\$ 5,424.94</b>	<b>\$ 216.41</b>	<b>\$ 14,385.26</b>	<b>\$ 57,892.87</b>	<b>\$ 65,644.84</b>	<b>\$ 7,789.58</b>	<b>88.19%</b>

December 31, 2017		YTD 2017		December 31, 2016	
Income Summary :		Income To Date		Expenses To Date	
December 31, 2017		72,672.14		67,005.64	
7th Tradition		8,464.31		5,666.50	
Bank Interest (GIC)		1,800.00		61,149.58	
GSO Flow through		- 120.00		(3,256.71)	
Contributions		57,508.19		5,856.06	
Cost recoveries		775.25		3,107.28	
Grapevine Seasonals		4,244.39		177	
Total Income		\$ 72,672.14		16	

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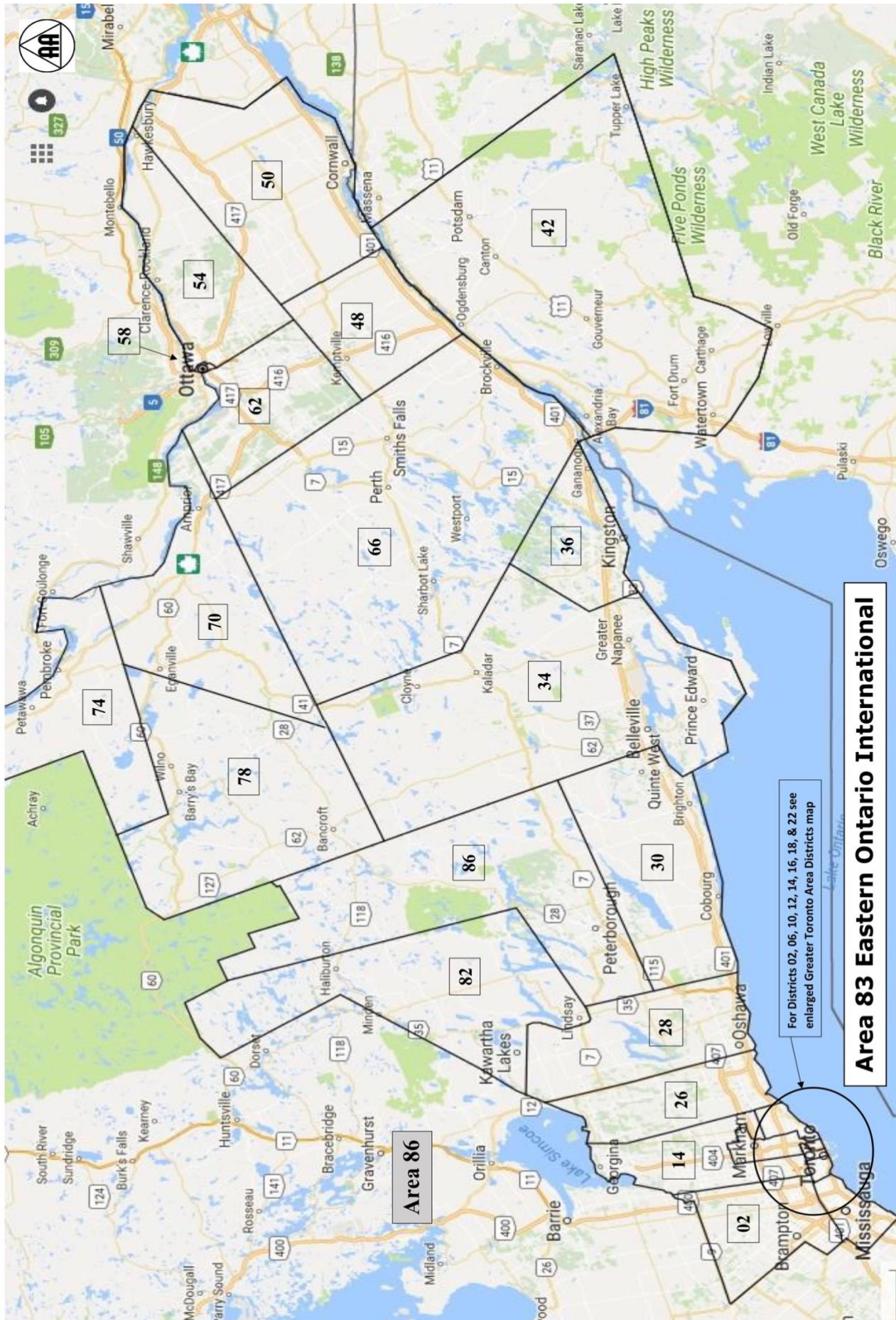
<b>GROUP &amp; DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS</b> <b>AS OF December 31, 2017</b>
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District	0	Unspecified, Paypal	\$100.00
District	2	Malton	\$1,547.10
District	6	Mississauga	\$3,242.50
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$5,640.76
District	12	Toronto South West	\$4,895.52
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$4,719.54
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$525.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$4,170.00
District	22	Scarborough	\$1,603.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$2,266.15
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$1,910.14
District	30	Quinte West	\$2,561.80
District	34	Quinte East	\$2,970.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$2,040.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$1,065.15
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$300.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$565.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$1,174.50
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$137.50
District	62	Ottawa West	\$4,812.92
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$2,546.31
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$1,070.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$1,520.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$220.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$1,450.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$4,455.30

Total Contributions YTD: \$57,508.19

Total from Groups	\$41,857.23	178	Groups Contributing
Total from Districts	\$15,586.46	17	Districts Contributing

# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AREA 83 EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL



# About this Project

Wouldn't it be great to have an app to help find AA meetings nearby, wherever you are? We think so! This project is a first step in that direction.

## The Problem

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It can be a hassle to find AA meetings. First, you have to find the website for your area. If you're near a border, it might not be clear which website has the closest meetings. Sometimes the site, app or printed guide you're looking at is out of date. Or perhaps it's not even the 'official' list.

It's worse if you're traveling, because you probably have limited time, local knowledge, and transportation options. Once you find the right list, you might find it's in an unfamiliar format, and grouped by unfamiliar neighbourhoods.

For newcomers, finding a meeting can be daunting when they encounter unclear terminology, such as meeting codes, that require prior knowledge of the program.

Sometimes these sites are not formatted properly for mobile devices. Most AA websites get more than twice as many visitors from handheld devices as from traditional PCs.

This project is an attempt to standardize meeting information so that it's always readily available on your device, up to date, and clearly and consistently formatted. Additionally, the apps provide tools such as easy links to driving directions and tools to share meetings by email or text message.

## How It Works

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Meeting information changes constantly. This system updates its database by scanning the latest information from compatible official area websites twice daily. To read more about the process, see [Get Connected](#).

Interested in the privacy implications? Check out our [Privacy Policy](#). Concerned about the Traditions? See [Concerns](#).

## Who Is Responsible?

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This project is developed and operated as an AA service project by AA members. Our hope is to give this app to GSO / AAWS. Until that happens, we have formed a nonprofit corporation to operate the app.

Concerned about how the app fits with the 12 Traditions of AA? See [Concerns](#).

## Concerns

We sometimes get questions from AA members about certain aspects of our project. Here is our best effort to answer them.

## The Organization

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We understand this is one person's creation. What if something happens to them?

It was originally, but not anymore. We have formed a nonprofit corporation to operate the app. All accounts and passwords are now managed by the nonprofit. If anything happens to the founder, the app will continue to operate independently.

We'd be a lot more comfortable if this were an official AA project

We want to give it to them. We've submitted a proposal to AAWS (on June 5, 2017) to give them the app and help them continue to develop it. We have had subsequent conversations with staff and board members there, and have heard they are considering the offer. We don't expect it to be accepted immediately, but it will remain open indefinitely.

Will you ever charge people to download or use the app?

No. Our mission is to help people find AA meetings, and charging would limit their access.

Will you ever put ads in the app?

No.

Will you ever list another program's meetings or resources in the app?

No, but we do help other programs to make use of our [12 Step Meeting List](#) WordPress plugin. Including other meetings in Meeting Guide could be confusing and counteract our singleness of purpose.

## The Traditions

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#4: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

How can groups remain independent while federating their data into a single app? We believe that we have found an elegant solution to this problem. This system of a distributed worldwide database allows individual sites to remain fully autonomous, while still contributing to the whole. And this is not 'our' system, this is AA's system. We have simply developed a protocol that other apps in the future might make use of as well.

#5: Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

We believe this is the best reason to participate in the app. We help intergroups connect alcoholics with their AA meeting listings.

#6: An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

We don't believe that we are an "outside enterprise," we are an AA service organization in the same sense that a YPAA is. Furthermore, we don't believe that organizations that participate are endorsing us. They are free to link to us from their websites, and many do, but this is not a requirement. Finally, AA service entities make use of outside services all the time. They list their information in telephone directories, some take ads in public places. Most today worry about their website's search engine optimization. We are like an AA search engine.

Meanwhile there are many other apps and websites that copy meeting information from AA websites and list it without permission or attribution, some for a fee or with ads, and many inaccurately. We are the opposite. We get permission first, we attribute our information, we don't charge or run ads, and we maintain our listings assiduously.

#11: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

Our App Store listings are fully anonymous as of August 2017.

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