

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Area Committee Minutes

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

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. I hope you had an enjoyable summer!

For those who haven't heard, Bernie Sullivan, a trusted servant of Alcoholics Anonymous, and our panel 41 Past Delegate 1991-1992 passed away on July 7th. He attended assemblies as Past Delegate for many years - always shaking hands in the Atrium Saturdays and in the 'delegate's row' Sunday mornings. For many years Bernie was an active member of Peterborough's Court initiatives. He was one of the volunteers who made themselves available if a judge recommended that a "client" seek out AA.

Keeping his legacy of love and service in our thoughts, 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: District: Shelley M – D66 - GSR

12 Concepts (Short Form): District: Lisa C – D70 - ADCM

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

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

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And I'm your Chairperson , Kimberley M

Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

Public Information Chairperson	Les MacD
Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson	Jim S
Correctional Facilities Chairperson	Mac B (ABSENT)
Treatment/Accessibilities Chairperson	Marty M
Grapevine Chairperson	Robert B (ABSENT)
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 Archivist - Linda McQ
Area Webmaster – Jim R

Housekeeping:

Our meeting schedule up to and including tentative dates in 2019 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 December this year.

Year	Date	What	Where
2018	October 26-28 <u>Approved</u>	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel
2018	December 1 <u>Approved</u>	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2019	January 5 <u>Tentative</u>	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2019	March 29-31 <u>Tentative</u>	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel
2019	June 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. Hopefully everyone has already booked their room!!

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We will have our election of the Area Officers at the upcoming Assembly which will be facilitated by our Panel 59 Past Delegate Sandy S. We will also be having an election for our candidate for Canadian Trustee at Large.

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

Food:

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

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

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.

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- It also maximizes the time available for members to voice the opinions and needs of their District. All who are attending may say their piece during sharing time.

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

Floor Motions

If you are making a floor motion for the Area Committee to consider today, it would be much appreciated if you would write your motion out and give it to our secretary 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: JENNY C - D66 - DCM

SECONDED: DAVE L - D26 - DCM

DISCUSSION? NO

All those in Favour? ALL

All those opposed? None

Any abstentions? None

Voice of Minority? N/A

Motion was passed.

2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

12. NO.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

13(b) Discuss DCM reports at election Assembly.

Kimberley M - Chairperson

13 (c) Discussion on anonymity on the internet and/or any public forum.

Kim S - Delegate

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

MOVED: JIM S – AREA CPC CHAIR

SECONDED: BILL C – D74 - DCM

DISCUSSION? NO

All those in Favour? ALL

All those opposed? None

Any abstentions? None

Motion was passed.

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. Review and acceptance of minutes of the Area Committee Meeting of June 2nd, 2018.

Minutes of the June 2nd, 2018 ACM were distributed by email and a hard copy was placed in your folders today. Is there anyone who would prefer we defer this until after lunch? NO

Are there any errors or omissions in the minutes? NO

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I would entertain a motion to accept the June 2nd, 2018 ACM minutes as submitted.

MOVED: BILL C - D74 - DCM SECONDED: WINNIE S - D48 - DCM

DISCUSSION? NO

All those in Favour? Majority +
Motion was passed.

All those opposed? None

Any abstentions? 1

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. Let's get started...

District 02 Malton

Shane H

Hello I am an Alcoholic my name is Shane, District 2 is alive and slowly progressing in June our treasurer and Treatment chair resigned due to moving away, our Corrections Chair is MIA.

But our bills are paid and but for the grace of god the commitments are being kept, personally I don't think I will be able to leave the district in better shape than what was inherited but I will not leave it worse than found, we have an inventory tomorrow night I will let everyone know how it went.

Yours in humble service Shane H panel 67 DCM Mallon District 2

District 06 Mississauga

David B

It is my humble privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for District 06 Mississauga, Etobicoke and Oakville. I am a member of the Lakeshore group, I am an alcoholic and my name is David B. We held the first of our table officer elections in June with Susan K of Daily Reflections acclaimed as the incoming District Committee Member and Nat S of Bloordale being acclaimed as the incoming Alternate District Committee Member. Our Secretary/Treasurer and Registrar/Webmaster elections will be held in October. We have updated our District 06 operating procedures and they should be on the website very soon. Most things were already in practice just not in print. Two changes were made. The election of DCM and Alternate DCM will read first, from outgoing General Service Representatives and or currently sitting District 06 table officers if eligible. Second is for Committee chair elections. It will read from currently sitting General Service Representatives and or the immediate past Alternate committee Chair of said committee if sitting as an Alternate GSR or GSR. We just did another \$1200.00 split with Area 83 and the General Service Office and grateful to see our district groups supporting grapevine through the calendars and pocket planners. Our treatment facility meetings are well looked after and all literature requests have been fulfilled. We are looking to hold a "What is a GSR (service) meeting on our November District meeting night with two or three speakers and will send out an invite to not only District 06 representatives but also all members of our district and also any member of Alcoholics Anonymous is welcome. I hope everyone has had a great summer and look forward to seeing everyone in Kingston.

YLS David B - DCM District 06 dcm@aamississauga.org

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District 10 Toronto South Central

Rob A

Hello everyone my name is Rob A and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the Twelfth Tradition Group and proud to serve District 10 as the DCM.

I am happy to report that District 10 is doing great. We recently elected our incoming DCM, Doug P from the Morning Discussion Group and am grateful to have him here with me today. We plan to have the rest of our Elections done in October.

Our district puts on a lot of service meetings and have recently been approached by the Area 83 Treatment Chair to put on another service meeting just outside our district.

Our district does well financially and as a result we are proud to be able to offer financial assistance to groups that are struggling financially and who want to be able to send their GSR to both the Spring and Fall Assemblies.

Our District will be hosting the 40th Annual LGBTQ Gratitude Roundup in Oct. All are welcome.

Thanks for allowing me to serve. YILAS, Rob A

District 12 Toronto South West

Mark B (ABSENT – Report read by Sean K)

Hi I am an alcoholic pleased to be serving as our District Committee Member in District 12 Toronto Southwest my name is Mark. My regrets to you all sorry can't be there in person though am there in spirit for sure personal circumstances keep me away. Wow the last leg begins summer has been great for sure in District 12 some bumps though new visions. Changes a new alternate District Committee member as Dionne resigned we wish her well and welcome in Dennis M of the Westmoreland Group. 2 of our sub committee chairs have vacancies in P I and C P C though reports get to our monthly meeting in C P C capacity. Change to our service meeting structure with C A M H as for the Saturday evening meeting we cover there. Location moved from 100 Stoke St and the Bell Building over the stabilization section at 50 white squirrel way on the 3rd floor. Reasoning groups doing Bell location getting low to no turn outs so we look into this change taking effect this month. Grapevine no groups followed announced protocol for calendar and pocket planner orders though our 2 big groups The Hill and Prince edward usually do purchases. Thankful to St Joan of Ark as they allow us second floor meeting room cover space monthly no cost though we have had a motion on the floor to go inclusive rather than exclusive. Looking into a possible shift back down stairs into a main meeting room at a 50 a meeting donation to the church. Reasoning include all members the service opportunity accessible to the long time member my understanding we had a room at one time then were shifted I guess. If granted main meeting level space then we will introduce a 7th tradition to be implemented to help cover the cost. Our bi annual bring a interested member pizza meeting night this coming Wednesday 7pm all are welcome. Financially our funds could be better though grateful we are holding our own continue to call upon groups for contributions have faith some will come soon. Hope you all have had a great summer a good meeting there today then please a safe drive home see you in Kingston for sure. Y I S, Mark B - D C M D 12 T S W

District 14 Toronto North Central

Dave B

Good day my name is Dave, I'm an alcoholic and the DCM for D14.

- Our finances are healthy
- Our incoming DCM, Will H, attended the Eastern Regional forum. He reported back, that it was very informative.
- The D14 service day is being held on September 14th at 570B Stephen Court in Newmarket. We are hoping for a strong turnout.
- D14 voted for a change, in that we will now be giving committee members \$170 towards attending the Assembly as opposed to the prior \$100. We are looking to get a stronger turn out at the assembly.

Yours in service, Dave B

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District 16 Distrito Hispano De Toronto

Victor M

My name is Victor M, my home group is Grupo Amistad. I have the privilege to be the DCM of the Distrito Hispano de Toronto #16. As DCM I want to report that we had a very quiet summer and are planning a service day on Saturday November 24th preparing for the new District committee election.

Yours in love and service, Victor M, DCM distrito Hispano de Toronto #16

District 18 Toronto City East

Michael A (ABSENT – Report read by ADCM Glen)

Good morning friends. I am an alcoholic, member of the East York group, having the honour, privilege and responsibility to serve as the alternate District Committee Member and chair of the Grapevine committee for District 18 Toronto City East. My name is Glenn.

We've had some personality distractions at the District table this last term. This has provided the opportunity for members to ramp up the AA 3 legacy program in all aspects of their lives. As a result, many members of the District 18 table are noticeably emulating the spiritual principles of the program. Our big book reminds us: "Love and Tolerance of others is our code."

The table motioned, approved and scheduled, a mid-term inventory, to hopefully address outstanding concerns, but the inventory has been postponed because at least one key individual would have been absent on the scheduled date.

In the meantime, independent of our District 18 table distractions, our District 18 committee chairs and officers, as well as our groups and members, continue to strongly facilitate the carrying of the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. They honour weekly service commitment meetings: parole board, two hospitals, a men's detox. They work in tandem with other District chairs on Greater Toronto Area Intergroup committees. In fact, most of our committees recently worked in concert with surrounding Districts at events such as: East Toronto Archives Breakfast, Fellowship of the Spirit Conference, and Third International AA Secular conference; where the newest grapevine book One Big Tent was unveiled. We are looking forward to supporting other upcoming events such as: a neighbouring District service day, a women's roundup, and the Gratitude roundup.

We have approximately 25 groups in our District. Our District boundaries stretch roughly from Lake Ontario to Lake Simcoe, bounded loosely by Bayview and Victoria Park. Members of the District table visit approximately half of these groups each month.

In July, the district covered my expenses to attend the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in Victoriaville, Quebec. This was my first time attending a regional forum. It was as if a segment of our New York headquarters team had been transported to Victoriaville. Trustees, Directors and staff members from both AA World service, and Grapevine, gave detailed presentations. The information provided and patient participation opportunities for attendees were mind blowing. I am grateful for the chance to attend and recommend this event to everyone!

Thank you for the opportunity to share this journey with you all.

Yours in loving service, Glenn G.

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.

East Toronto Archives Breakfast (ETAB) was held Sunday June 3rd, the day after our last ACM. It was a great success with about 135 members in attendance at QSSIS Banquet Hall. Co-hosted by Toronto East District 18 and Scarborough District 22 we were able to write a cheque of \$225 to each respective District's Archives Committees.

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

Will be held next Saturday 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. Dance tickets \$10.00. All Welcome.

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Additional Notes; It's been a quiet summer. We have continued to fulfill our service commitments. Corrections continued to put on 2 meetings a week at the Metro East Detention Centre while Treatment hosted weekly service meetings in the Scarborough General Hospital.

Pamphlets continued to be distributed to various locations such as community centres by Public Information.

District 26 Lakeshore West

Dave L

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

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

We are doing well financially and meeting our commitments. We have two vacancies at the table, in the Archives and Grapevine chair positions. Our district, along with District 28 continued over the summer to participate in meetings at the Renascent House. In August the two districts pulled off another great 3-day AA and Al-Anon event with the 46th Annual Lakeshore Districts' Conference.

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

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve. Dave L. - DCM District 26

District 28 Lakeshore East

JoAnn P

Good morning, I am an alcoholic serving as District Committee Member for Lakeshore District 28 East and My name is JoAnn P.

Lakeshore District 28 East suspends District meetings for the months of July and August and we will be back at the District table Sunday, September 9th. District Secretary Paul has been forwarding communications over the summer break so that all groups are in the loop.

We are conducting our District 28 elections tomorrow and I am hopeful that a majority of our District Committee positions will be filled. We are using 3rd legacy voting procedures and I have the coloured ballots ready and hopefully we get to use them!

I attended the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in Victoriaville Quebec in July with 2 other members of District 28. I felt quite at home with the Chairman of the General Service Board, Trustees both Class A & B, Directors, Delegates, Alternate Delegates and GSO Staff who attended and gave very informative presentations. There were over 500 attendees at this event. We were able to ask questions and give our thoughts and opinions. I was enthralled listening to the various presentations regarding General Service and what GSO does so that we can continue to do the 12th Step work that will keep our fellowship alive. The next Eastern Canada Regional Forum will be in November of 2020 in Ottawa.

The 46th Lakeshore Districts Conference was held in Oshawa on August 10 – 12th. I can share that the event was fantastic, and the message of recovery was carried to over 350 attendees over a 3-day period. The committee and volunteers helped the conference run smoothly and we look forward to the 47th Conference in 2019.

District 28 is hosting the Districts 26 and 28 Annual Bring A Professional Event Thursday, November 8th at the Unifor 222 Hall in Oshawa Ontario. Start time is 8:00 pm. This event continues to be well attended and our Co-operation with the Professional Community Committee is hard at work planning this event.

The 31st Fall Roundup is Saturday, November 10rd at the Garnet Rickard Arena in Bowmanville. This is a great one-day event and we hope to see you there!

Recovery, Unity and Service is alive and well in District 28.

Yours in Love and Service, JoAnn P - District Committee Member - Lakeshore District 28 East

District 30 Quinte West

Ian W

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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 W.

Good morning, I hope everyone enjoyed another great summer of contented sobriety. Our District business has been quiet in the last few months. Illness has prevented some of our Committee Chairs from coming out to meetings, and vacation times, including mine, have reduced our numbers. Our commitments to carry the message through website, phones, Treatment and Corrections bridging the gap, etc. are all being met. We have made contact with the private addiction treatment centers in the District, and their clients make a welcome addition to our meetings.

We are looking forward to our District elections in October. Current members are becoming interested in what positions to rotate into, and it looks like we have people newer to District Service willing to stand for positions. We have also added a Roundup Committee to our election this year.

A short report this meeting, looking forward to seeing you all at the fall Assembly,.

Yours in love and Service, Ian W, District Committee Member, District 30

District 34 Quinte East

Gord T (ABSENT – Report read by ADCM Bev H)

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

Our District is in good shape, all of our positions are filled and we are able to meet all of our financial commitments. Les M, our Area 83 Public Information Chair has agreed to facilitate our District elections on Thursday September 27th.

We have two group anniversaries coming up, the Marysville 12 & 12 Group will be celebrating 40 years on September 12th and the Trenton Group will be celebrating 50 years on October 20th.

The District 34/36 Conference will be celebrating its 40th anniversary on Sunday September 30th at the Lions Hall in Napanee and the Belleville and Area Roundup will be held on November 17th at the Thurlow Community Center on Harmony Road in Belleville.

Yours in Loving Service
Gord T.

District 36 Kingston & the Islands

Barry M (ABSENT – Report read by ADCM Jack R)

Good morning, my name is Jack R and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the Step Stop group in Kingston and I am honored to serve as the alternate DCM for District 36, Kingston and the Islands.

District 36 affairs has been bogged down somewhat in some rather difficult business meetings over the summer. We are in the process of slowly implementing a new set of district operating procedures. Most groups are being represented at the District table and we have new groups attending. All positions are filled except archives chair and we are meeting our commitments to treatment centers and correctional facilities.

Our elections for the new term will be held at the end of October on the last Wednesday which is Hallowe'en night. Please remember the district 34/36 conference will be held at Napanee on Sunday, September 30 beginning at 10 AM at the Lions hall on Centre Street in Napanee. This promises to be a great event with AA and AI-Anon panels including a long timers and newcomers panel.

On a sad note, long time member and one of the founders of the Kingston Young People's group, Keith F. passed away last month. He will be truly missed. I was fortunate enough to conduct an interview with Keith in 2006 when I was District Archives Chair and recently I dug it out from an old hard drive. It is over an hour of fascinating history of AA in the Kingston area going back to the mid 1960's. I will give a copy of the recording to your Area 83 Archives Chair.

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Yours in love and service, Jack

District 42 St. Lawrence International

Ted R

The old news for district 42 is that our past DCM has moved to the land of Lincoln. Her hard work for the district is much appreciated and her example of great sobriety will be missed. One of Pat's last projects was our district's inventory. This was delayed by all sorts of scheduling difficulties including an ice storm. On July 29th Sue B, area 83 treasurer, came down to help us do our inventory. Her friend Eleanor came along to act as secretary. We were somewhat embarrassed by the poor attendance for the inventory but Sue was very gracious and put us at ease. Sue's assessment at the end of the inventory was that we were doing a good job, given the large geographic area of our district and the low population. We were covering all the bases and doing what we could to carry the message.

A change just implemented in district 42 concerns the meeting list. We had been doing a combined meeting list with district 19 of Area 48 HMB. This had started to be a problem as we transitioned to a easily updated website meeting list. District 42 decided to go it alone with our meeting list so that groups in district 42 could print lists as needed right off the web site. This seemed like a good idea in June and July. At our August District meeting Don, from district 19, mentioned that they really wanted to continue the combined list. They felt that many people in our combined districts were used to the combined list and would not be able to find the meetings they need as readily. Also, Don told us that district 19 was willing to take over layout and printing of the combined lists. Change is hard.

Lastly, we had a intergroup/interdistrict day of sharing meeting in Malone. The keynote speaker was Kathy P, Secretary from Area 48. Lynn and David from Vermont, past Delegate and past Trustee respectively, were there to serve on one of the panels. 27 AAs attended this event. District 10, Area 48 announced that they would like to put on the next interdistrict day of sharing at Bloomingdale in February of 2019. These interdistrict events came about through discussions with neighboring district 19 about the pros and cons of being affiliated with area 48 vs 83. Although we never came to any consensus about changing Area affiliation, we did agree that sharing ideas with our neighbors in northern New York would be a positive thing. Events like this also give members of our district who can't enter Canada an opportunity for a higher level of service.

That's the news from northern New York. Thank you.

Ted R - District 42 DCM

District 48 Seaway Valley North

Winnie S

Good Morning Friends. I'm an Alcoholic and my name is Winnie. My home group is the Sunday Morning Study Group in Kemptville and I have the honor of serving District 48 as Committee Member.

I sincerely hope everyone had a relaxing and sober summer. District 48 did not meet during July and August and had our first meeting this past Tues. with 24 GSR's and Committee members in attendance.

We followed the lead of area to review our reimbursement for service travel costs. A steering committee was chosen to review and present a guideline for future suggested expenses.

Our finances were down a little due to web page costs and newspaper ads, that occurred over the summer, but donations from groups are already coming in.

Our elections are planned for our District meeting in Oct. It's difficult to believe our term is almost up, but I am without a doubt that whoever follows this committee will continue to do their very best to reach out to the still suffering Alcoholic.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve again, and their support while I stumbled through this term. I also wish everyone the best wherever our higher power chooses to guide them. I'll look forward to seeing you all at the assembly. Yours in Love and Service Winnie S.

District 50 Cornwall

Steph L (ABSENT – Report read by John A)

The District 50 Committee are now well settled into our new self-contained offices and at this time are finalizing our speakers and other programs for our Annual Conference being held at the Ramada Hotel in Cornwall November 9 and 10 2018. More details next month. Our DCM is working with the GDO to determine and confirm the original dates of registration of all of our Cornwall Groups. This is in

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preparation for a celebration once the dates for each group has been determined. The Sunshine Group could be celebrating 70 years early next year. YILS John, Alternate for DCM.

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 very well. All service positions at our Table are filled going into our elections which will take place at our next District meeting in October. Group representation remains at approximately 50%. Recent activity included the selling of our Grapevine inventory so as to be within the limits outlined in our operating procedures, thanks to the great work over the summer by Elaine H. our Grapevine Representative. Elaine came on board to look after inventory that had not been sold for years, including CDs and miscellaneous merchandise. Many of these items, although very valuable in content, are not often used in practicality. Language of the Heart for example, can be downloaded from GSO and this is becoming more common nowadays than using a CD. To solve the inventory issue for us Elaine along with our Alternate District Committee Member Jo Anne D. (who is right there!~point~) came up with a creative way to sell this material by raffling it off at Gratitude Day. With this update our inventory can now be focussed more on current literature.

Over the summer as well we received some sad news that the Change We Must Group which met on Wednesday nights at 8pm at the Rothwell United Church on 42 Sumac, is now closed. Prior to this in late June the group reached out to us at District in order to get help with group attendance and funds. The concern was that with many of the regulars vacationing over the summer, the low attendance may not cover the group rent going forward. We suggested the group continue to make attempts in contacting the regulars so as to keep in line with Tradition 7, and for them to attend the District meetings where they can gain further feedback from other groups and so to hopefully be able to work out any other issues earlier in the process. We announced the situation for the Change We Must group at the July District meeting and asked our groups to spread the word to help them out. Unfortunately despite these efforts the group had to close shop in mid-July. However since groups ebb and flow often, this may be all part of the process and will be sure to work out in time.

Upcoming events in Ottawa include the 67th Annual Eastern Ontario Fall Conference which will be held October 12 to 14 at the Hellenic Centre as well as the Ottawa Archives Luncheon which will be held at the Overbrook Community Centre on Saturday, November 17. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours in gratitude for service, Bartosz W.

District 58 Ottawa Bytown

Michel D

Hi, my name is Michel D., I am an alcoholic, member of the Secular Sobriety Group and 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. We are also able to fulfil our financial obligations and support various service committees and events in Ottawa. We also sent money to the Area. The district voted not to have a meeting in August so things have been pretty quiet lately although we did do our service meetings at the Withdrawal Management Centre and New Gate 180 as per usual.

Since our last meeting, Gratitude Day, which is held on a rotating basis between the 3 Ottawa districts; 54 and 62 being the other two, took place at Ottawa City Hall on June 9. Our delegate to New York, Kim S. gracefully agreed to come and present her report from attending the General Service Conference in New York, many thanks Kim. In addition, there was the 3rd annual Canadathon on July 1st of course. It continues to be a success and the experience will be repeated again next year. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to the 67th Annual Eastern Ontario Fall Conference at the Hellenic Meeting & Reception Centre, 1315 Prince of Wales, Ottawa, Ontario. Our three-day event will be held October 12th-14th and includes a series of speakers, panels, topic discussions, a banquet, hospitality suite, a dance and, of course, the fellowship of other A.A. members in our community and beyond. Finally, the district is preparing its election which will take place in November, I am fully confident that there will be a slate of very good candidates who will continue to carry the AA message at District 58 in 2019-2020, starting with our DCM nominee, Kim B. who is here today.

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

District 62 Ottawa West Patrick Garden

Mike B

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

-District 62 is in good shape Spiritually and financially. We recently made contributions to the General Service Office and Area 83. All our commitments are being met. Attendance at our District meetings are at a steady pace and all our service positions are filled except for our Grapevine Rep. who recently stepped down.

Group Inventories:

Groups continue to ask to have a Group Inventory facilitated by myself and our Alternate District Committee Member, in fact, The Back to Basics Group Inventory is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon. So far, there are 3 more on the calendar by the end of the year and that will make a total of 19 Group Inventories completed over our 2-year term. The Groups have kept us busy and I love it!

Concepts Workshop:

District 62 has been holding a 12 Concepts workshop before our monthly District meeting and we are doing 2 Concepts a month. This will continue until the end of this year. Attendance has been surprising to say the least considering we started mid summer.

District Elections:

Our District elections will be held on September 10-2018 and David T. past District 62 DCM and our past Area 83 Archivist has agreed to facilitate the election.

Ad-Hoc Committee:

An ad hoc Committee has been formed to review our Operating Procedures and bring back any suggested revisions to the General Service Representatives (GSR's) for a vote no later than November 2018. Sue B. our very own Area Treasurer and past District 62 DCM has agreed to Chair this Committee.

Algonquin College:

Last year I was asked to give a talk at Algonquin College in Ottawa on what AA is about. The day I was supposed to speak we had a Province-wide College strike so the talk was cancelled, so I thought. I have been asked to give 2 talks this year to two classes at Algonquin. The first one on September 24th will be in front of first-year College students and the second one, the day after, is to University students who are studying for or already have their degrees in the field of Social work.

District 70 Service Day Workshop:

I have been invited to do a talk on Anonymity by the District 70 District Committee Member. I'm looking forward to visiting Renfrew County and spending the day with their members. Thank you for the invite it truly is an honour and a privilege to serve.

Self Support:

District 62 issued a 7/27 challenge to all our groups and members on July 27th. The purpose of this challenge was to raise awareness and contributions for the General Service Office (GSO) in an attempt to assist them in becoming self-supporting. Groups were asked to pick up a second collection or members contribute \$7.27 personally and send those contributions directly to the GSO. From the feedback we received, the challenge was a success.

67th Annual Eastern Ontario Fall Conference

The three-day event will be held October 12th-14th at the Hellenic Centre in Ottawa. If you are in the Nation's capital that weekend, please stop by and get a warm Ottawa welcome. You might even be familiar with a few of the Speakers we will have.

-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

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District 66 Golden Triangle

Jenny C

Hello I'm a member of the smiths falls Saturday night group currently serving as District committee member for the golden triangle District 66 my name is Jenny and I am an alcoholic.

It's always exciting times in District 66. We had our first district info session last month where every committee chair gave a brief discrimination on their roll and what it entails. It took place right before the District meeting so guests could stick around and get an idea of what District meetings are like. We had 31 people in attendance and 26 for the District meeting.

This was a larger version of what we hope to put together in the future as elections will be taking place at the end of this month and we wanted everyone to hear all rolls before elections take place.

Attendance at District meetings took a little dip over the summer but has started climbing again. We had 70% groups in attendance last month.

For any districts that may be circulating golden triangle meeting lists we have had a number of changes in the last few months. We do have the most up to date on the web site and have added "FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE MEETING TIMES, LOCATIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION

PLEASE VISIT www.lanarkleedsaa.org"

The District was asked about possibly starting another service meeting in Mayberly. This would be the 3rd service meeting added to the district this term.

As stated earlier we will be holding election at the end of this month. Our Area treasurer Sue B and district committee member Mike B from District 62 will be coming to facilitate our elections. We are hoping for a good turn out and to have all chairs filled.

Financially the District is doing well we just made confabulations to Area and GSO. We were able to pass a motion to put funds aside to send our DCM to ceraasa next term.

We will be submitting paper work for the calendars and pocket planners today as well. See you all again in a few weeks.

Yours in love and service, Jenny

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.

I am very happy to report that all chairs are now filled! Terry C. is our new Archives Chair. Thanks so much Terry.

Since our last meeting in June, District 70 has celebrated 604 years of sobriety. Two milestone birthdays, Earl M. 51 years and one week from to Al Mcl. Celebrates 55years. For certain AA is alive and well in the Valley. Congrats to everyone.

Attendance at District was great over the summer months, groups reporting good attendance, good finances. Working at meeting all financial obligations.

October 1, the Keep It Simple Monday night group will be celebrating it's 10 year anniversary. The group was near folding, moved location and is now doing great.

October 20th, big event! District 70 hosting a workshop on Anonymity, what does it mean in AA. A very timely workshop, anonymity seems to be on the minds of a lot of members. Great speakers, panel, lunch! Everyone welcome!

I'm very much looking forward to item 13 c on today's agenda, thank you to Kim for adding it.

See everyone in Kingston. Yours in Love and Service, Seanna

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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 District 74, Mernie H, passed away on Friday, 17 August 2018.

Our Tri-District Service day provided a real example and a great motivation for the role of Service work in AA. Kim S shared with us her very personal and up-close experience with being the Panel 67 delegate and all that entailed from policy to committee to emotions shared with the other AA's present. Sue B provided us with a great overview of the role of Treasurer for Area 83 and how the funds are used. Great participation from AA's in each of our Districts.

Financially, we are in good shape and have donated to both Area and GSO over this past quarter. This is the first time in many years that we have been able to do this. In large part this is due to the Help Line system that has been implemented and has cut our costs from >\$300 per month to \$10!

We are looking to fill vacancies for our Self Support and Grapevine Chair.

Our Centre group celebrated 67 years of keeping the doors open to the suffering alcoholic. A great accomplishment.

We have lots of events and celebrations planned for the autumn – including a Halloween dance on 20 October 2018.

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

District 78 Madawaska Valley

Anne V

Good morning, I am an alcoholic, a member of The Bancroft Gratitude Group. I have the honor and privilege to be currently serving as District Committee Member for District 78 Madawaska Valley and my name is Anne V.

Over the summer months we saw increased attendance at our meetings with the return of our summer residents.

The District meetings remain well attended, and we will hold elections at our October meeting.

After a long struggle to stay open The Paudash Group will hold its last meeting September 29th.

Also September 29th District 78s 39th Annual Festival of Colours! This years Theme will be " Experience, Strength and Hope". We have secured a new venue for our roundup at The municipality of Hastings Highlands in Maynooth. Registration begins at Noon, 7th Tradition (at the door). There will be a light lunch available. Dinner tickets are \$20 each. I have tickets with me, for anyone who wishes to purchase in advance.

Looking forward to seeing you all in October at the assembly!

Yours in love and service, Anne

District 82 Victoria Haliburton

Janice D

Good morning everyone. I am an alcoholic and my name is Janice D. and am a grateful member of Minden Centennial Group. I am currently serving as District Committee Member of District 82 - Victoria Haliburton.

I hope everyone had a safe and sober summer and ready to get back to business. District 82 has been fairly quiet all summer and meetings were not held in July and August. Our September meeting will be held in Minden tomorrow - as per our operating procedures and we are hoping for a great attendance. Our last two meetings in May and June did not have a quorum. So we have sent out reminders and looking forward to completing our business.

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We are doing well financially and meeting our obligations. We are also placing an order for pocket planners and wall calendars even after the many times I was told that most people use their phones. I am old fashion and want to see my activities for the month at a glance. And I am happy to say that I am not alone.

In July we lost a long time member to lung cancer and will be missed by many. Pat B. Told it like it is and didn't sugar coat it. Her faith in her higher power was so strong and showed right to the end.

We will be announcing our elections and encouraging all members of AA to participate in service. It is a rewarding way to help out in AA and it is amazing how much you learn.

Wishing you a safe drive home

District 86 Kawartha

Larry D (ABSENT – Report read by Tim F)

Good Morning Friends, I am an alcoholic, proud member of the Freedom Group and currently serving as Alternate District Committee Member of District 86 and my name is Tim F. Larry our District Committee Member is attending a wedding today and sends his apologies for being unable to attend this meeting.

On a sad note Bernie S passed away earlier this summer. He was one of the members in my early sobriety that was paramount in getting me involved in service work. Bernie served as Panel 41 Delegate for Area 83 and was ever present at the Stonewall business meetings.

We start tomorrow with nominations for Service Committee Positions at our District Meeting for the 2019-20 term. The position of Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community has been open for many months with myself filling in with help from others, so that is our priority. Treatment chairperson just had to step down, but we are confident we will fulfill our commitment throughout this term and have an eager bunch to start out 2019.

We are meeting all our financial obligations and attendance at our District Meetings, even in the summer are 70-80%. Our 57th Annual Conference was a success and I enjoyed what I could attend. I am grateful to the Committee for all the work they put into this magnificent event. I am grateful for the chance to serve District 86 today at this Area Meeting and I am looking forward to meeting you all again at the Area Assembly.

Yours in Gratitude, Love and Service, Tim F.

6. Committee Member Reports

We now come to our Area Sub-Committee Chair reports. 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 our Secretary. We rely on your humility and compassion to keep your verbal reports brief. I would ask the committee members to stay at the front after their reports to answer any questions, if any.

FRIENDLY REMINDER TO DCMS THAT ITEMS SHARED IN THESE REPORTS ARE MEANT TO BE SHARED WITH GSR'S AT YOUR NEXT DISTRICT MEETING. PLEASE ASK GSRS TO THEN TAKE THIS INFORMATION BACK TO THEIR GROUPS. THIS IS HOW WE KEEP OUR MEMBERS INFORMED.

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

a) Public Information Chairperson

Les MacD

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

Not much as taken place since my last report in June, I haven't being asked to do anything, except I read the minutes that the Districts in Area 83 send me.

Jim S Our CPC Chair " Cooperation with the Professional Community " and I are again working on putting together another newsletter to be put out before the October Assembly, we also have retain our Editor Joyce S , I sent out invitations to all the District PIC Chairs to

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send me some feedback on what's going on in their District with PIC . I received three replies so far, three more than the last time. Jim will also discuss this adventure.

I've being asked to do the Elections for District 34 this month.

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 am blessed to serve you as the Area 83 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair.

I received an invitation to set up the Area CPC display at the Toronto Gratitude Roundup on the weekend of October 5 to the 7th. I answered saying I would not be able to attend, one of our Grandsons is getting married on Oct. 6th and our 51st wedding anniversary is Oct. 7th. I have asked the CPC Committee of the Toronto Intergroup if they can fill in for me and set up their display.

I did receive from the General Service Office a presentation that was put together by Area 93 Central California. It is for use in hospitals. It included a 12 Step outreach playbook, a PowerPoint AA hospital presentation and a Power Point presentation for peer support visits. I did send this on to all the District CPC Chairs. I do feel this could be adapted for use in other areas of CPC.

I received from our Area Secretary James the CPC Activity update from GSO. In it they mention that it has been passed to develop a page on LinkedIn in order to make it easier for professionals to find accurate information about AA on the internet. As well several changes to CPC pamphlets have been passed. Some Area's have developed flyers to address those who are referred to AA by professionals. I do have a copy of one such flyer developed by Area 25 Kansas titled "So you've been told to go to AA and your hate the idea".

If you would like copies of either of the two items, the Hospital presentation, or a copy of the flyer from Area 25 please contact me.

Once again Les M your Public Information Chair and I are trying to put together the combined PI/CPC newsletter for the Fall Assembly. I have sent out an email to the District CPC Chairs asking for input from their respective Districts to put into the newsletter. I do believe this newsletter helps with cooperation between Districts. Could you please encourage your CPC Chairs about the request.

I wish to thank all the Districts who send me their District minutes. I do read them all. If your District does not have me on their mailing list I would appreciate being added.

Yours in the Love and Service of AA

Jim

c) Correctional Facilities Chairperson

Mac B (ABSENT – NO REPORT)

d) Treatment/Accessibilities Chairperson

Marty M

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

Since our last meeting in June, I have received and sent out an additional 13 Bridging the Gap requests; it's been a pretty slow summer. That brings the total year to date requests to 48. Last year in September I had 55. I continue to communicate with the Treatment chair of Area 86, sending each other BTG requests. She also helps to find me a contact person where Area 83 lacks coverage towards the west.

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I was contacted by a support worker at WoodGreen community centre in Toronto requesting an AA service meeting. WoodGreen is not a Treatment setting, but their staff and volunteers provide many innovative programs which help homeless and marginalised people get off the streets. To tell you the truth, I don't know if this should fall under Public Information maybe. All I know is there are drunks who want help and they want a meeting. We aren't sure which District is willing to take this on yet; either District 18 or District 10, but I'm confident it will happen soon.

Not much to report on Accessibility. Participation at The Greater Toronto Accessibility Committee is very low; usually only two of the eight districts are represented. Our meeting is bi-monthly, but because members were unable to attend; I decided to cancel the July meeting. We will re convene later this month to hopefully bring together all the meeting information gathered from the groups (Accessibility checklists). I will then check the Intergroup website and request meeting listings be updated where needed.

That's it for now. I thank you all for this opportunity to be of service.

Yours in Love and Service, Marty

e) Grapevine Chairperson

Robert B (ABSENT – Report read by Sec)

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

Subscription for Canada

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

Subscription Online Grapevine magazine \$34.97 (US)

Subscription combining both the printed magazine and complete online access \$49.97 (US)

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

NEW BOOKS - AA IN THE MILITARY

- ONE BIG TENT (Atheist and agnostic AA member's stores)

District 18/10 & Toronto intergroup worked together to sell 190 copies of One Big Tent, amongst the 267 attendees of the Secular conference.

Toronto Intergroup has lowered cost of most Grapevine Books to \$13.50. Next Intergroup Grapevine meeting 27 September 7:00 pm will be pizza & Grapevine all welcome.

The ordering of pocket planners and wall calendars is due today (8 September).

2019 Pocket planners \$5. 50 CDN & Calendars \$10. 50 CND. All district, group or personal orders and money (cash or cheque) to be given to Glenn G. the good looking happy guy in the purple shirt and red tie (have Glenn stand up).

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, serving as your area 83, panel 67, Self Support Chair, my name is Ray R.

The last Area Committee meeting, I expressed an idea to make the month of June consider Founders Day Gratitude month..The idea was brought back to the districts, The reports I got back were hot and cold. Some groups participated, and some didn't, and of the ones who did, some reported great enthusiasm, while others, not so. It's an idea that I'm hoping will catch on and continue in the years to come.

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I facilitated the elections for the table officers in district 2 in June, The positions were all filled, and it looks like District 2 is one again, in good hands.

I ordered Self Support literature from GSO in august, in both french and english, I was impressed on how quick they came and they will be available at the next Service Day/Assembly in October.

I continue to meet with some of the GTA Self Support Chairs, and while we are small in numbers, we are big in heart. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month, @ 7:30, at the Toronto Intergroup office. all are welcome to join.

Group donations and birthday envelopes are a great way to support GSO, unlike the the Grapevine inc, who cannot accept donations, so all their revenue come from the sale of their literature, calendars, pocket planners etc. something to keep in mind when ordering from the grapevine.

I'm available for presentation, or general questions, and I can be reached at selfsupport@area83aa.org.

Please keep sending me your reports, and remember..service is Self-Support.

In Love and Service - 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.

-Sun. July 22 attended Happy Destiny Group in Belleville for Ryan H. 65 yr. medallion.

-Sat. Sept. 1 attended Morning Discussion Group in Toronto for Maire O'B. 30 yr. medallion. Maire was the first Area 83 Archivist in 2005.

-GTA Archives Committee Meetings- I have been attending these monthly meetings at 234 in Toronto. 10 Districts make up the committee. They are planning an "80 Years of AA in Ontario" book for 2023. A committee is being formed.

-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. Pass this on to your GSR's & your District Archives Chairs.

"The Eighty-Three" Archives Newsletter- will be emailed to the Area Committee before the October Fall Assembly. There will be hard copies at the Fall Assembly.

The 83 will feature Peterborough which celebrated 70 years in June. Gary C. (Past Area 83 Archives Chair) will write three articles with photos- History of AA in Peterborough, History of the Lift Lock group (celebrated 70 yrs. in June) & a History of District 86 Kawartha. Also our Area 83 Archivist Linda McQ. will write an article on "The Benefit of Archives". David T. our Immediate Past Area 83 Archivist will put the newsletter together. Thank you to All.

Future Articles-If your District & groups are interested in helping out with writing & submitting an article on the history of your District or groups 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: archives@area83aa.org or archivist@area83aa.org

Archives Workshop – Service Day in October (Fall Assembly Weekend)

Theme: "Everything You Wanted to Know About Archives"

We will be having an "Open Forum Discussion" where everyone will be invited to participate.

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Linda McQ. will give a brief introduction on Archives. Also we will have past Area 83 Archives Chairs & a past Area 83 archivist who will be participating in the discussion.

District Archives Survey & Questionnaire- has been emailed out (yesterday) to all DCM's and both items are on the Area 83 Website. Thank you James (Secretary) & Jim (Webmaster).

Please DCM's work with your District Archives Chairs & help them to fill out this survey & questionnaire. If you have no District Archives Chair can the DCM's fill it out.

This is important because Linda & I will have a better understanding of what your districts have & how we can be of help to each district. Also included is a "Typical Contents of a District Archives" list. The information on this list will be helpful to your District Archives Chairperson.

AAWS News- (AAWS has two functions- Group Services & Literature)

-Dr. Bob's hand written letters have been deciphered & typed out. The collection consists of 92 letters written by Dr. Bob and addressed to Ruth Hock, Bobby B. or Bill W. from Sept. 1938 through Sept. 1950.

-The book "Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970" is estimated to be out in early 2019.

Area 83 Archives Group Membership Survey-

At the June Area Committee Meeting we talked about an Area Membership Survey.

The sense of the meeting was to go ahead and draw up a survey.

The survey has been drawn up and everyone has been given a copy.

I would like to thank the following people: Linda McQ., David T., Amy L. & Peter N. for all their help & input. We decided to make it a Group Membership Survey and it would be conducted at the group business meeting because this would get more people involved. A few years ago Area 83 conducted an area inventory and only 108 members participated.

The survey provides information on personal statistics, AA activity, how individuals were introduced to AA and experience from professionals. The survey will inform group members, district members and area members on current trends in membership characteristics.

All this information will help each group, each district & the area in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Linda will compile for each district all the group surveys completed from each group in their district. Also she will compile for the area all the group surveys completed by all the groups.

We will need all the DCM's help for this Group Membership Survey to be successful. The DCM's will inform & encourage their GSR's to take back this survey to their groups and complete the survey with their members.

The Group Membership Survey will be on the Area 83 Website- area83aa.org/resources/archives

and it will be included in this report.

Now, can we get a sense of the room for the Area 83 Archives to go forward with this Group Membership Survey?

After questions were answered the sense of the room was for the Area 83 Archives to go forward with this Group Membership Survey.

Area 83 Archivist Report

Linda McQ. has been helping me (as mentioned in the Archives Chairperson's Report) in the planning & participating with the Eighty-Three Archives Newsletter, the Archives Workshop at Service Day (Fall Assembly Weekend) & The Area 83 Archives Group Membership Survey.

Thank you for your patience & tolerance,

Yours in Service,

Eddy G

Area 83 Archives Chairperson

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AREA 83 ARCHIVES
GROUP MEMBERSHIP SURVEY (Sept. 2018)

The Area 83 Group Membership Survey was created by the Area 83 Archives Committee and can be found on the Area 83 website at area83aa.org/resources/archives

Purpose of Survey

To provide a snapshot in time of the current group membership in Area 83. This survey is important because it will provide information on personal statistics, AA activity, how individuals were introduced to AA and experience with professionals. All this information will help the members of the groups, the districts and the area in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Conducting the Survey

The Group Service Representative (GSR) or a group member will conduct the survey at the business meeting on behalf of the group.

Each question will be read out aloud and all group members present can respond by raising or not raising their hands. The total raised hands will be recorded to each question.

GROUP NAME: _____ DISTRICT: _____

1. Group Membership

Estimated total membership of the group _____

Total number of group members present at the business meeting _____

2. Gender of Members

Male _____ Female _____ Other _____

3. Age of Members

Under Age 21 _____ Age 21 to 30 _____ Age 31 to 40 _____

Age 41 to 50 _____ Age 51 to 60 _____ Over Age 60 _____

4. Meeting Attendance

Under 3 meetings/week _____ Under 5 meetings/week _____ Over 5 meetings/week _____

5. Sponsorship

Members who have a sponsor _____ Members who got a sponsor within 90 days _____

6. Length of Sobriety

Sober less than 1 year _____ Sober between 1-5 years _____

Sober between 5-10 years _____ Sober between 10-20 years _____ Sober 20 years + _____

7. Composition of Membership

White _____ Hispanic _____ Black _____

Native American _____ Asian _____ European _____ Other _____

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8. Marital Status of Members

Married/Life Partner _____ Single _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____ Other _____

9. How Were You Introduced to AA? (Can select more than one)

Through an AA Member _____ Treatment Facility _____ Self-Motivated _____
Family _____ Judicial System _____ Counselor/Mental Health Professional _____
Medical Professional _____ Employer or Fellow Worker _____ Member of Clergy _____
Non- AA Friend or Neighbor _____ Al-Anon or Alateen Member _____ AA Literature _____
Newspaper/Magazine/Radio/TV _____ Internet _____ Other _____

10. Relationship with Health Care Professionals

- Does your Doctor know you are in AA? _____
- Were you referred to AA by a Counselor, Medical or Mental Health Professional? _____

11. Additional Help Before AA

- Before coming to AA did you receive some type of treatment or counseling (such as medical, psychological, spiritual, etc.) related to your drinking? _____
- Did receiving treatment or counseling play an important part in directing you to AA? _____

12. Additional Help After AA

- After coming to AA did you receive some type of treatment or counseling (such as medical, psychological, spiritual, etc.) related to your drinking? _____
- Did receiving treatment or counseling play an important part in your recovery from alcoholism? _____

The Area 83 Archives Committee would like to Thank You All the group members from Area 83 for participating and completing the Area 83 Archives Group Membership Survey.

Completed surveys can be emailed to the Area 83 Archivist at archivist@area83aa.org or handed in to your District Committee Member (DCM).

[The following is a summary of the questions about the survey from the floor]

- One member discussed their discomfort with asking about marital status.
- Can questions be skipped? Will the data still be used? YES
- Will be available on the web. Not writable format. Will be in Word, printed and then returned.
- What are we gaining from this survey? Districts will have historical data to better serve the still suffering alcoholic - at group, District & Area.
- How does this help the still suffering?

Sense of the room was taken by the Chair and a majority indicated that they would like to see the committee proceed with the survey.

h) Service Information Day Chairperson

Shane H

Service information day Chairpersons report ACM September 8th 2018

Hello friends I am an Alcoholic my name is Shane. Everything is off to a good start all speakers have been secured and the workshops are sure to be informative. As requested there will be a GSR workshop and many others. It has been a wonderful experience at this level for me I encourage all new DCMs to let their name stand for the Service information Day committee it may be the most incredible experience ever. Yours in love and service Shane H Area 83 panel 67 Service information Day chairperson.

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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 September 8, 2018 is.

14 Area Officers (including Area Archivist and Area Webmaster), 1 Immediate Past Delegate, 1 Past Delegate, 19 District Committee Members, 17 Alternate District Committee Members and 11 Visitors.

For voting purposes, we have: 11 Area Officers eligible to vote (including 1 Immediate Past Delegate) and 19 District Committee Members plus 4 Alt DCM and 2 visitors representing the Districts for a total of 36 votes. Total delegation for this meeting is 62.

Well, I hope that you have had a nice summer. I am sending out my thanks to those districts who scrambled to get contacts for the Unknown Groups since we last met. We have gone from 19 unknown groups in June to today having only 11 with the promise of one more contact immediately following the ACM.

I have heard from the Records Manager in GSO that the FNV database will be undergoing some modification. They will be moving to a CRM (Customer Relationship Management) database, that they are referring to ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning system). ERP is a business software that will allow us to integrate all facets of the GSOs operations into one repository. Instead of having three individual databases the new system will hold information for Group and service records(FNV), publications, order entry records, contribution records as well as GSOs accounting, procurement and production information.

The Records Manager said that each department is actively working with our I.T. department and the developer to ensure all needs are met. We are at the stage in the process, where we will get to see what each departments interface will look like and if it meets the GSOs needs. All things going as planned they expect to go live with the system February 1st, 2019.

I have been told that the interface for Area Registrar's will look completely different, but I am sure that it is nothing more than we can handle. I asked the manager if there was anything that the Area Registrar's could do to make the transition to the new system run more smoothly.... And she said that – "In the case of area 83 there are only 11 unknown groups listed. It may be helpful to pass those unknown groups off to the DCMs for the districts to see if they are able to get primary mail contacts, GSRs for those particular groups."

For what it is worth, I think the information in FNV is very clean and up to date.

If there are any Groups that are electing and installing their new GSRs before the end of 2018, please get that information to me as soon as possible. It would be nice to have all service positions entered before FNV becomes ERB. Having some experience with shifting databases to new systems, (and how a lot of unexpected things can happen) I suspect there will be some hiccups in the beginning. So the earlier you get your changes in, the better chance new GSRs won't have to wait too long to get their kits.

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>).

Thank you to the Districts that send me your minutes; I enjoy reading them. Please 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

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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 June 30, 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.

Contributions can also be made using PayPal. Please remind Groups to include their six-digit Group Service Number with any contributions using PayPal to ensure the group will receive credit for the contribution. The place to enter the group number is the screen after entering the credit card information. PayPal charges a fee of 2.9% plus 30 cents per transaction. So far this year, there has been two contributions using PayPal, both by the same Group.

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 August 31, 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 and June Area Committee Meetings and the Spring Assembly = \$3,685.70
- 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 \$37,270.77

Total income for the period is \$41,019.97.

Expenses for the period:

- Committee expenses are \$23,665.44
- January and June Area Committee Meeting – Rent and Refreshments \$748.23
- General Service Conference Assessment \$10,386.94 CDN; total cost was \$8,200.00 US and has been paid in full to the General Service Office
- Bank service charges – \$174.48
- PayPal Fees – \$3.50
- Forum, held in Victoriaville, Quebec – \$1,757.87
- GSO Flow Through - \$60.00
- Ontario Delegate's Conference (ODC), held in Thunder Bay – \$1,603.80

Total expenses for the period are \$38,280.26.

To date income is \$2,739.71 higher than expenses.

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The bank balance on August 31, 2018 was \$47,297.14. 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 \$41,019.97 less expenses of \$38,280.26 leaves a balance of \$47,297.14 in the operating account as of August 31, 2018. We have \$2,826.36 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.
- Beside the Spring Assembly, under meals you see \$5,997.65. This is an Assembly expense which covers coffee/tea/pop, cleaning of the atrium, meeting rooms, and staff etc. We are also not charged for the majority of room rentals during our Assembly weekends. The above cost works out to be \$15.00 per person. In the 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 Delegates to attend this year was \$8,200.00 US, or \$10,386.94 CDN and has been paid in full.
- Forums - \$1,757.87. The Forum was held in Victoriaville, Quebec from July 20-22nd. The cost for our Delegate's meals and hotel have yet to be included. As per the Area's Operating Procedure's the reimbursement is for both our Delegate, and Alternate Delegate to attend.
- Ontario Delegates Conference (ODC) - \$1,603.80. Was held in Thunder Bay this year from March 2-4th. 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 \$48.32 less than last year at this time and expenses are up \$2,782.54 (no Forum last year, General Service Conference (GSC) held in New York, NY etc). Contributions are up by \$702.89 compared to this time last year. There have been five less Groups and two less Districts contributing in comparison. The resulting net change to our operating account is \$2,826.36.

Page 3 shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from Districts, as well as Groups within the District. You can see that 134 Groups and 13 Districts have made financial contributions to Area 83 so far, this year.

The rates for the Fall Assembly will be as follows:

Room Rates:

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- 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 and quote the Group Name Fall Assembly. (You cannot email your reservation)
- 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
- Assembly Expense – \$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, including my email address, as the one to bill and your information 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 134 Groups and 13 Districts that have made financial contributions to Area 83 this year.

Yours in Love and Service, Sue B.

Area 83 Treasurer - Panel 67

9. Secretary's Report

James O'D

Please email your report for inclusion in the ACM minutes in a Word/Word-like format. To address the principle of Anonymity at our meeting it is requested that any Area documents be placed under the table in one of the three bin lids and disposed of appropriately.

Amy (Area 83 Registrar) and I have been faithfully putting together the District rosters. When you receive a new roster in your email it is asked that all DCMs really take a look at their District and report any changes necessary. If you could send in any updates some time this week we can distribute a new list within two weeks.

Kimberly (Area 83 Chair) and I are actively preparing the elections at our Assembly in October. Lists are being prepared of eligible candidates and multi coloured ballots will be being used. We discovered at the previous election Assembly that this process speeds up the ballot counting.

Where I have been:

1. Eastern Canada Regional Forum (Victoriaville, Quebec) – July 20-22
2. Lakeshore East Roundup – Aug 10th
3. ICSAA – Aug 24-26th

Where will I be:

1. Strathroy Roundup – September 15th (theme – Freedom)
2. Gratitude Conference – Oct 5-7th
3. Area Assembly – Oct 26-28th

Thank you to all the Districts who include me on our the circulation of your minutes. Feel free to empty the District/Officer/Sub Committee of all time sensitive material – leave tent card and/or name tags in folder. If you need either of these updated just let me know. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Kingston at the end of October.

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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 June Area Committee meeting.

On June 16th I was at the Tri-District Information day in Pembroke put on by Districts 70, 74, and 78. It was a great day of service and fellowship. The workshops facilitated by members of the three districts were well done. Our Area Treasurer Sue put on a great workshop, and our Delegate Kim gave another amazing report.

July 16th was the Remote Communities conference call. I've mentioned before that we don't really have Remote Communities in Area 83, but these committees are really active in other Areas. They help to start and maintain meetings, and support meetings online. Finances are one of the biggest challenges. Some Groups and Districts don't have money for their General Service Representatives, and District Committee members to fly in for the Assembly. The Areas try to help by financially supporting Groups and Districts, but some are not represented at Area Assemblies because they simply don't have the funds. Our next Remote Communities Conference call will be on September 17th.

July 20th – 22nd was the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in Victoriaville Quebec. What an amazing, informative weekend. I attended all of the presentations and General Sharing sessions, as well as workshops on Group conscience, and AA around the world. Both were very interesting with the Group Conscience workshop having some lively discussion. Forums provide an opportunity for back and forth communication between the General Service Board, and GSO staff and the Fellowship. During sharing sessions all are invited to ask questions, and share comments. The Trustees and staff members do their best to answer our questions, and take note of our comments and concerns. A Forum is helpful to find ways to communicate our message of recovery with each other, and most importantly, with the Alcoholic who still suffers. Area 83 will host the 2020 Eastern Canada Regional Forum at the Ottawa Marriott Hotel November 13th – 19th.

On Saturday morning at the Forum Kim and I attended a breakfast meeting for CERAASA. Area 90 North West Quebec will host CERAASA February 22nd – 24th, 2019 in Laval. Registration and hotel information is available on the website www.ceraasa.org/en/index.php. Handouts to share with the Groups in your Districts were placed in the DCM mail folders. Please make sure these are distributed to your GSRs.

August 10th – 12th I attended another amazing Conference in Oshawa put on by the Lakeshore Districts and was grateful to be asked to chair one of the panels.

I look forward to our Area Assembly next month, and encourage all who are eligible, to stand for election of an Area position.

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

Yours in Love and Service - Rob M

11. Delegate's Report

Kim S

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

Conference reports are not available as the material is larger than normal and translations will take more time. All three must come out at the same time – English, French and Spanish.

Since I've been here last, it has been really busy. On June the 9th I attended the Ottawa Gratitude Day for Districts 54, 58 and 62. On June 10th I was in Ogdensburg for Districts 42, 48, 66. June 16th in Pembroke for District 70, 74 and 78. There are still four districts that did not invite me out to give the report but as far as I know now I am done. It was a ton of fun and want to thank everyone who hosted me and having me there. And especially Sue B who hosted me on two of the weekends which saved the Area money which you will see on the expense report.

I attended the Eastern Canada Regional Forum from July 20-22nd. On Saturday I attended the Delegate breakfast at the request by the Eastern Canada Regional Trustee, Jan. Delegates and Alternates from Eastern Canada met for breakfast. Jan got to know us a little bit better and we got to know her as well. She was elected at the conference in April. Also, Luke the CERAASA Chair, gave us an update on which Rob has already reported on.

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A couple of updates since the conference. There is a new Punjabi Big Book available at the Toronto Intergroup office. From the International Desk, Mary Cummings passed on several items about AA in other countries. She said that in Russia they have two GSOs but they don't get along. We have one GSO office that serves Canada and the USA. Mary also mentioned that she loves to hear about meetings "off the beaten path". If you happen to know of any, GSO would be happy to send out literature free of charge. Mary won't be on that desk anymore as they are rotating right now. Clay may be coming in to replace her.

One of the presentations I found most interesting was from the trustee Newton Prichard showing us a prototype of a world map. Clicking on a certain country there would be a drop down tab that would list meetings, etc. I almost didn't go to this meeting but was so glad I did. It was so interesting. His question was "Is this something we want? Does the cost outweigh the benefit?" So it is something to think about. Actually, in the board minutes, the committee will be bringing this up again. They will be deciding how to proceed the same weekend as our Assembly.

As I mentioned in June, in 2019 the GSB will be looking for two Class A Trustees. If you know someone in the professional field please pass on this information. Keep in mind that this is for "Amateurs" – not alcoholics.

From July 9th to the 22nd a poll was taken at the 68th GSC to resolve a discrepancy with the scheduled dates of the 69th GSC. There was 100% participation. Confirmed through the polling, the conference dates are now May 19-25th. There was a conflict with Easter weekend. They decided to put it out to the conference members to vote. There was a minority opinion. Many emails went around. Interesting to part of this kind of poll situation. The dates are now set. Things like INFO AA Day may need to be changed as it can't be in May next year. Some Areas have been burdened financially by the change. Jan asked if anyone could tell her how much the inconvenience may cost. While we are not effected some Areas are.

On July 30th the GSB held their third quarterly meeting, Jan sent us her diary of her trip to the meeting. It was interesting to hear as she shared each day of her experience. Jan has been assigned to the following committees: Corrections, Literature, CPC, Treatment/Accessibility. All trustee committees reviewed their composition, scope and procedures as well as their 2018 conference advisory actions and additional actions. First up for her was Corrections and she was named Vice Chair of this committee. That was her first board meeting! For CPC, Treatment/accessibility she was appointed to a sub committee regarding the deaf and hard of hearing. This is done predominantly by conference calls so she looks forward to seeing how this goes.

Some of the information, as I also receive some of the board minutes, are unofficial as they haven't been accepted yet. But just a couple of items I wanted to share with you. PI – Video PSA "Changes" is in post production. This item was approved at the 68th conference and is being added to aa.org.

The AAWS YouTube copyright notices and custom URL page have all been implemented on the YouTube channel. Subscriptions have increased to 1300 with new subscriptions daily.

The Anonymity in the Digital Age placard in the medium size, 11X17, is now being priced at \$11 each. The smaller one, 8 ½ X 11, is priced at \$8.50. Not sure how much the posters will be but they are in production.

They also set up an ad hoc committee to look at the Safety Card because of feedback from the fellowship. They want to make sure that this is really what we want and/or need.

Carrying the message of the program through AA Grapevine and La Viña remains the focus. Subscriptions and product sales are essential to self support which Ray mentioned – they are self supporting. Please remember that Grapevine is completely self supporting with no contributions. Digital and print will continue to gradually decline without more effective outreach to the fellowship. The Grapevine app continues to gradually find its audience.

In CPC the secretary reported the progress of the LinkedIn page. The committee agreed to move forward being realistically mindful of what the company page can really accomplish.

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These are just a few items from a 63 page report. Something I wanted to bring to your attention is the time that the Trustees are putting in. When we give our report about where we have been I am amazed at how much time they put into serving the fellowship. Next time you see a Trustee, shake their hand and say thank you because they are putting in a lot of time.

Tomorrow I am participating in the District 2 inventory. September the 11th I was scheduled to do a District 18 safety and inventory audit but the DCM could not attend and I felt that it was very important for the DCM to be present. That's going to be rescheduled. Will also be attending District 14 Service Day next weekend. I am also taking part in the Toronto Gratitude Conference from October 5 to 7th – talking on service. The Scarborough Roundup is on October 13th and on November 14th the District 12 inventory. District 2 Service Day is on November 24th.

The GSO is going through their rotation at the moment. People are moving desks and being trained. So if you email someone and it takes a bit more time than usual for them to get back to you, that's why.

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

MOVED: MICHEL D – D58 – DCM SECONDED: SHANE H – D02 - DCM
DISCUSSION?
All those in Favour? ALL All those opposed? None Any abstentions? None
Voice of Minority? N/A
Motion was passed.

12. OLD BUSINESS

a) Discussion to revisit the motion put forward at the June Area Committee Meeting regarding the closing of meetings at the Assemblies and the Service Information Day.

(Mike B, DCM District 62) – Rob M, Alternate Delegate

[MIKE B WITHDREW HIS NAME FROM THIS MOTION AND ROB M TOOK UP THE MOTION]

The motion was: "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"

Rob M (Alternate Delegate) made the following statement about his motion:

"Some Groups and Districts have a policy that motions can't be revisited for a period of time. This is in place to prevent the unsuccessful side from trying to reverse a motion they don't agree with at the next meeting. That's not what I'm trying to do. Although I voted against the motion in June, I'm a firm believer that an informed Group conscience will make the right decisions, even if I don't agree with them. Concept 5 says throughout our world service structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered. It goes on to say the traditional "Right of Appeal" should permit any person in our service structure, to petition for the redress of a personal grievance. The "Right of Petition" makes certain that grievances can be heard, and properly acted upon. These general principles can of course be used to good effect throughout our entire structure.

I don't really have a personal grievance, but I think the spirit of concept 5 allows us to revisit a motion if we believe it's necessary.

It's not so much the motion that I want to discuss, but how we got there, how it would be implemented, and possible repercussions.

At our meeting in June, I was of the belief that any motion changing the operating procedures would have to go to the Assembly, and I think many of you probably thought the same. In section 5 of our operating procedures it says "Appendices are deemed as guidelines

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and NOT operating procedures and as such are written, amended, and approved by the Area Committee not the Assembly". The Service Information Day guidelines are appendices, so basically the motion that passed in June is a done deal, it doesn't have to go to the Assembly.

We talk about the Groups being at the top of our Service structure, Concept 1 and Tradition 2 reinforce this. We made a very important decision in June without any consultation of the Groups, and again many of us may have thought the groups would have their say at the Assembly.

Our operating procedures were written in the early 90s, and were purposely left fairly non directive. Some might think they are vague, but this was done to not box future committees in. They didn't want too many rules saying you will do this and that. Over the years we've added bits and pieces of rules, this would be another one. The Saturday banquet isn't mentioned in the SID guidelines. The only mention of the banquet is in the operating procedures under section 3, responsibilities, # 17, SID Committee and says The Delegate shall select the Saturday night dinner speaker. If we're going to add something about closing the meeting, we should probably more about the meeting itself.

When the motion passed in June Kimberley wasn't sure where it would go in the operating procedures, does the Saturday banquet belong to the SID even though it's not mention in the SID guidelines, does the motion go to the Assembly? She spoke with some past Chairpersons, past Delegates, some of us at the front of this room, and it was felt this should be further discussed.

I was talking with a member last Monday who shared with me a situation at a seniors club. It's a private club that has been around for many years, and has around 2000 members. They open their meetings (he didn't say what kind of meetings) with the Lord's Prayer. Recently a Jewish member expressed opposition to this. The club sought legal advice and were told the Jewish member could take it to the human rights tribunal, and would be successful. The club would have to stop the Lord's Prayer, or say prayer for every denomination belonging to the club. They were also told that they'd be on the hook for any legal costs. Something we should think about.

The last 2 times Adhoc committees were formed regarding the SID guidelines, they reported, and made recommendations to the Assembly, and the recommendations were voted on by the Assembly. Although our operating procedures say amendments to the SID guidelines are done by the Area Committee, there is precedent for the Assembly to make amendments.

My biggest concern is that we, the Area Committee, may be making important decisions that will affect the Assembly, without first consulting the Assembly.

So, we can decide that the motion passed in June, now it goes into the SID guidelines as our operating procedures state, or we can decide to take it to the Assembly, and let the Groups have some input on this very important decision.

I hope some of you will share your thoughts on this, and we can come to an informed decision.

From Concept 3

This "Right of Decision" should never be made an excuse for failure to render proper reports of all significant actions taken; it ought never be used as a reason for constantly exceeding a clearly defined authority, nor as an excuse for persistently failing to consult those who are entitled to be consulted before an important decision or action is taken."

Discussion then moved to the floor.

Seems there was little consultation with groups and those it would effect.
How will this effect the upcoming Assembly?

Motion: Michel D – D62 – DCM

NOTICE OF MOTION TO APPEAR ON SPRING ASSEMBLY AGENDA:

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The motion was: "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."

Seconded – Ian W – D30 – DCM

This is too important to be rushed through. Suggested to revisit in January with new DCMs and then brought to the Spring Assembly. Timing is challenging for some Districts due to elections, etc. The concern is more about some 40 people making decisions that effect over 600 groups.

The following excerpt from Bill W was read aloud:

"A Letter From Bill Wilson About The Use Of The Lord's Prayer At A.A. Meetings

April 14, 1959

Dear Russ,

Am right sorry for my delay in answering. Lois and I were a long time out of the country and this was followed by an attack of the marathon type of flu that has been around here in New York. We are okay now, however, but I did want to explain my delay.

Now about the business of adding the Lord's Prayer to each A.A. meeting.

This practice probably came from the Oxford Groups who were influential in the early days of A.A. You have probably noted in AA. Comes of Age what the connection of these people in A.A. really was. I think saying the Lord's Prayer was a custom of theirs following the close of each meeting. Therefore it quite easily got shifted into a general custom among us.

Of course there will always be those who seem to be offended by the introduction of any prayer whatever into an ordinary A.A. gathering. Also, it is sometimes complained that the Lord's Prayer is a Christian document. Nevertheless this Prayer is of such widespread use and recognition that the arguments of its Christian origin seems to be a little farfetched. It is also true that most A.A.s believe in some kind of God and that communication and strength is obtainable through His grace. Since this is the general consensus it seems only right that at least the Serenity Prayer and the Lord's Prayer be used in connection with our meetings. It does not seem necessary to defer to the feelings of our agnostic and atheist newcomers to the extent of completely hiding our light under a bushel.

However, around here, the leader of the meeting usually asks those to join him in the Lord's Prayer who feel that they would care to do so. The worst that happens to the objectors is that they have to listen to it. This is doubtless a salutary exercise in tolerance at their stage of progress.

So that's the sum of the Lord's Prayer business as I recall it. Your letter made me wonder in just what connection you raise the question. Meanwhile, please know just how much Lois and I treasure the friendship of you both. May Providence let our paths presently cross one of these days.

Devotedly yours, Bill Wilson

WGW/ni Mr. Russ

From the A.A. Archives in New York"

Back to the floor:

How are we supposed to stop people from spontaneously praying?
This is a procedural issue and should always be deferred to the groups.

CALL THE QUESTION: Jim S – CPC

Seconded – Ray R – Self Support Area 83

Yes – Majority

No – 3

Abstentions – 3

Move to vote on original motion.

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Yes – 28
No – 4
Abstentions – 2

Motion passes.

Voice of the minority? Yes

We are walking into a quagmire with this kind of motion. “If you wish” is always said.

Anyone wants to change their vote? NO

Motions stands as passed.

13. NEW BUSINESS

a) Discuss Ontario Delegate's Committee Meeting at CERAASA 2019 Kim S, Area Delegate

Would everyone be OK with the Immediate Past Delegate to attend the first ODC (which is held at CERAASA)?

It is already in the Procedures & Guidelines “in spirit” but not worded exactly like that.

SENSE OF THE ROOM was taken. It was unanimous to send the Immediate Past Delegate to CERAASA (ODC is included).

b) Discuss DCM reports at election Assembly Kimberley M - Chairperson

For the last four election assemblies, the Area Committees have chosen to dispense with the verbal DCM reports and instead, submit written reports to the Area Secretary by email to be included in the Assembly minutes. Would you like to continue this practice?

Before taking a sense of the room, is there any discussion? No.

Can I take a sense of the room? This is not a vote and anyone in the room can raise his or her hand.

UNANIMOUS to dispense with the verbal DCM reports for this election Assembly.

There was an Ad Hoc Committee reviewing Area Assembly Election Procedures a few years back. One suggestion they made which we might consider, was that “The Area sub-committee chairs and officers, other than the delegate, aim to restrict verbal reports to 3 minutes reporting on their activities since the last assembly alone and not recap workshops. Any workshop items can be published along with lengthy written reports in the minutes.”

c) Discussion on anonymity on the internet and/or any public forum. Kim S – Delegate

Notes on Delegate's comments regarding anonymity:

With regards to posting her sobriety time, she is very very careful. An anonymity workshop was presented at the beginning of the term. And seeing as she was on the PI committee at the GSC this was discussed a lot. The anonymity card and subsequent posters is something that they really really wanted. At the last International Conference – anonymity can be broken with just one touch. All you

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have to do is press a button and you have broken someone's anonymity – either your own or someone else's. And she found this important enough to bring up as a separate agenda item and not bury it in her report. She wanted to open it up a little bit and get a conversation going. Last time she spoke about Safety and this time she is bringing up anonymity. Especially if you have a position in AA, we need to set an example. Of course, it is not just what she thinks about the topic of anonymity but to hear from the Area Committee and see what their thoughts and ideas are on the subject. This is not just about Facebook but Instagram and all other social media platforms.

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-47_understandinganonymity.pdf

Notes from the floor:

How do we go about censoring or controlling members? You can't. We need to be more aware as General Service representatives. This is a call to be more mindful regarding online anonymity issues.

Reference to Traditions was made.

Webmaster gave a graphic explanation of how NOTHING ever disappears from the web.

14. Sharing - what's on your mind?

Anniversaries and upcoming events were announced. Comments about prayers and AA were brought up.

15. Next area committee meeting.

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on December 1, 2018

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

MOVED: BILL C – D74 - DCM SECONDED: MIKE B – D62 - DCM

DISCUSSION? NO

All those in Favour? Majority+

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 1

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 3:38p.m. and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you all a safe drive home. I look forward to seeing you in Kingston.

May I have a motion to end this meeting?

MOVED: RAY R – AREA SELF SUPPORT SECONDED: JOANN – D28 - DCM

DISCUSSION? NO

All those in Favour? ALL

All those opposed? None

Any abstentions? None

Voice of Minority? N/A

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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 August 31, 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		3,685.70
Cost Recoveries		123.50
Flow Through to GSO		(60.00)
Grapevine Seasonals		
Group & District Contributions		37,270.77
TOTAL INCOME		41,019.97
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE		0.00
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS		41,019.97

EXPENSES		
Accommodations		4,337.35
Meals		7,942.55
Travel		6,500.78
Long Distance		0.00
Postage		264.54
Printing		1,228.16
Literature		1,170.17
Stationery		177.49
Miscellaneous		2,044.40
Total Committee Expenses		23,665.44
Ad Hoc Committees		0.00
Area Contribution to GSO		0.00
Area Committee Meetings		748.23
General Service Conf. Assessment		10,386.94
Bank Service Charges		174.48
Paypal fees		3.50
Forums		1,757.87
Grapevine Seasonal		0.00
GSO Flow Through		(60.00)
Ontario Delegate's Conference (ODC)		1,603.80
CERAASA		0.00
Total Other Expenses		14,614.82
TOTAL EXPENSES		38,280.26

OPERATING ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2018		44,557.43
Total Income & Transfers		41,019.97
Total Expenses		(38,280.26)
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE		47,297.14

0.00

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Details of Expenditures
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Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Approved Spending Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	0.00	99.34	1119.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1218.64	\$2,352.00	1133.36	51.81%
Alt. Delegate	0.00	106.90	410.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.80	581.32	\$1,645.00	1063.68	35.34%
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	100.20	440.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	540.50	\$1,200.00	659.50	45.04%
Chairperson	0.00	57.07	380.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.00	455.17	\$1,050.00	594.83	43.35%
Secretary	0.00	85.00	447.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1155.79	\$2,916.61	1760.82	39.63%
Treasurer	0.00	90.00	409.45	0.00	264.54	623.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	1119.26	\$2,305.00	1185.74	48.56%
Registrar	0.00	55.00	253.50	0.00	0.00	330.43	0.00	24.84	0.00	424.77	\$1,370.00	945.23	31.01%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	0.00	143.69	497.70	0.00	0.00	7.60	0.00	108.67	0.00	865.81	\$1,935.00	1049.19	45.78%
Archives	0.00	85.85	360.15	0.00	0.00	31.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	485.54	\$1,270.00	784.46	38.23%
Cooperation with the P.C.	0.00	67.18	407.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	474.23	\$1,172.00	1281.77	26.76%
Conferences Facilities	0.00	82.74	116.50	0.00	0.00	62.41	191.24	0.00	45.20	538.19	\$1,225.00	686.81	48.35%
Public Information	0.00	89.40	216.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.50	348.40	\$1,150.00	801.60	30.31%
Self Support	0.00	111.00	178.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	349.50	\$1,090.00	1210.50	22.40%
Treatment / Accessibility	0.00	48.63	548.10	0.00	0.00	15.09	99.14	0.00	0.00	415.90	\$1,995.00	674.10	38.16%
Service Info Day Cmt	0.00	494.25	489.66	0.00	0.00	127.50	341.94	43.88	476.53	1474.07	\$5,145.00	520.93	73.89%
Spring Assembly	0.00	5997.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.01	2675.65	\$10,200.00	2469.35	52.00%
Fall Assembly	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1113.00	9921.48	\$10,800.00	278.52	97.27%
COMMITTEE EXP.	\$ 4,337.35	\$ 7,942.55	\$ 6,500.78	\$ -	\$ 264.54	\$ 1,228.16	\$ 1,170.17	\$ 177.49	\$ 2,044.40	\$ 23,665.44	\$ 51,555.61	\$ 27,890.17	45.90%
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	748.23	\$15.00	15.00	0.00%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,325.00	576.77	56.41%
Public Changes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	174.48	\$5,000.00	4825.52	9.45%
Public Fees	273.70	89.97	1,394.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,757.87	\$2,000.00	242.13	0.00%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00%
GSO Assessment	605.68	156.89	742.81	-	-	-	-	-	10,386.94	10,386.94	\$10,386.94	0.00	100.00%
Ont Delegates Conf.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98.42	60.00	-\$120.00	-60.00	0.00%
CERAASA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,603.80	\$1,603.80	0.00	0.00%
OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 879.38	\$ 246.86	\$ 2,137.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,233.59	\$ 14,614.82	\$ 24,737.74	\$ 5,086.42	59.08%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,216.73	\$ 8,189.41	\$ 8,637.79	\$ -	\$ 264.54	\$ 1,228.16	\$ 1,170.17	\$ 177.49	\$ 13,277.99	\$ 38,280.26	\$ 76,293.35	\$ 32,976.59	50.18%

Income Summary :	
Aug 31, 2018	Aug 31, 2017
Income To Date	41,019.97
Expenses To Date	38,280.26
GSO Flow Through	-
Contributions	37,270.77
Cost recoveries	123.50
Grapevine Seasonals	-
Total Income	\$ 41,019.97

YTD 2018		August 31, 2017		Difference	
Income To Date	41,019.97	41,063.79	(43.82)		
Expenses To Date	38,280.26	35,097.72	2,782.54		
Net Change To Operating Account	\$ 2,739.71	\$ 5,566.07	\$ 2,826.36		
Contributions	\$37,270.77	\$38,567.88	\$702.89		
Contributing Groups	134	139	-5		
Contributing Districts	13	15	-2		

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GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS as at August 31, 2018

District	0	Unspecified, Paypal	\$0.00
District	2	Malton	\$1,281.75
District	6	Mississauga	\$3,035.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$5,841.70
District	12	Toronto South West	\$555.35
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$1,096.05
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$0.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$1,560.00
District	22	Scarborough	\$1,835.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$1,982.16
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$1,554.69
District	30	Quinte West	\$1,600.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$1,435.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$2,050.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$884.82
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$250.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$470.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$590.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$600.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$3,511.55
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$2,032.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$1,150.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$1,720.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$370.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$600.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$1,265.70

Total Contributions YTD: \$37,270.77

Total from Groups	\$28,016.04	134
Total from Districts	\$9,294.73	13