

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Area Committee Minutes

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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: Jack B

District: 74 (Visitor)

12 Concepts (Short Form): George M

District: Alt Area Webmaster

Welcome to Quinte West. It's great to see everyone here today. This is our fifth 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.

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

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

Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

Public Information Chairperson

Les MacD

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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

Also with us Today we have:

Panel 63 Past Delegate Mel C

And in Appointed positions we have

Area Webmaster – Jim R

Area Alternate Webmaster - George M

Notable Guests with us today are:

Panel 64 – Area 80 – Cliff M

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 here again in September and December this year.

Year	Date	What	Where
2018	June 2 <u>Approved</u>	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2018	September 8 <u>Approved</u>	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2018	October 26-28 <u>Approved</u>	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel
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 Assembly Oct 2018. 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
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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.

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 are 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 good points and opinions will come out in any discussions, and if discussion is prematurely cut off, we will not get to hear them.

Who may address the committee meeting?

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

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

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

Floor Motions

If you are making a floor motion for the Area Committee to consider today, it would be much appreciated if you would write your motion out and give it to our secretary 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: DAVE L – D26 - DCM SECONDED: RICK W – D30 – ALT DCM

DISCUSSION? NO

All those in Favour? All

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 0

Voice of Minority? No

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 - None.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

13 (d) Discussion on safety in AA. – Kim S – Area 83 Delegate

13 (e) Discussion about Area 83 doing a membership survey. – Eddy G – Area Archives

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

MOVED: NEIL P – D66 – ALT DCM SECONDED: JANICE D – D82 - DCM

DISCUSSION? NO

All those in Favour? All

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 0

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 January 6th, 2018.

Minutes of the January 6th, 2018 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.

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

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

District 02 Malton

Shane H

Hello friends I am an Alcoholic my name is Shane, District 2 is building steam all but one position is filled and our upcoming service day planning is in the works with many exciting workshops in store.

Three groups have responded to the new proposed District guidelines in a very favourable way and we hope to have everything finalized by December.

And generally a District inventory is done in the first half of the term but as a District we have finally caught up so now it's time and our Delegate Kim has agreed to facilitate the inventory on the second Sunday of the month in September

Last but not least we will be having our elections for our future table officers on The second Sunday of June and our immediate past DCM Ray R will facilitate that election.

I will close with saying god bless everyone and keep coming back. Yours in love and service Shane H DCM District 2 panel 67

District 06 Mississauga

David B

Good morning everyone and welcome. It is my humble privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for District 06 Mississauga, Oakville & Etobicoke, I am a member of the Lakeshore group, I am an alcoholic and my name is David B. And isn't it great that summer has finally arrived. The district is doing well. Although moneys forwarded to the district is down roughly 30% we are financially sound and able to make all of our commitments. Our District held its annual district inventory and thank you to Kim S our area 83 delegate for facilitating the meeting. It was very healthy with many thoughts and ideas presented. One being the idea of the district holding a workshop for the group general service representatives and any home group members of the district in the fall to help all members understand the importance of service, the role of the GSR, what the district provides and the benefits of service to the individual (Thanks Kim). In service positions we only have three alternate positions open and with some changes in some home groups we believe we now have no inactive groups listed in our district. Our election of the incoming DCM and Alt. DCM will take place this month. Hard to believe the term is coming to an end.

As always if myself or any of our table officers (Susan K, Nat S & Marrey P) or our sub- committee chairs can be of service please do not hesitate to contact us. Have a great summer and hope to see you all soon.

YLS David B DCM District 06

District 10 Toronto South Central

Rob A

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.

I am happy to report District 10 is doing great. Our district meetings are well attended. We are in a good financial position. We put on service meetings at the Salvation Army Harbour Light Centre, CAMH, Maxwell Megan & Women's Own Detox. The groups in our district look forward to putting on these service meetings.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve. Yours In Love & Service, Rob A
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District 12 Toronto South West

Mark B

Hi friends am an alcoholic pleased to serve as our District Committee Member in District 12 Toronto SouthWest my name is Mark.

Since we last met at the Spring Assembly in March we have had a bit of a dip in our monthly meeting attendance though things continue to move along. We would like to thank all the G T A Districts along with our Area Committee past and present for another GTA Service Information Day. Kim our Delegate thank you for a well put together presentation on what took place at the latest General Service Conference. In our District we had recently added 2 new service commitments to the 7 we already look after though have just learned of the loss of one due to their clients getting to enough meetings outside their facility thus leaving us with 8. We actively participated in annual Medical Conference In the G T A by helping to man a display booth in early May. All our sub committee chairs are filled except for 1 though all sub committee meetings within the G T A get met to the best of our ability. Received a group help call within our District with our delegates help able to answer questions though it is still work in progress concerning material request. A request has been made to our groups for much needed donation contributions with 2018 thus far not as great as 2017 we are still managing to meet most expenses. Thank you to Amy and James for the continuous information from our Area and GSO . Embarking once again on another summer ready to meet with help the service sent our way wishing you all a great summer and a safe trip home later today til we meet again in September.

Mark B District 12 Toronto SouthWest

District 14 Toronto North Central

Dave B – ABSENT – REPORT SUBMITTED

My name is Dave B, I'm an alcoholic and the district 14 District Committee Member.
Our finances are stable however attendance at our meetings is a little down to approximately 2/3.

We will be having our election next month for the new DCM for the next term. We are hoping to send our new DCM to the regional forum.

Our delegate Kim S will be facilitating our upcoming election. Many thanks to Kim for assisting us in this process.

Information day went off well I believe. I didn't see much as I was in the kitchen most of the day. I really enjoyed working with the other DCM's on this committee.

I apologize for not being there today! We have had a breakdown at work that requires my attention.

Yours in service, David B - DCM District 14

District 16 Distrito Hispano De Toronto

Victor M – ABSENT – NO REPORT

District 18 Toronto City East

Michael A

VERBAL REPORT GIVEN - NO REPORT SUBMITTED

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.

Bridging the Gap (Corrections) & GTA Intergroup Phones; As we continue to put on meetings twice a week at the Metro East Detention Centre, we often speak to clients who are looking at immanent release. The Beginner's Pamphlet which we hand out has the local Toronto Intergroup phone number listed, but not the toll-free number, (1-877-404-5591). Contact has been made with the Literature Department

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at 234 to maybe add the toll-free number. Although it is easy to just memorize it and pass it on, we were also made aware of the option to distribute "business" cards with that number.

Which brings us to the next issue of making sure that the phone greeters receiving calls have a process in place to arrange a Bridging the Gap contact. Usually Bridging the Gap contacts are arranged from Area to Districts by the submission of forms from Institutions. The Metro East does not handle those request forms because the clients there are in transition, for example, awaiting bail. Making the toll-free number more readily available could result in more calls being made to Toronto Intergroup by those wanting support upon release. The Corrections Chair at GTA Intergroup has been contacted about this matter.

We will be contacting the 12th Step (phones) Sub-Committee to co-ordinate with them.

Those at meetings on the inside show by their attendance that they are interested in recovery.

Coordinating support for them if they call the toll-free number would be helpful.

Information AA Day; Legacy of Service; Held on May 26th. Was a huge success. Freshly back from New York, Kim S. gave her Delegate's Report. Jennie H., Immediate Past Delegate from North-Eastern Ontario Area 85 spoke. She came all the way from Kenora to share the benefit of her 40 years of sobriety and service with us.

East Toronto Archives Breakfast (ETAB); co-hosted with Toronto East District 18 will be held tomorrow. Can hardly wait!

Scarborough District 22 Service Day; Theme: 40 Years of Service – Still Going Strong.

Will be held on September 15, at the Oakridge Community Centre, 63 Pharmacy Ave. Free pot-luck lunch provided. A Social with DJ will be held in the evening at the same location. Tickets \$10.00. All Welcome.

Additional Notes; The Archives Committee has just purchased a trifold display and 39 inch TV for presentations. Treatment continues to coordinate weekly meetings at the Scarborough General Hospital with groups taking on an annual one month commitment to host. On June 10th our District will be holding elections for District Committee Member (DCM) and Alternate (Alt. DCM). The new in-coming DCM would then be attending the Eastern Canada Regional Forum to be held in Victoriaville, Quebec, on July 20-22. Silverbirch Group; 60 year's anniversary, June 8th. Scarborough Group; 65 years, June 22nd. Come help celebrate.

District 26 Lakeshore West

Dave L

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

We have all of our service positions filled except for Archives and Grapevine Chair positions. Attendance at the table has been good, about 75% of the groups have been represented. Our financial position is good- and we have been fortunate this year that groups have made their contribution to the District early making funds available for literature purchases by our PI and CPC committees.

Our District recently approved the creation of an Accessibility Chair position, which has been filled by Shawna R.

The CPC committee continues to make presentations to young professionals at Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology over the summer months.

The PI committee is participating in a Wellness Café at a Durham High School. They are also continuing work on the development of an AA website targeting youth, which the District is supporting.

Our Service Information Day with District 28, 82 and 86 was held in Oshawa last weekend and it was great to hear about the General Service Conference. It was a great to get the summary from our Delegate Kim of all that was accomplished and what was sent back for more work. It was a great day in the atmosphere of AA service fellowship. Thanks to JoAnn and Eileen from District 28 for pulling this event together.

On August 10-12, we are looking forward to our 46th annual Lakeshore Districts' Conference that has been themed A Better Way. Tickets may be purchased online or at the door.

I am grateful for my sobriety and this opportunity to serve.

Dave L., DCM -District 26

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District 28 Lakeshore East

JoAnn P

Good Morning, I am an alcoholic serving District 28 Lakeshore East as District Committee Member and a member of Courtice 12 & 12 and my name is JoAnn.

District 28 has been very busy since the Spring Assembly. At our April District meeting, we were able to disburse approximately \$2650.00 to Area 83 (25%), Lakeshore Intergroup (50%) and GSO (25%). We also have a new Treasurer in place and I am happy to report that the all positions at the District are filled. In April we enjoyed 73% group attendance. In May, our group attendance was 69%.

The Lakeshore District 28 East Spring Roundup was held on Saturday, April 14th which will go down in infamy as the day of the freak ice storm. 230 attendees did not let the weather stop them and we enjoyed an amazing day of speakers and fellowship. Thank you to the organizing committee for your hard work. At our May District meeting, chairperson Deb F from Kedron presented our District with a cheque for \$1642.00 which we gratefully accepted.

At our April District meeting, a notice of motion was made by the Kedron group to create a new Sub-committee chair position for the 2019-2020 term. This position was the result of splitting Treatment and Corrections to create one position for Corrections and one position for Treatment and Accessibilities (which would mirror Area 83's sub committee). At the May meeting, this motion was passed. Our Operating Procedures will be updated to reflect this change.

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International Panel 67 Delegate Kim S attended the Districts 26, 28, 82 & 86 Service Information Day May 27th in Oshawa. We had a great turnout and Kim shared the highlights of her experience at the 68th General Service Conference in New York. Thank you to Dave and Deborah, Janice and Glenn, Tim and Eileen for your help with this event. We enjoyed 3 panel presentations by the Districts on topics of inclusion, balance and group conscious.

Our CPC and PI Committees have been sharing a joint meeting since March and it seems to be going well. District 28 Sub Committee Chairs are a dedicated group of individuals and continue to carry our message of recovery. We have started to discuss our election which will take place in September and at our June District meeting, each sitting position will give a short description of their responsibility and the time commitment required. We hope this will generate interest.

We have our next district meeting on Sunday, June 10th and we will entertain a motion to suspend meetings in July and August.

In August, please consider joining Districts 26 and 28 for the 46th Lakeshore Districts Conference Friday August 10 to Sunday August 12th at the LVIV Hall in Oshawa. The conference theme is "A Better Way" and our main speakers are from Ohio and Montreal with some local talent. Our Area Secretary will be speaking on Friday night so if you would like to support James, we would love to see you! We have a website – aaldc.org and tickets will be available online or at the door. I do have tickets with me today as well. Registration is \$25.00 and if you would like to attend the banquet on Saturday, the cost is an additional \$35.00. We hope to see you in Oshawa!

Yours in Love and Service. - JoAnn P

District 30 Quinte West

Ian W – Report given by Alt DCM Rick W

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

Our District 30 Roundup took place on April 28, and was a success by all accounts. This year we had more members involved as a planning committee and the organization showed. Our goal of being self supporting was achieved, with excess funds going back to the District table to carry the message. Thanks to the neighboring Districts for the support, and to our Area Chairperson, Kimberley M. for her participation on the day.

Our April 22 District meeting was canceled due to bad weather. We resumed in May with the review of our District Operating Procedures. The main points centered around changing two of our positions, (Archives, and Literature chairs), from appointed to elected positions, the formation of an elected 2 year Roundup committee, and some language changes for clarity. After a short discussion, the changes recommended by the ad hoc committee were accepted in their entirety.

We are financially stable, keeping up with our commitments. Our table's books were audited and reconciled in April by our secretary, Jan, with the help of our Treasurer Irene.

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Wishing everyone a safe and sober summer, yours in service, Ian

District 34 Quinte East

Gord T

VERBAL REPORT GIVEN – NO REPORT SUBMITTED

District 36 Kingston & the Islands

Martin St-L – Report given by District Secretary Donna C

My name is Donna C., I'm an alcoholic and member of Sat. Morn. Step Stop in Kingston and I will be representing District 36 today. Martin S.L., our DCM is unable to attend and Jack R., our ADCM is in France with his family.

Our District has 24 active groups. We had a District Inventory in February, the first in 11 years, which proved to be a very positive experience in sharing many ideas on how to reach the still suffering alcoholic as a District. Also, how our various Committees can provide more outreach to the community of Kingston.

Our Conference Committee has had its first meeting to begin preparations with District 34 for the upcoming annual Round Up in Napanee in September 2018. The Theme is Keep it Simple and a home cooked meal will be available.

The Founders Day Round Up will be held June 9/18. This is a full day event and we are having a Greek Dinner for \$10.00 per person. All are welcome.

District 36 is in the very long process of revising our District Guidelines and Procedures. I would appreciate new input from Districts that may be willing to share your current Policies and Procedures with District 36.

Our District had an increase in our representation of GSRs at the Area Assembly in March and as an area are striving to infuse more participation.

Yours in Love and Service, Donna C. - Secretary & Registrar - District 36

District 42 St. Lawrence International

Ted R – Report given by Alt DCM David D

I am a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, Area 83 Eastern Ontario International, District 42 St. Lawrence International, Potsdam Responsibility Group, serving as GSR, Corrections Volunteer, Alternate DCM, and Registrar, I am an alcoholic named David. Ted R. Alt.DCM agreed to become DCM. As he had an engagement today I offered to be an interim Alt.DCM.

Happy for District 42 Committee Member Patricia M. to be moving to Chicago area to be closer to her children and grandchildren. Sad that she will be leaving us soon. She did a fine job for our district. Pat recently celebrated 40 years of sobriety. After a career in addictions counselling she brought her knowledge and understanding to benefit the fellowship. At the May district meeting she remarked that she wished she had realized sooner the excitement and growth that comes with service opportunities. Pat will be missed.

District 42 formed an Ad Hoc Committee to do a web page inventory of this 12th step tool created 20 years ago by Milner G.. Milner is on the committee! The committee's purpose is to review the effectiveness of the district webpage and implement changes. Calendar formats for meeting listings for our district and District 19 of Area 48 Hudson Mohawk Berkshire have been removed. Two formats of meeting lists remain; a viewable meeting by day list for Districts 42 and 19 and a printable meeting list for both districts. The goal is to have one list that will allow viewing online and availability to print.

For twenty years or more District 42 and District 19 (formerly District 46 of Area 83) have shared the printing of a combined 2 district paper meeting list. It was decided at the May district meeting to work toward a District 42 meeting list. Allowing District 19 to create and maintain a meeting list for their district.

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Members of District 42 and prisoners in the 2 state correctional facilities in Ogdensburg NY are in a debt of gratitude to Canadian members of Alcoholics Anonymous. Canadians following a tradition of service in Northern New York starting back in the 1950's. District 48 members Wayne L., Charlie M., Michael C., District 62 member David T. and Area 83 CF Chair Mac B. are by their efforts demonstrating that Alcoholics Anonymous truly is an international fellowship. For years I thought the 50 minute drive to Riverview CF was a long way to carry the message until I met Garnet M, member of District 48. Garnet's sponsor and a car load of other members did CF work in Rome NY, 2 hours 30 minutes from Prescott ON. Canada has a high population density near the U. S. border compared to the northern NY side with a low population density. This fact makes it difficult to fulfill the need for AA service work. There are also similar service opportunities in District 0700, Area 47 CNY(formerly D38, A83). Some as close as a few minutes river car ferry ride from Kingston ON to Cape Vincent NY CF.

A District 42 Inventory will be facilitated by Sue B., Area 83 Treasurer. Originally scheduled April 15th it was cancelled due to a snowstorm! Rescheduled for 29th of July. Hopefully the weather will cooperate.

June 10, 2018 Founders Day also a Service Day with Kim S, our Panel 67 Delegate. She will share her experience, strength, and hope that she gained at the 2018 General Service Conference. District 42 will host the event at the Dobisky Center, 100 Riverside Ave, Ogdensburg from 10 am to 3 pm.. The center has a beautiful view of the St. Lawrence River and the city of Prescott Ontario. Districts 48, 50, and 66 will also participate. Member panels of fellowship topics, District 42 archives display (one of the first in Area 83) and discussions. YILS

District 48 Seaway Valley North

Winnie S

Good Morning Friends. I'm an alcoholic and my name is Winnie. I have the honour and privilege of serving as District Committee member for Seaway Valley North. I am a grateful member of the Sunday Morning Study Group in Kemptonville.

I'm happy to announce that District 48 is humming along. Our finances are good and we have found a volunteer for the position of CF/TF. a position that Wayne L., the A/DCM had been filling admirably. Our Literature chair, Jennifer C. had to resign for personal reasons, and the position was quickly filled by Sharon C.

We had some discussion about changing our web site supplier for a less expensive one, but realized it could have been a conflict with our tradition of outside issues.

Plans are in progress for the four districts taking part in our Service/Delegates report on June 10. I'm looking forward to hearing all about Kim's experience at the General Service Conference.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and sober summer.

Yours in Love and Service Winnie S.

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. Group representation remains at approximately 50%. Elaine H. our new Grapevine Representative has had a very successful Spring, presenting literature at group meetings throughout April and May as well as donating portions to the Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre. Elaine is at the Vanier Roundup being held today and will be present at Gratitude Day next week on Saturday, June 9 at City Hall.

District 54 group histories are being compiled through coordination with Terri S. our District's Archives Liaison. Search for Serenity is the most recent completion and is being sent to Grapevine for publishing. Archives will be present at Gratitude Day next week and the Ottawa Archives Committee will host a Luncheon on Saturday, November 17 at the Overbrook Community Centre in Vanier.

Recently we were contacted by Amy, our Area 83 Registrar, to seek out contacts for two groups in our District that currently do not have updated information. Change We Must has been contacted and is currently looking for a representative and the Ottawa Alano Group will be attended shortly to discuss.

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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 and am currently serving District 58 Ottawa Bytown as its District Committee Member.

Our district continues to do well. Attendance has been very good at our meetings since the beginning of 2017 and we do fulfill our service commitments. We are financially sound and have made a contribution to the Area, the first time I recall such a donation being made since I have been involved in the district in one capacity or another for the last 10 years. So, this is a very positive development. On the other hand, we continue to struggle with attendance at the Area Assemblies. While the reality is that many groups in our district simply cannot afford it, there also is a culture change that must happen regarding the importance of attending the Area Assemblies for groups in our district, something that I try hard to instil with the hope that we will have a much greater attendance at the Fall Assembly. Hope springs eternal as they say.

As you have heard, our district is hosting this year's Gratitude Day, which is held on a rotating basis between the 3 Ottawa districts; 54 and 62 being the other two. Gratitude Day is the responsibility of ADCMs and Kim has done a great job of organizing the event, our thanks go to Kim. She has also innovated this year by having a panel on service at the group level where people will share on the importance of greeting at the door, attending your home group and being accountable. Kim B. has also invited all of the committees to make presentations at the event as well as Intergroup. It will take place next week at Ottawa City Hall on Saturday, June 9. Our delegate to New York, Kim S. has gracefully agreed to come and present her report from attending the General Service Conference in New York. We are grateful that Kim will present a resume of the decisions that were taken in New York, including of course the adoption of the pamphlet, The Gord Word, where our very own Area played by presenting a motion for the adoption of the said publication, something which our district is proud of having participated in its adoption by having seconded the motion by District 10 to submit it to the Delegates' Conference in New York.

Finally, plans are underway to once again for the Canadathon on July 1st. All are welcome!

Yours in service,
Michel D., District Committee Member, District 58 Ottawa Bytown

District 62 Ottawa West

Mike B

Good morning, I am an alcoholic. A member of the Westboro Big Book Study Group in Ottawa and have the honour and privilege of serving as the District Committee Member (DCM) for Ottawa West-District 62, 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.

I would also like to introduce our new Alternate Committee Member, Frank V. he is attending his first Area Committee Meeting today.

Elections, DCM (District Committee Member):

As is tradition in District 62, we hold our elections for DCM for the following term (2019-2020) early in the year. This year the election will be held this month (June 11-2018). This is because every 2 years the General Service Office hosts the Regional Forum in Eastern Canada and as a District it is our responsibility to send our incoming DCM to the Forum. This is so our incoming DCM will get the benefit of learning what transpires in our Region and at the General Service Office to be better informed when he/she officially rotates in as DCM.

Group Inventories
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-Groups continue to request Group Inventories. So far this term, I have had the privilege of facilitating 15 Group Inventories in our District and an Alkathon inventory and I am booked for 5 more by the end of this year. 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.

GRAPEVINE

District 62 recently purchased 5-1 year subscriptions of the Grapevine for our Corrections and Treatment Facilities Committee to bring into the local Jails.

AWARENESS BUILDER -CHALLENGE:

At the Spring Assembly I spoke about the Awareness Builder Kit challenge in our District. The kit includes 50 small A.A. pamphlets displayed in a card stock holder. It serves as a gentle way to increase awareness of A.A. for people visiting the offices of local professionals. It helps people who may have a problem with alcohol become aware that there is a solution; that they are not alone. Since the challenge started 3 months ago in District 62, we have been able to distribute over 4000 pamphlets to professionals in our area. A number of our Area 83 DCM's approached me after our Spring Assembly and requested copies of the pamphlets so they can duplicate what we were doing. I hope that if you proceed with this endeavour it works as well for your Districts as it did in District 62. We are currently in the process of restocking and replacing the 20 questions that were in the previous pamphlets with the 12 questions from the Conference approved pamphlet, 'Is AA For You?'

Ottawa Service Day (Gratitude Day)

Gratitude day will take place on June 9th at Ottawa City Hall starting at 9 AM. This year it is hosted by District 58 with participation of Districts 62 & 54. Our Delegate, Kim S. has been invited to present her General Service Conference Final Report. This Day is traditionally organized by the 3 Alternate District Committee Members of our 3 Ottawa Districts.

CANADATHON-

The 3rd annual Canadathon will be held once again at The McNabb Community Centre, July 1, 2018. This is a fun and Spiritual day of all day meetings and games and family fun and a BBQ in the park behind the Centre. If you are in the National Capital Region on Canada Day, please drop by and get a warm Ottawa welcome.

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 – Report given by Alt DCM Neil C

My name is Jenny currently serving as district committee member for district 66 I'm a member of the smiths falls Saturday night group and I'm an alcoholic.

Our district meetings are still very well attended. Any where from 72-78% of our groups in attendance. We were also able to make contributions to area and GSO in our past April meeting.

We are excited and happy to say that to spite a massive winter storm our district round up was an amazing success. We had just over 200 guests down around 150 compared to previous years. But it was an awesome day with amazing fellowship and food. We had so many people willing to volunteer and help. It was very nice to see.

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A big shout out to the autonomy group in Brockville. They arranged for Herb w to come down and do a presentation on AA at the group level. It was well attended and so far is showing results with people starting to get more involved.

We are excited to say so far this term we have started up 3 new service meetings. Both treatment and corrections chairs have been busy getting these set up and in place.

We have the upcoming service info day June 10th in Ogdensburg with districts 42,48. We are looking forward to hearing for our delegate kim on the conference.

And finally we are in the planning stages of starting gsr work shops to take place before our district meetings. Our GSR's have expressed a want to learn more about their roll along with committee chair positions as well. From 12 step phone processes to PI and GSR we are going to do our best to provide the info needed to allow members to continue to be of service. Now no one can be surprised if we ask you to come and visit us in district 66 on a Wednesday evening.

Yours in love and service, Jenny C

District 70 Renfrew Pontiac

Seanna B

I am an alcoholic , member of the Keep It Simple Group, DCM for District 70, my name is Seanna. It is an honour and privilege to be here today , to be of service for District 70.

Another huge loss for District 70, Randolph M., he will be greatly missed. He was an active service member as our Grapevine Chair, good member of his home group . R I P Randolph.

I'd like to thank Don G. for taking on the Grapevine Chair duties while Randolph was ill, and for continuing to carry on with that .

District meetings are well attended , GSRs reporting good attendance at meeting and financial responsibilities being met.

Some changes happening at our District table include Lisa C., Alternate DCM; Mary Anne H., Webmaster. Also, interest in Treasurer by John C.; and Mary E. as Archives Chair; hopefully we can make these official at our June meeting. Thank you to all!

Looking forward to participating in the Tri District Service Day in Pembroke on June 16th, thank you to Janice M., Lisa C., and Jim M. for helping out .

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.

A long-time member of the West End Group, Wayne I, passed away on Thursday May 17, 2018. He helped so many alcoholics directly through his sponsorship, mentoring and service work. He will be missed but his actions set an example for all.

Our annual Mother's Day Conference had over 80 participants this year. The organizers did a great job introducing some new formats and activities which were well received.

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

Two new Chairs, Archives and Help Line, nominations were finalized. However, our Self Support Chair had to step down and we are actively seeking a volunteer to continue for the remaining term.

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The Tri-District Service Day, which has been organized in cooperation with Districts 70 and 78, will be held on 16 June 2018 and we look forward to welcoming Kim S and Sue B to Pembroke.

We have lots of events and celebrations planned for the summer. If you are in our District, please stop in for a meeting or take in an event or celebration. These are listed on our website – pembrokeaa.org. We would love to welcome you!

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

Anne Marie V

I am an alcoholic, a member of The Gratitude Group in Bancroft, I am privileged to be currently serving as District Committee Member for District # 78 Madawaska Valley and my name is Anne V.

With the beautiful weather (finally) we are noticing increased numbers at our meetings, which is typical throughout the summer months.

The Paudash Northern Lights meeting is still struggling to keep its doors open.

Our district meetings continue to be very well attended!

We are looking forward to attending the "Tri District" Service information Day to be held in Pembroke on Saturday June 16 2018.

Barb C. Is this year's 39th annual Festival of Colours chair. This year's round up will be held on September 29, 2018, the Theme will be experience, strength and hope. We have a new venue at The municipality of Hastings Highlands in Maynooth, we have also secured a new caterer! I have tickets with me, For anyone who wants to get them early and have left flyers for you to take back to your groups.

Yours in Love and Service, Anne V

District 82 Victoria Haliburton

Janice D

Good morning everyone. My name is Janice D and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving as District Committee Member for District 82 and am a member of Minden Centennial Group in Minden.

Our district is doing well and financially able to meet it's obligations. Our annual conference held in May was an amazing success and a donation will be forwarded to Area and GSO after our June meeting. Our attendance at our district meetings is usually 90 % and over but in May we moved our meeting from Mother's Day to the next weekend – which happened to be the Victoria long weekend so a quorum was not reached. But we will finish everything at our next district meeting – June 10th before we close for the summer.

We had some changes in our committees. Kim M. resigned his position as Public Information Committee and one of the active members of that committee has stepped up to keep the procedures that have been setup – to flow without interruptions. Elizabeth also said that she would do Communication With The Professionals along with it because they have so much in common. She is wearing many hats at the moment but feels comfortable leaving Adam A. in charge of Archives. This is temporary until our elections this winter.

We lost a beautiful person – Dana P. this past May. She was active in Alcoholics Anonymous and was holding the position of General Service Rep for Cayceon Saturday Night group. She is missed so much and the District is still reeling from this loss.

Our Service Information Day was held May 27th at the Alano Club in Oshawa with Districts 26, 28 and 88. Joann, District Committee Member of District 28 – Lakeshore East and her alternate (not sure about that) Eileen S. did a fantastic job of organization. Kim S., our delegate gave a talk about how wonderful the conference was and then we had 3 panels, all with related topics to the theme which was the same as the 68th General Service Conference – "A.A. – A Solution For All Generations.

Wishing everyone a fantastic summer and safe drive home. Yours in Love and Service, Janice D

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District 86 Kawartha

Larry D

Greetings all: My name is Larry D, DCM district 86 Kawartha. Our district is currently seeking a person to fill the position of chairperson of the treatment committee. We also hold a service meeting at the Peterborough hospital for patients who cannot get out to meetings. Various group are responsible for running these meetings. Our district is financially sound and contributing both to Area and GSO. Our district conference will take place June 22- 23 tickets are \$31 and include a banquet dinner. Our district along with districts 26, 28, and 82 shared a service info day that was a successful event. I missed it as my kids held a surprise 45th anniversary for us. I was not aware of the surprise party till I was about to leave for the SID and had to change plans for the day, sorry I missed it.

Thank you and God bless. - Larry D

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 GSR's at the next District meeting so they can take the information back to their groups...so get your pens ready!!

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

a) Public Information Chairperson

Les M

Good Day Everyone, I'm a alcoholic, a member of the Foxboro Friendship Group in District 34, with much gratitude I have the privilege to serve Area 83 as Public Information Chair. My name is Les M.

Not a very long report today. I attended the Adult Children of Alcoholics Convention {ACA} in Toronto on Saturday April 28, 2018. This was a new experience for me attending this event. Our Past Delegate Joyce S was so kind in driving me around and attending and setting up the PIC display with me, while we're sitting there we had a special visitor a young lad by the name of Mel C. I was able to keep my expenses to a low as Joyce was able to rent me a room in the Condo Building where she lives, other than gas I only needed one meal, drove up on Friday back on Saturday.

Was out to a couple of other events, attended the Service Day in Oshawa last weekend. Belleville had a bring a Professional Night for {PIC} Public Information Committee and {CPC} Cooperation with the Professional Community both these Chair Ladies did a great job. I still get minutes from the different Districts in Area 83, read these and send a thank you note. I'm a resource for you to use. Jim S, our CPC chair and I will be putting together another newsletter for the Fall Assembly, we'll also be retaining our Editor Joyce S.

You can reach me at: picarea83@gmail.com

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 the Fellowship of 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 privilege of serving Area 83 as the Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair.

Things have been quiet. I was asked to set up the Area CPC display at the District 82 Conference. I attended the Service Information Day held in Oshawa by Districts 26, 28, 82 and 86. It was a well planned and well run day. Les your PI chair and I have discussed sending out the combined PIC/CPC newsletter again in time for the fall Assembly.

Regarding the email I received from the General Service Office about cooperating with Al-Anon. I spoke with Kristine again and she did not know that the Area she looked after for Al-Anon incorporated two AA Areas. I got the GSO to send the same email I received to the

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CPC Chair for Area 86 and now all three of us are onboard working together. Most of the feedback I have received and it was a concern of mine at the start, was straying away from our Primary Purpose and the principle of Affiliation.

I listened to a talk given by Bill W in 1957 on our Primary Purpose. At the end of the talk he says that we should focus on our Primary Purpose first, keeping AA strong and healthy for the newcomer. But then he went on to say that once we have done that, there is no reason we cannot reach out and help other programs.

As well I emailed the Archives at the GSO requesting any information they had from our history of cooperating with Al-Anon. Turns out this is not a new thing, but one that has maybe been forgotten or misplaced. They sent me the Guidelines for the Relationship between A.A. and Al-Anon. The Guidelines talk about inviting Al-Anon to take part in certain A.A. functions. I also received from them excerpts from the 1952 and 1965 General Service Conference minutes. Both reaffirm the relationship of cooperation with Al-Anon. And lastly they sent me the memoirs of Lois W, called Lois Remembers. In it she talks about the closeness of A.A and Al-Anon in the beginning.

[See appendix C] So as you can see cooperating with Al-Anon is not a new thing and our past indicates that we are not violating our principles of the Primary Purpose and Affiliation.

In fact this has been going on for some time in our Area. Many A.A. conferences include panels put on by Al-Anon. In April Debbie S the PI/CPC Chair for District 66 was asked to set up a display at an Al-Anon function, not to take part, just set up the display. The function also included two A.A. speakers. Debbie informed me that the day went really well and that she was well received.

So some of the things we could do to co-operate with Al-Anon are: Asking Al-Anon to take part in our Conferences, as mentioned this is already being done in certain Districts. Ask them to set up a display at our Service Information Days, not to take part but have information available. As well on our literature racks include some Al-Anon literature, a good one might be This Is Al-Anon, maybe include the local meeting list and have the local contact information available. When we give verbal or power point presentations mention Al-Anon and Al-Ateen at the end and say you have the contact information for them.

These are suggestions only, I am sure that there are many more ways we could co-operate together.

Wishing you all a safe and happy summer. Jim

c) Correctional Facilities Chairperson

Mac B

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. Corrections has been relatively busy since our last report. I have received approximately 15 Bridging the Gap requests which I have passed on to the proper District Correctional Chairs.

It was suggested by the Corrections Committee of the 2017 General Service Conference that the Corrections Coordinator provide a quarterly update about the status of the Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS) and the need for volunteers. Here is the May 2018 update.

"Warm greetings from your General Service Office (GSO).

My name is Diana L and I am an alcoholic. It is my pleasure to serve as the Corrections Coordinator.

Male outside volunteers for CCS are needed. As of today GSO has a waiting list of over 100 male AA in prison who are waiting for an outside AA member to write to them. (Female AA members in prison can get linked right away thanks to all the female volunteers who have signed up),

We hope you will share this need for male volunteers in your Area. For more information please visit the Corrections Correspondence Service page on www.aa.org. You can email corrections@aa.org. Or you can write to Corrections Desk General Service Office. Box 459. Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163

CCS Status So far in 2018 over 645 requests from incarcerated AA members have been answered by outside AA members. Last year in 2017 over 1700 requests were answered by the Fellowship.

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Thanks so much for your help. We appreciate all you are doing to carry AA's message."

Yesterday I phoned Diana and asked her if she had any up-to-date numbers for Canada. She said she had good news that there were no AA inmates that are presently waiting to be linked to an outside AA member.

Yours in love and service, Mac B

Panel 67 Correctional Facilities Chair
Areas 83 Eastern Ontario International
613-328-9833

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/Accessibility chair for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International; my name is Marty.

Since we last met at the Spring Assembly I have received and sent out an additional 11 Bridging the Gap requests; that's a total of 35 requests so far, this year. Last year at this time I also had 35 requests.

District 10 in central Toronto has re-started a service meeting at the Gateway men's shelter on Jarvis St. I was contacted by their Treatment Chair and asked if I would stand in for him to get the meeting going again. I happily agreed, printed a meeting agenda and readings and got someone to join me and we facilitated the meeting. The staff was so happy we started this meeting up again and although there weren't many in attendance, the men who were there were very grateful we came.

Last weekend on Saturday May 26th at Information A.A. Day I spoke on Treatment as well as Accessibility.

I am still the interim chair of the Greater Toronto Accessibility Committee. This meeting has its challenges as only three of the eight Toronto Districts are represented. We are continuing to receive updates from the groups regarding which meetings are and are not fully Accessible. Our goal is to submit to Intergroup a final list towards the end of the year requesting the GTA meeting lists be updated.

I thank you for the opportunity to be of service to Area 83 and I wish you all a safe and happy summer.

Yours in Love and Service,

Marty

e) Grapevine Chairperson

Robert B

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

Subscription Grapevine magazine USA \$28.97

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Subscription Grapevine magazine \$35.00 (US) = I paid Jan 2018 \$41.32 (CDN)

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NEW BOOKS- AA IN THE MILITARY

Area 83 will made bulk order of pocket planners and wall calendars to get the lowest price.

2019 Pocket planners \$5. 50 CDN & Calendars \$10. 50 CND.

District 62 buy 5 subscriptions of Grapevine magazine for Corrections and Treatment.

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District 18 buy over 15 subscriptions of Grapevine magazine to get 20 % discount (over \$500 US).
District 28 buy over 8 subscriptions of Grapevine magazine for two years to get 20 % discount.

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Attended District 12 Business meeting May very informative.

Thanks Robert B. Area 83 Grapevine Chair grapevine@area83aa.org

f) Self-Support Chairperson

Ray R

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

Our self support pamphlet has a new look, the same content, but it looks great. I will be ordering some for the next Service Information Day in the fall.

I've had the pleasure of welcoming coming new District Self Support Chairs, sending out information, and doing what I can to settle them into their new position.

Group donation and birthday envelopes are still a good way to support GSO, you can get them at your intergroup office, or order them from GSO. I will also have some available at the next service info day.

June has been unofficially declared Founders Day Gratitude month. Group and Districts are encouraged to pass around a separate donation can for the month, and the funds raised can go to the entity of your choice. A few districts have been doing this for years, and has proven to be quite successful.

I attended the GTA Info AA Day in Toronto, it was well organized, a great selection of presenters, a wonderful main speaker, and our Delegate gave an awesome report on her trip to the GSC.

Grapevine has always been self-supporting, they don't accept any donations..their only source of revenue is from their literature sales. Please keep that in mind when ordering grapevine literature.

I'm available for presentations, don't hesitate to contact me, and please continue to send me your minutes. I can be reached at selfsupport@area83.org.

And remember, Service is Self Support.

Yours in Love and Service - Area 83, Panel 67 - Self Support Chair - Ray R

g) Archives Chairperson

Eddy G

Good morning everyone, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Beaches Group & serve as your Area 83 Archives Chairperson and my name is Eddy G.

The 13th Annual Area 83 Archives Workshop was held on Saturday April 28, 2018 in Peterborough. It was a great success. 32 people attended. I would like Thank Margaret S. (Kawartha District 86 Archives Chair) and her committee- Gary C., Bruce B., Tom, Kelsey L., Georgeann B. & Margaret T. for all their help in setting up the location & the tour of the Peterborough Museum & Archives. Also for their

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presentation of 70 Years of AA in Peterborough. Also Thank you to David T. (our Immediate Past Area 83 Archivist), Peter N. (Past Area 83 Archives Chair) and Rick O. (District 14 Archives Chair) for their presentations.

Next year the 14th Annual Area 83 Archives Workshop will be held in Kingston in April.

"The Eighty-Three" Archives Newsletter- will be out before the October Fall Assembly.

Linda McQ. (Area 83 Archivist) & I are looking for District Histories & Group Histories. If your District & groups are interested in helping out with writing & submitting an article we would appreciate it. DCM's please pass this on to your GSR's. Also if you would like to see an article on a specific topic let us know. Articles can be submitted to the following emails: archives@area83aa.org or archivist@area83aa.org

District Archives Survey & Questionnaire- At the Fall Assembly (Oct. 2017) I placed two copies in the District folders for the DCM's to give to their District Archives Chairs & if you did not have an Archives Chair then I asked the DCM's to fill out this questionnaire. My question is how is it going? I see that there is no response or some of you look like you are hearing this for the first time. OK. What I will do is send it out to each DCM and can the DCM's help their District Archives Chairs in filling out this questionnaire. Also I will get the questionnaire & the Typical Contents of a District Archives on the Area 83 Website under Archives.

This will help Linda & I have a better understanding of what Districts have & how we can be of help to each District.

The Trustees Archives Committee- has asked for some input on the following two requests:

1. To create a list of questions that would be helpful to a committee starting or improving local AA archival repositories.
2. Looking for additional shared experience from local Archives Committees about your current activities, for possible use in an updated "Shared Experiences" section in the Archives Workbook.

David T. (our Immediate Past Area 83 Archivist) submitted his knowledge & experience on these two items to Archives at GSO.

District Minutes- Thank you to all the districts for sending me your district minutes.

Area 83 Website (area83aa.org) & GSO Website (aa.org) -There is a wealth of archival information on these two sites. Please pass this on to your GSR's & your District Archives Chairs.

Area 83 Archivist Report

Linda McQ. has finished her chemo & radiation treatments. She has an appointment next week to find out the results of the treatments. Please keep Linda in your thoughts & prayers.

Linda has come up with this idea & she talked with Clay R. (PI Coordinator) at GSO about an Area 83 Membership Survey. Clay gave Linda some guidelines on doing a membership survey.

I recommend that Area 83 do a Membership Survey and here are my reasons:

1. Area 83 has never done a membership survey (Canada has never done one, the U.K. & Australia do one every 5 yrs., GSO does one every three years).
2. This will give Area 83 a snapshot of who we are today.
3. This year marks 75 years of AA in Ontario.

The costs will be minimal. The survey can be emailed & put on the Area 83 Website.

We can talk about this under new business.

Thank you for your patience & tolerance,

Yours in Service, Eddy G - Area 83 Archives Chairperson

h) Service Information Day Chairperson

Shane H

Good morning everyone I am an Alcoholic my name is Shane H and am currently serving as your area 83 Service information day chair. Wow what a great spring assembly. Did everyone enjoy the service information day? I know the Committee did.

There was lots of positive feedback and also concerns about how we close our meetings with Prayers it's an issue the masses will have to decide on but Alcoholics Anonymous has been working fine for a very long time.

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Lunch time will be our planning time for our possible upcoming workshops and any changes to our format. Our committee is still discussing the surveys and whether or not we need Them.

Yours in service Shane Harvey panel 67 Area 83 Service information day Chairperson Shane H.

7. Registrar's Report

Amy L

I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Liverpool Group of District 26 in 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 June 2, 2018 is.

16 Area Officers (including, and Area Webmaster), 1 Immediate Past Delegate, 1 Past Delegate(s), 18 District Committee Members, 13 Alternate District Committee Members and 9 Visitors.

For voting purposes, we have: 13 Area Officers eligible to vote (including 1 Immediate Past Delegate) and 18 District Committee Members plus 4 Alt DCM for a total of 36 votes. Total delegation for this meeting is 58.

I sent out Group Information sheets around April 1 and followed that up with another email on May 28 to all DCMs and Registrars that have at least 1 unknown group in their district. I was able to capture some low lying fruit with this last nudge taking our unknown groups from 23 to 19. I bet in some cases these groups are not even aware that they do not have a group contact. As I mentioned before, in some cases, when Box 459 is returned, GSO will make an effort to contact the GSR if there is an email address, and if they are not successful, they will remove the contact and the group becomes unknown- sometimes with little to no notice for me, and obviously to you the District Representatives. So, some of these unknowns might be corrected if a District Committee Member or their alternate dropped in to attend a meeting.

I do have hard copies of New Group and Group Change forms. Otherwise these can be found on the Area's website (<http://www.area83aa.org/resources/area-registrar>).

I want to remind you that an individual cannot be entered into the GSO database without an up-to-date mailing address. So if you are attending a meeting to get a contact, please collect all of their details (phone, email and most important mailing address).

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.

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

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 continues to be both an honour and a privilege to serve as your Area 83 Treasurer.

In each of the District Committee Members mail folders, I have provided the General Service Office (GSO) District Quarterly Report as of March 31, 2018, regarding contributions from each group received by the General Service Office. There are also two Area 83 contribution envelopes. Please share these with your District Treasurer for future contributions. Please find several more envelopes available on the side table. I would like to thank all the Groups that provide your Group Service Number and a return address either on the envelope or the cheque. This is really helpful, and greatly appreciated, as sometimes our writing can be hard to decipher. It also lets me know where the letter of receipt is to be sent back to.

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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. So far this year, there has been one contribution using Paypal.

Also, in the District Committee Members mail folders, as well as the Area Committee Members folders, you will find copies of the Financial Statement as at May 25, 2018. Copies of these are also available on the side table; let's go through these numbers now, please.

Page 1 is a financial summary. It shows our reserve account, which is set aside for unforeseen circumstances, has a balance of \$20,000 and is in the form of a GIC paying 1.4% interest maturing September 11, 2020.

Income for the period:

- 7th tradition collected at the January Area Committee Meeting and the Spring Assembly = \$3,446.10
- Cost Recovery is \$123.50; this is from the sale of Service Manuals at the Spring Assembly in Kingston, and two more since then.
- Group and District contributions \$22,506.81

Total income for the period is \$26,016.41.

Expenses for the period:

- Committee expenses are \$20,365.42
- January Area Committee Meeting – Rent and Refreshments \$391.84
- General Service Conference Assessment \$10,386.94 CDN; total cost was \$8,200.00 US and has been paid in full
- Bank service charges – \$174.26
- Paypal Fees – \$1.75
- Ontario Delegate's Conference (ODC), held in Thunder Bay – \$1,603.80
- GSO Flow Through - \$60.00

Total expenses for the period are \$32,864.01.

To date income is \$6,847.60 lower than expenses.

The bank balance on May 25, 2018 was \$37,709.83. As of that date, all cheques received have been processed, and letters of receipt, along with return contribution envelopes were mailed out.

The opening bank balance as of January 1, 2018 was \$44,557.43. Total income of \$26,016.41 less expenses of \$32,864.01 leaves a balance of \$37,709.83 in the operating account as of May 25, 2018. We have \$2,620.25 less in our operating account this year compared to this time last year.

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

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

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

Under Committee Expenses:

- The amount shown for Treatment/Accessibility under Literature, \$341.94, is for an order purchased from the GSO. Both displays required replenishing as this has not been done in a few years.
- The amount shown for the Spring Assembly under Literature, \$526.55, is for the order of Service Manuals purchased from the GSO. Monies from the sales is then placed under Income in cost recoveries. There is no mark up in price.

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- Beside the Spring Assembly, under meals you see \$5,997.65. This worked out to \$15.00 per person which covers much more than the cost of coffee/tea/pop. We are not charged for the majority of room rentals, cleaning of the atrium, meeting rooms, staff etc. In that same line under Miscellaneous, the amount of \$1,113.00 includes the rental of the Archives room, DVD rental, data projectors and the set up of the ballroom.

Under Other Expenses:

- 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 GSO the full annual expense for our Delegate to attend the General Service Conference.” The cost for our Delegate to attend this year was \$8,200.00 US, or \$10,386.94 CDN and has been paid in full.
- Ontario Delegates Conference (ODC) 1,603.80. Was held in Thunder Bay this year from March 2 – 4. The costs reflect the reimbursement for the Delegate and Alt/Delegate to attend as per the Area’s Operating Procedure.

At the bottom of the page is a summary comparing year to date for this year and last year at the same time period. Income is \$2,101.48 less than last year at this time and expenses are up \$518.77. Contributions are down \$1,694.01 compared to this time last year. There have been three less Groups and three less Districts contributing in comparison. The resulting net change to our operating account is \$2,620.25.

Page 3 shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from Districts, as well as Groups within the District. You can see that 96 Groups and 11 Districts have made financial contributions to Area 83 so far, this year.

The rates for the Fall Assembly will be as follows:

Room Rates:

- Traditional, 2 Queen Beds - \$105.00 + applicable taxes. A valid credit card is required to guarantee all reservations. When making reservations, contact the Hotel at 1-800-267-7880 or email reservations@ambassadorhotel.com, and quote the Group Name Fall Assembly.
- Our block of Guestrooms will be held until Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Reservations received after this date will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis.

Food and Beverage Prices:

- Saturday Dinner Buffet – 38.50 per person including gratuity and tax
- Coffee Service – \$16.50 per person including gratuity and tax

For the Area Subcommittee Chairs, please remember to quote your GSO Service number when ordering literature from the GSO, and to email me that you have placed an order. Please remember to give my information as to whom to bill, and yours as to where the literature should be shipped.

Please continue to send me your District Minutes, I love to read them all.

In closing, thank you to the 96 Groups and 11 Districts that have made financial contributions to Area 83 this year.

Yours in Love and Service,

Sue B - Area 83 Treasurer - Panel 67

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9. Secretary's Report

James O'D

Adding to the Chair's waste disposal directions I would like to point out that a receptacle has been placed beside the treat table. It is designated for AA flyers, Area financial data, passed minutes, etc. In accordance with our Twelfth Tradition, please help us to safeguard the anonymity of all our members.

If at all possible please email District changes. This allows the document to be shared with the Registrar and then they are time/date stamped and can be filed and also referenced more effectively at a future time.

If you are giving a report at an ACM or Assembly please send it to me at your earliest convenience – before is preferable. This helps get the minutes out in a timely manner. At the moment I have received 2 Area officer reports, 8 DCM reports (22 were read today!) and three Sub Committee reports.

Area bins are ideally designed for AA/Area 83 related times. Please check your folder before, during and after the meeting. Members often place items into the folder throughout the day. While name tags and tent cards may remain there all other items are time sensitive documents that need to be shared with the GSRs in your District. After each ACM and Assembly bins are cleared of those documents.

Updated rosters are sent to all members of the Area Committee on a regular basis – often (but not limited to) before ACM meetings and Assemblies and after. I implore all DCMs to review this document and take responsibility for having them updated. Not that you have to necessarily DO the updating but aware that it is being done by whomever your District has designated.

On April 7th I was invited to facilitate the D10 Church Street Group inventory. On August 10th I have been invited to speak at the 46th Lakeshore Districts Conference in Oshawa and on September 15th at the Strathroy Roundup.

Lastly, I appreciate receiving your District minutes which help keep me in touch with what is going on on the front lines in our Area.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve our Fellowship.

10. Alternate Delegate's Report

Rob M

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

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

On April 14th I was at the District 28 Roundup in Oshawa, April 28th was the District 30 Roundup in Brighton, and May 2nd the District 82 Roundup in Lindsay. All 3 were well organized, well attended, great days of fellowship and recovery.

On May 1st I went to the joint sharing session at Toronto Intergroup. 7 of the 8 Districts of the Greater Toronto Area were represented, along with the Intergroup Archives Chairperson, and the Intergroup Chairperson. It was an informative session, and a good opportunity for me to learn about the GTA Intergroup. I gave a brief report on behalf of Area 83.

The Remote Communities conference call scheduled for May 21st didn't take place. Through email I learned that I was one of several Remote Communities Chairs who called in, but unfortunately the Committee Chairperson didn't call in and only he has the access code to connect all participants to the call. We are currently trying to reschedule, and hopefully the conference call will take place soon. If not, the next regularly scheduled call is on July 16th.

Last Saturday I was at Info AA Day in Toronto. It was a great day of Service organized by the GTA Intergroup, and the 8 Districts in Toronto, and the first chance to hear our Delegate Kim's amazing report on the 68th General Service Conference. Last Sunday I was at the Service Information Day in Oshawa hosted by District 28 in co-operation with Districts 26, 82, and 86. Another well organized, well attended Service Day, and another chance to hear Kim's amazing report.

I'm registered for, and looking forward to attending, the Eastern Canadian Regional forum in Victoriaville Quebec July 20th – 22nd, and I plan to attend the Lakeshore Districts Conference in Oshawa August 10th – 12th.

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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 everyone,
I am your Panel 67 Delegate, a member of St. Clements and my name is Kim. Well it has been a whirlwind since I reported at the Spring Assembly. After the Assembly I spent any free time getting ready for the General Service Conference. Thank you for your help in being prepared for the conference. For those of you that took the surveys to your district and groups, thank you. Thank you for the time and effort. Knowing how you felt about some issues, helped. The Conference was in New York and for me was the best conference ever! I went a few days early, ran around New York snapping pics, went to a baseball game at Yankee Stadium and I became another year older.

So much happened at this Conference that was beyond any expectations I had. Our maximum personal donation to AA was raised from 3,000.00 to 5,000.00.

I saw AA Unity in a way never experienced before. I saw forgiveness and trust restored.

I heard the first three steps in Navajo. There is a new Navajo big book. It is audio though because Navajo is a spoken language. They began this in 2012.

So far I gave the conference report on May 26 at Info A.A Day. This was for all the Toronto Districts (02, 06, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 22). On May 27 I was at the Alano Club in Oshawa for Districts 26, 28, 82, & 86. Thank you for paying for my gas that day. It is much appreciated. On June 9 I will be at the Ottawa Gratitude Day for Districts 54, 58 & 62. On June 10, I am in

Ogdensburg for Districts 42, 48 & 66 and June 16 in Pembroke for Districts 70, 74 & 78. There are 4 districts that do not have me giving a conference report. It is important to inform your groups what is happening in AA. I know the conference report will be out in August and I will distribute them at the September ACM but not everyone will understand what is in the minutes. I know I didn't when I was a GSR. Please consider having me give a conference report, it is important!! You do not have to plan a service day. It can be something simple. If I am available, I will come to you.

On May 16th I facilitated the District 06 inventory. There was a great turnout with a lot of sharing. On the subject of Inventories, I will also facilitate the Lakeshore Group Inventory on July 8th.

I will also be attending the Eastern Canada Regional Forum from July 20 to 22nd at Hotel Le Victorin, Victoriaville, Québec.

CERAASA is February 22-24, 2019. They do need volunteers.

2019 GSB will be looking for 2 Class A trustees. If you know someone in the professional field, please pass on this information.

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 January 6th, 2018 Area Committee meeting? Are there any errors or omissions in the minutes?

Page 4 – Eileen is spelled with only one "l". Corrected and sent to the Area Webmaster for posting on site.

I would entertain a motion to accept the January 6th, 2018 ACM minutes as amended:

MOVED: BILL C – D74 - DCM SECONDED: LARRY D – D86 - DCM
DISCUSSION? NO

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All those in Favour? ALL
Motion was passed.

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 0

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: JOANN P – D28 - DCM SECONDED: TOM S – D22 - DCM

DISCUSSION? NO

All those in Favour? All

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 0

Voice of Minority? No

Motion was passed.

12. OLD BUSINESS - None

13. NEW BUSINESS

a) Motion to increase the travel expense re-imbursement from \$0.35/km to \$0.45/km.

Joyce S, Immediate Past Delegate

SECONDED: JIM S – AREA CPC

DISCUSSION

Treasurer- discussed her analysis and finds that no increase is necessary.

One member quoted that the current amount for CAA is \$0.54/km.

This is a 30% increase. How would this affect our Area numbers?

The increase would also be for designated members to travel on Area business.

Private sector quoted at \$0.53 – includes gas, mileage, wear and tear, etc.

This would also apply to other travel expenses, ie: bus ticket.

Not everyone can afford to pay gas to accomplish the AA work Done by the Area.

No one should be out of pocket for doing AA service. Not every member has the financial resources and this is an evening out process to allow all members to serve regardless of their finances.

All those in Favour? 19

All those opposed? 12

Any abstentions? 3

Motion was defeated.

Voice of Minority

Do we have to take the full amount? The increase is not unreasonable. Anyone should be able to serve despite finances.

When should we expect to increase the amount? Perhaps a 5 cent increase would be possible.

Concept 11 quoted/cited.

Any change in motion? NO – Motion remains defeated.

b) Discuss how to close all meetings held over the Assembly weekends.

Joyce S, Immediate Past Delegate

[No seconded required as was only a discussion.]

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Member suggests that the meetings on Friday and Saturday are open meetings and not part of the Assembly. The Lord's prayer has nothing to do with AA. It is not about you or me but about the newcomer. If this is a divisive issue we need to include the changes in the Operating Procedures. D10 had a unanimous motion to remove this prayer from the Assembly. By not dealing with this issue we are alienating members. Members are invited "for those who wish".

Motion – "We close the Friday and Saturday night speaker meetings with the Responsibility Declaration AND the Lord's prayer. All the workshops close with the Responsibility Declaration only."

MOVED: MIKE B – DCM – D62 SECONDED: DAVE L – DCM – D26
DISCUSSION

During the GSC week the Lord's prayer is never used. It is a Christian prayer. New comers should not be telling us how AA should be. What happens in a group is one thing. The Assembly is a service oriented weekend. Everything should be closed with the Declaration.

Call The Question – Neil P – Alt DCM – D66 Seconded – Rick W – Alt DCM – D30

Yes – Majority No – 3

CARRIES.

All those in Favour - 22 All those opposed - 8 Any abstentions - 3

Motion was passed.

Voice of Minority

Consistency – Unity Declaration. No one seems to have a problem with the Declaration – only religious prayers seem to cause division.

Motion remains.

c) Discuss the use of last names on the Service Information Day Agenda.

Joyce S , Immediate Past Delegate

There seems to be no reason for last names. We need to be responsible at this level of service to be more careful with the anonymity of others. Perhaps a hotel guest might pick up a page with full names on it and recognize the person.

Motion – "First name and last initial to be used on the SID agenda."

MOVED: TOM S – DCM – D22 SECONDED: LARRY D – DCM – D86

DISCUSSION

Immediate Past Delegate suggested a friendly amendment to include ALL Area 83 documentation. Tom declined the amendment.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Discussion ensued surrounding clarification on initial only agendas (emailed) and those that are printed (full names).

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Motion – “Move to use first name and last initial on all printed and emailed agendas for the SID agenda and Assembly business agenda.”

MOVED: MIKE B – DCM – D62 SECONDED: MAC B – AREA CF CHAIR

DISCUSSION

Several members raised the point that as trusted servants (SID committee members, Chair and Secretary) we should be able to proceed without a change to the Operating Procedures. Guidelines are passed down from Chair to Chair, position to position and we can gently remind anyone next term why we do things a certain way. We (Area Committee) are the steering committee for the Area. There is no need to bring every administrative detail to the Assembly floor.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

d) Discussion on safety in AA. – Kim S – Area 83 Delegate

Hi everyone, my name is Kim and I am the Area 83 Delegate. As Delegate I tend to receive emails from people wanting me to fix things. We all know we can only fix ourselves. Sometimes I can offer a solution. There has been an issue that has come to my attention numerous times since January of this year. The issue is members of AA not feeling safe. I am quite concerned by how many situations I have been made aware of. This has me very concerned.

These situations are at groups and outside of groups in various forms of service. There have been verbal racist comments, bullying in person, online and stalking. This is serious. It concerns me that a safe place for an alcoholic is not safe for all alcoholics.

It is important that everyone is treated with respect. Safety in AA was discussed a lot at the 68th General Service Conference. It is important to know that Anonymous is not a cloak for criminal behavior.

I am going to read something from the service piece called Safety and A.A, Our Common Welfare. It is SMF209 if you want to look it up or order it from the General Service Office at aa.org. You can also print one copy directly from the website.

“Group Safety and Unity

Situations that groups have addressed through their group conscience include, sexual harassment or stalking; threats of violence; bullying; financial coercion; racial intolerance; sexual orientation or gender identification intolerance; pressuring A.A. members into a particular point of view or belief relating to medical treatments and/or medications, politics, religion, or other outside issues. In addition, there may be other behaviors that go on outside of typical meeting times that may affect whether someone feels safe to return to the group.

Some groups have their own guidelines or procedures to help keep the meeting safe. A.A. members can speak to those who are acting inappropriately. Situations can be discussed at business meetings to come to a group conscience about how to handle a situation. As a last resort, the disruptive member may be asked to stop attending the meeting for a specific period of time. Groups that take this drastic action do it in order to preserve the common welfare of the group and to maintain A.A. unity.

In any situation, if a person's safety is in jeopardy, or the situation breaches the law, the individuals involved can take appropriate action to ensure their safety. Calling the proper authorities does not go against any A.A. Traditions. Anonymity is not a cloak protecting criminal or inappropriate behavior.

Inappropriate or predatory behavior, such as unwanted sexual attention or targeting vulnerable members can be especially troublesome. These behaviors may go on outside of typical meeting times. While A.A. members can be caring and supportive to those affected, we are not professionals trained to handle such situations. Law enforcement or other professional help may be necessary.

Victims of inappropriate behavior, harassment or predators can let the group know about such situations, often through a sponsor or trusted friend. This way the group is informed, and members can help address the situation and curtail further problems. Group discussion should be focused on creating an environment where all alcoholics can find and maintain sobriety. “

Please bring up the issue of safety at your groups and Districts. What I have been made aware a lot of the bullying is not in the open but behind the scenes or after a meeting. There may be more people that are not speaking up because they do not feel safe. The more awareness we bring to the subject, the more we can help the still suffering alcoholic. The still suffering alcoholic is not always a newcomer. We may all suffer at different times of our sobriety. My concern is that someone is silent and being bullied. They could be the suffering

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alcoholic. We can all make a difference by not tolerating bullying, harassment or anything that makes a member of Alcoholics Anonymous not feel safe.

I brought this up today as a discussion. Let's talk and fix this.

SAFETY IN AA – OUR COMMON WELFARE - https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/smf-209_en.pdf

This document has been sent to all Area Committee members and attached to these minutes as an addendum. Appendix B

e) Discussion about Area 83 doing a membership survey. – Eddy G – Area Archives

Linda McQ (Area Archivist) and Eddy will prepare a membership survey for the next ACM in September. What is the objective. Membership surveys falls under PI. They didn't feel the data would reflect the target population accurately. It is for our 75th anniversary as a snapshot of AA in Area 83 at this time.

A sense of the room was taken and a large majority have asked Eddy and Linda to come back to the ACM in September with a clearer picture and scope of the project.

f) Motion – "Increase travel expense reimbursement from \$0.35 to \$0.40 per kilometre."

MOVED: MARTY M – AREA TF CHAIR SECONDED: RICK W – ALT DCM – D30

AA moves slowly. Perhaps we should increase by \$0.05.

All those in Favour – 21 All those opposed - 8 Any abstentions – 2

Motion was passed.

14. Sharing - what's on your mind?

15. Next area committee meeting.

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on September 8, 2018

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

MOVED: BILL C – DCM – D74 SECONDED: JANICE D – DCM – D82

DISCUSSION - NO

All those in Favour - All All those opposed - 0 Any abstentions - 0

Voice of Minority - NO

Motion was passed.

Reminder: The Fall Assembly will be held at the Ambassador Conference Centre in Kingston October 26-28, 2018.

16. CLOSING

It is now 4:28 p.m. and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you all a safe drive home. I look forward to seeing you in Kingston.

May I have a motion to end this meeting?

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MOVED: MIKE A – DCM – D18 SECONDED: JIM – AREA CPC CHAIR

DISCUSSION - NO

All those in Favour – All

All those opposed - 0

Any abstentions - 0

Voice of Minority – No

Motion was passed.

CLOSE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

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

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EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83 *as at May 25, 2018*

RESERVE ACCOUNT		Actual
January 1, 2018 Opening Balance		20,000.00
Interest		
Transfer to Operating Account		0.00
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE		20,000.00

INCOME		
7th Tradition		3,446.10
Cost Recoveries		123.50
Flow Through to GSO		(60.00)
Grapevine Seasonals		
Group & District Contributions		22,506.81
TOTAL INCOME		26,016.41
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE		0.00
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS		26,016.41

EXPENSES		
Accommodations		4,277.35
Meals		7,867.55
Travel		3,961.41
Long Distance		0.00
Postage		168.49
Printing		895.90
Literature		1,059.73
Stationery		152.65
Miscellaneous		1,982.34
Total Committee Expenses		20,365.42
Ad Hoc Committees		0.00
Area Contribution to GSO		0.00
Area Committee Meetings		391.84
General Service Conf. Assessment		10,386.94
Bank Service Charges		174.26
Paypal fees		1.75
Forums		0.00
Grapevine Seasonal		0.00
GSO Flow Through		(60.00)
Ontario Delegate's Conference (ODC)		1,603.80
CERAASA		0.00
Total Other Expenses		12,498.59
TOTAL EXPENSES		32,864.01

OPERATING ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2018		44,557.43
Total Income & Transfers		26,016.41
Total Expenses		(32,864.01)
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE		37,709.83

0.00

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**Area 83 Eastern Ontario International
Details of Expenditures
as at May 25, 2018**

	Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Approved Spending Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
	Delegate	0.00	74.34	391.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	375.34	\$2,362.00	1937.66	15.89%
	All Delegate	0.00	106.50	309.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.80	474.50	\$1,645.00	1170.50	28.84%
	Immediate past Delegate	0.00	100.20	315.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	415.20	\$1,200.00	784.80	34.60%
	Chairperson	0.00	57.07	258.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	315.37	\$1,050.00	734.63	30.04%
	Secretary	0.00	80.00	316.40	0.00	0.00	469.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	866.81	\$2,914.61	2048.80	29.58%
	Treasurer	0.00	90.00	120.00	0.00	168.49	161.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	539.74	\$2,300.00	1766.26	23.42%
	Registrar	0.00	55.00	203.40	0.00	0.00	7.60	0.00	108.67	0.00	374.67	\$1,337.00	969.33	27.35%
	Area Web Site/Webmaster	244.42	138.69	354.20	0.00	0.00	31.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	737.31	\$1,935.00	1197.69	38.10%
	Archivist	0.00	85.85	189.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	306.49	\$1,270.00	966.51	24.13%
	Cooperation with the P.C.	244.42	80.32	53.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	378.29	\$570.00	131.71	74.17%
	Conventions Facilities	0.00	67.18	291.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	358.38	\$1,772.00	1413.62	20.22%
	Grapevine	0.00	87.44	57.40	0.00	0.00	92.41	191.24	0.00	45.20	473.69	\$1,222.00	751.31	38.67%
	Public Information	0.00	89.87	210.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	224.00	523.87	\$1,215.00	691.13	43.12%
	Self Support	0.00	133.16	56.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	137.00	\$1,560.00	1423.00	8.78%
	Treatment Accessibility	0.00	402.50	40.00	0.00	0.00	15.09	341.94	43.98	476.53	173.16	\$1,090.00	15.94	15.89%
	Support to Lay Cline	971.66	464.25	489.66	0.00	0.00	127.50	526.55	0.00	60.01	1328.47	\$1,995.00	666.53	66.59%
	Spring Assembly	281.00	597.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	111.00	992.16	\$2,140.00	2168.35	52.00%
	Spring Assembly	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$100.00	100.00	97.74%
	COMMITTEE EXP.	\$ 4,277.36	\$ 7,667.55	\$ 3,961.41	\$ -	\$ 168.49	\$ 895.90	\$ 1,039.73	\$ 152.55	\$ 1,982.34	\$ 20,365.42	\$ 15,565.61	\$ 31,930.19	39.82%
	Ad hoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$15.00	15.00	0.00%
	Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	391.84	\$1,325.00	933.16	29.57%
	Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	391.84	\$5,000.00	4,608.16	0.00%
	Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	174.26	\$187.00	12.74	0.00%
	Paypal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.75	\$40.00	2.1000	0.00%
	Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00%
	Grapevine Seasonal GSO Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,386.94	\$10,386.94	0.00	0.00%
	GSO Flow Through Ont Delegates Conf.	605.68	156.89	742.81	-	-	-	-	-	-	60.00	\$-120.00	-60.00	0.00%
	CERAASA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98.42	\$1,603.80	1,603.80	0.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 605.68	\$ 156.89	\$ 742.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,488.59	\$ 24,737.74	\$ 7,200.90	50.52%
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,883.03	\$ 8,024.44	\$ 4,704.22	\$ -	\$ 168.49	\$ 895.90	\$ 1,039.73	\$ 152.55	\$ 12,859.54	\$ 32,884.01	\$ 76,293.35	\$ 36,391.09	43.08%

Income Summary :	
May 2018	
7th Tradition	3,446.10
Bank Interest	-
GSO Flow through	60.00
Contributions	22,506.81
Cost recoveries	123.50
Grapevine Seasonals	-
Total income	\$ 26,016.41

	YTD 2018	May 31, 2017	Difference
Income To Date	26,016.41	26,117.89	(2,101.48)
Expenses To Date	28,458.00	28,458.00	-
Net Change To Operating Account	\$ 6,847.60	\$ 4,227.35	\$ 2,620.25
Contributions			
Contributing Groups	\$22,606.81	\$24,200.82	-\$1,694.01
Contributing Districts	96	99	-3
	11	14	-3

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GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS as at May 2018
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District	0	Unspecified, Paypal	\$0.00
District	2	Malton	\$588.75
District	6	Mississauga	\$1,875.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$3,981.42
District	12	Toronto South West	\$187.13
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$400.00
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$0.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$1,160.00
District	22	Scarborough	\$1,655.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$1,582.16
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$1,153.61
District	30	Quinte West	\$950.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$760.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$1,000.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$675.04
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$250.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$200.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$430.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$550.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$1,378.26
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$1,812.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$650.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$230.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$160.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$300.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$578.44

Total Contributions YTD: \$22,506.81

Total from Groups	\$15,332.08	96
Total from Districts	\$7,294.73	11

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Service Material from the General Service Office

SAFETY AND A.A.: OUR COMMON WELFARE

Safety is an important issue within A.A. — one that all groups and members can address to develop workable solutions and help keep our meetings safe based on the fundamental principles of the Fellowship.

"Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward."
—Tradition One (Long Form)

A.A. groups are spiritual entities made up of alcoholics who gather for the sole purpose of staying sober and helping other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. Yet, we are not immune to the difficulties that affect the rest of humanity.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a microcosm of the larger society within which we exist. Problems found in the outside world can also make their way into the rooms of A.A. As we strive to share in a spirit of trust, both at meetings and individually with sponsors and friends, it is reasonable for each member to expect a meaningful level of safety. Those attending A.A. meetings derive a benefit by providing a safe environment in which alcoholics can focus on gaining and maintaining sobriety. The group can then fulfill its primary purpose — to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. For this reason, groups and members discuss the topic of safety.

Autonomy and Group Action

Because A.A., as such, ought never be organized, as indicated in Tradition Nine, it is individual members and groups who ensure that all members feel as safe as possible in A.A.

There is no government within A.A. and no central authority, legal or otherwise, to control or direct the behavior of A.A. members. As embodied in the Fourth Tradition, the formation and operation of an A.A. Group resides with the group conscience of its members. A.A. groups and service entities such as areas, districts, intergroup/central offices are autonomous.

Recognizing that safety is an issue of importance to its members, many groups have taken actions to keep distractions and disruptions to a minimum within the context of the group.

A.A. Membership

A.A. membership has never been contingent on any set of behavioral or moral standards — beyond those founded on common sense, courtesy, and the timeless values of kindness, tolerance and love.

A.A.'s Third Tradition states that the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. This brings an openness that helps to define our character as a diverse Fellowship; yet it also requires us to be mindful of our group and individual safety.

Some people, however, come into A.A. without an understanding of the type of behavior that is appropriate in meetings or in the company of other members. A person can be sober in A.A., yet still not understand what is acceptable.

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Dealing with Disruptions

While most groups operate with a healthy balance of spontaneity and structure, there are a number of situations that can threaten group unity and challenge the safety of the group and its members. Often this can center on disruptive individuals, those who are confrontational, aggressive, or those who are simply unwilling to put the needs of the group first. Such behavior can hijack the focus of a meeting and frighten members, new and old.

Some groups have developed plans for addressing disruptive behavior and have established procedures through their group conscience to ensure that the group's welfare is protected. In many cases, disruptive behavior is pre-empted by having the chairperson state the expectations for behavior in the meeting.

Some groups include in their opening announcements that illegal and disruptive behavior is not tolerated. Still other groups have asked disruptive members to leave the meeting. Additionally, groups and members always have the option to call the appropriate authorities if disruptive behavior continues or anyone's safety is at risk.

Group Safety and Unity

Situations that groups have addressed through their group conscience include, sexual harassment or stalking; threats of violence; bullying; financial coercion; racial intolerance; sexual orientation or gender identification intolerance; pressuring A.A. members into a particular point of view or belief relating to medical treatments and/or medications, politics, religion, or other outside issues. In addition, there may be other behaviors that go on outside of typical meeting times that may affect whether someone feels safe to return to the group.

Some groups have their own guidelines or procedures to help keep the meeting safe. A.A. members can speak to those who are acting inappropriately. Situations can be discussed at business meetings to come to a group conscience about how to handle a situation. As a last resort, the disruptive member may be asked to stop attending the meeting for a specific period of time. Groups that take this drastic action do it in order to preserve the common welfare of the group and to maintain A.A. unity.

In any situation, if a person's safety is in jeopardy, or the situation breaches the law, the individuals involved can take appropriate action to ensure their safety. Calling the proper authorities does not go against any A.A. Traditions. *Anonymity is not a cloak protecting criminal or inappropriate behavior.*

Inappropriate or predatory behavior, such as unwanted sexual attention or targeting vulnerable members can be especially troublesome. These behaviors may go on outside of typical meeting times. While A.A. members can be caring and supportive to those affected, we are not professionals trained to handle such situations. Law enforcement or other professional help may be necessary.

Victims of inappropriate behavior, harassment or predators can let the group know about such situations, often through a sponsor or trusted friend. This way the group is informed, and members can help address the situation and curtail further problems. Group discussion should be focused on creating an environment where all alcoholics can find and maintain sobriety.

A.A. and the Law

Common sense and experience suggest that A.A. membership does not grant immunity from local regulations and being at an A.A. meeting does not put anyone beyond the jurisdiction of law enforcement officers. As individuals, A.A. members are also "citizens of the world," and as

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citizens we are not above the law.

Through the group conscience process, many groups have established guidelines regarding when it may be appropriate to call authorities and handle a given situation within the legal system. No A.A. group has to tolerate illegal behavior and any activity within an A.A. meeting is subject to the same laws that apply outside the meeting. The nature of illegal acts that groups have faced include violence, embezzlement, theft of property, drug sales at a meeting, and more.

Emergencies

Injuries, accidents, fires, etc., sometimes do occur during meetings. To accommodate these situations, groups can also develop plans and procedures, often in consultation with their landlord or local authorities. Addressing an emergency situation is more important than continuing the meeting, and members should not hesitate to call emergency personnel in critical situations.

Keeping the Focus on Our Primary Purpose

It is hoped that our common suffering as alcoholics and our common solution in A.A. would transcend most issues and curtail negative behaviors. As noted in the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, "Love and tolerance of others is our code."

Safety, however, is important to the functioning of the group. By maintaining order and safety in meetings, the group as a whole will benefit and members will be able to focus on recovery from alcoholism and a life of sobriety.

Ultimately, the experience of how these situations are handled can be as varied as our Fellowship. Good judgment and common sense, informed by the Twelve Traditions, seem to provide the best guide.

What Can Groups and Members Do?

Groups and members can discuss the topic of safety, to raise awareness in the Fellowship and seek through sponsorship, workshops and meetings, to create as safe an environment as possible for the newcomer, and other members or potential members. This can be the subject of sharing among groups at the district or area level.

Here are some helpful suggestions and reminders:

- Talk about issues of safety before they arise.
- Safety is something each member attending an A.A. meeting can be mindful of.
- Communicate clearly what A.A. is and what it is not.
- Sponsorship plays an important role and sponsors can be helpful in pointing out warning signs or unhealthy situations to sponsees and newcomers.
- A.A. members who are concerned about the words or actions of a sponsor or other member, may find it helpful to speak to someone they trust, their A.A. group, or a professional, as needed.
- Include Safety and the A.A. Meeting Environment as topics for a group inventory.
- Consider developing group guidelines and procedures on safety.

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- In all discussions about safety, keep the focus on our primary purpose, our common welfare, and place principles before personalities.

Helpful Resources for A.A. Members and Groups

- [Box 459 October 2010 edition](#), articles on “Disruptive Members at A.A. Meetings” and “A.A. and the Law” (available on the newsletters page at www.aa.org).
- A report from the 62nd General Service Conference Workshop: “*Safety in A.A. Our Common Welfare.*”*
- Final Report of the “*Ad Hoc Committee on Group Safety of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, U.S. and Canada*” (Feb. 2, 2014).*
- A.A. pamphlet, “[Questions & Answers on Sponsorship](#).”***
- A.A. pamphlet, “[The A.A. Group... Where it All Begins](#).”***
- Service Material, “[Safety Card for A.A. Groups](#).”***
- Contact your District Committee Member or Area Delegate for local shared experience.

*Available upon request by contacting G.S.O.

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A.A.® Guidelines

Relationship Between A.A. and Al-Anon

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A.A. Guidelines are compiled from the shared experience of A.A. members in the various areas. They also reflect guidance given through the Twelve Traditions and the General Service Conference (U.S. and Canada). In keeping with our Tradition of Autonomy, except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole, most decisions are made by the group conscience of the members involved. The purpose of these Guidelines is to assist in reaching an *informed* group conscience.

The Fellowships of Alcoholics Anonymous and the Al-Anon Family Groups have a unique relationship. They are naturally drawn together by their close ties. And yet the Twelve Traditions, the General Service Boards, and the General Service Conferences of both Fellowships suggest that each functions more effectively if it remains “separate,” cooperating but not affiliating with the other.

Each Fellowship has always had its own General Service Board, General Service Office, Conference, publishing company, and directory. Each has established its own policies and maintained its own services. This separate functioning has served both A.A. and Al-Anon Family Groups well. A.A.’s policy of “cooperation but not affiliation” was established as long ago as the early 1950s, and both Al-Anon and A.A. recognized at that time the importance of maintaining separate Fellowships.

However, from time to time, questions come to both A.A. and Al-Anon General Service Offices indicating confusion as to how A.A. and Al-Anon may best cooperate in the groups, intergroups or central offices, and area and regional conventions and get-togethers.

A.A. and Al-Anon have shared on these questions, and here are some common questions and sharing from A.A. and Al-Anon about them:

Question: Should a group be affiliated with both A.A. and Al-Anon?

Answer: As the primary purpose of the A.A. group is to help the sick alcoholic to recover and Al-Anon Family Groups offer strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers, it is suggested they not be combined, but remain separate groups. This enables both Fellowships to function within their Twelve Traditions and to carry their messages more effectively.

Question: Should “family groups” be listed in A.A. directories?

Answer: “After discussion, the Conference reaffirmed A.A. group policy that only those with a desire to stop drinking may be members of A.A. groups; only A.A. members are eligible to be officers of A.A. groups; nonalcoholics are welcome at open meetings of A.A. It is suggested that the word ‘family’ not be used in the name of an A.A. group; if A.A.s and their nonalcoholic mates wish to meet together on a regular basis, it is suggested they consider these gatherings ‘meetings’ and not A.A. groups. Listing in A.A. directories: It was the sense of the meeting that the family groups should not be listed under the family group name in the directories.”

Question: Should A.A. and Al-Anon have combined central (or intergroup) services and offices?

Answer: Experience and the Twelve Traditions of A.A. and Al-Anon suggest that each Fellowship will function more effectively if each retains separate committees, staffs, and facilities for handling telephone calls, as well as separate telephone answering services, intergroup activities, bulletins, meeting lists, and Twelfth Step services of all types. Also, that the members involved in each service committee or office be A.A. members, if an A.A. facility, and Al-Anon, if an Al-Anon facility.

Question: How may A.A. and Al-Anon cooperate in area and regional conventions and get-togethers?

Answer: In accordance with the Twelve Traditions, a convention would be either A.A. or Al-Anon — not both. However, most A.A. convention committees invite Al-Anon to participate by planning its own program, and the committee arranges for facilities for the Al-Anon meetings.

Question: When Al-Anon participates in an A.A. convention, what is the financial relationship between the two Fellowships?

Answer: The relationship and the financial arrangements usually follow one of two patterns:

When an A.A. convention committee invites Al-Anon to participate with its own program, A.A. may pay all expenses (for meeting rooms, coffee, etc.) and keep all income from registrations, etc., in a single fund used to pay all convention bills, after which any excess income reverts back to A.A.

Alternatively, Al-Anon may have a separate registration and pay its own direct expenses, plus a proportionate share of common expenses of the convention. Al-Anon, in this case, receives its own share of the registration income and also shares in any losses that may be incurred.

Question: Should an A.A. convention committee make a contribution to Al-Anon from the financial profits of the convention?

Answer: In accordance with the self-support Traditions of both Fellowships and to abide by the concept of “cooperation but not affiliation,” it is suggested that A.A. should not make gifts or contributions to Al-Anon. By the same token, A.A. should not accept contributions from Al-Anon.

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If separate registrations have been kept for both A.A. and Al-Anon members, however, income may be easily assigned.

Question: How may I get in touch with Al-Anon?

Answer: Do an Internet search or look for a local Al-Anon intergroup office or write: Al-Anon/Alateen Family Group, Inc., 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617. Tel: (757) 563-1600; www.al-anon.alateen.org.

A.A.'s Debt of Gratitude to Al-Anon

The following resolution of gratitude to the Fellowship of the Al-Anon Family Groups was unanimously approved by the 1969 General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The delegates of this, the 19th General Service Conference of

Alcoholics Anonymous, meeting in official session in New York City, this 25th day of April, 1969, do hereby declare:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Conference to confirm the relationship between Alcoholics Anonymous and the Al-Anon Family Groups, and

WHEREAS, it is the further desire of this Conference to acknowledge A.A.'s debt of gratitude to the Al-Anon Family Groups, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Alcoholics Anonymous recognizes the special relationship which it enjoys with the Al-Anon Family Groups, a separate but similar fellowship. And be it further resolved that Alcoholics Anonymous wishes to recognize, and hereby does recognize, the great contribution which the Al-Anon Family Groups have made and are making in assisting the families of alcoholics everywhere.

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