

**Area 82 NL Service Weekend
May 18th, 19th, 20th, 2018
St. John's, NL
"Supporting Our Future"**

Friday, May 18th, 2018 NL Archives Meeting 7:00 pm

Boyd B. opened the meeting at 7pm with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer for those who wished. In attendance were Jim P. (Archivist), Kirk S. (Alt. GSD), Boyd B. (Chair), Tim M. (GSD), Dwayne MacD. (Treasurer), Trudy D. (Sec/Registrar), Alfred S. (DCM) District 12, Tom G. (DCM) District 14, Gerry W. (DCM) District 15, no representation- District 11, District 13, District 16.

Minutes from 2017 Archives meeting were read by Dwayne MacD. (Trudy is present but sick). Motion to adopt the minutes made by Tom G. Seconded by Alfred S. Everyone was in favor and the minutes were adopted.

Jim P. gave the Archivist report. It is attached at the end of the minutes. **Question:** Did you cash the cheque that we sent from the Area? **Answer:** Yes, I cashed it today. **Comment from Boyd:** As humble as you make it sound in your report, we went for years without a NL Archivist. You are doing a great job. **Comment from Jim:** Anything I have said I will do in AA I follow through with. Digitizing these Archives are a task. It will take more time than I have to get this accomplished. I am feeling guilty that I will not be able to get this task done. **Comment from Dwayne:** How much did you charge us for doing this? **Answer from Dwayne:** Nothing was charged. This is a volunteer position and the Archives are being well looked after and getting around for people to see. Nothing is expected. No need to feel guilty. **Comment from Tim:** I know from my experience talking to the NS Archivist that it is a lot of work. They have a whole committee of 9 that meets and helps out with the digitizing. It is a daunting task. No guilt needed. Right now, just to have a guardian of them and the more places they get out to the more people are showing interest. **Comment from Jim:** Right now, in the past little while, people have been donating a lot to the Archives. Just knowing that there is someone who cares is enough to make people want to donate more. Motion to accept the report made by Jim P. Seconded by Tim M. Everyone was in favor and the report was accepted. The meeting closed at 7:30pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

7:30 pm Workshop put on by Bert F. A lot was learned by the GSRs. Thank you to Bert for facilitating this Workshop.

Call to Order/Welcome 7:40pm.

Area Officers/NL DCM Meeting

Boyd B. called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. Boyd welcomed all in attendance, with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Introductions Area Officers and NL DCMs

Kirk S. (Alt. GSD), Boyd B. (Chair), Tim M. (GSD), Dwayne MacD. (Treasurer), Trudy D. (Sec/Registrar), Alfred S. (DCM) District 12, Tom G. (DCM) District 14, Gerry W. (DCM) District 15, No representatives- District 11, District 13, District 16.

12 Traditions read by Kirk S.

2017 minutes were read by Dwayne MacD. for Trudy D. Motion to accept the minutes made by Gerry W. Seconded by Tim M. All in favor and the minutes were adopted.

Treasurer Report: attached

Dwayne MacD. gave his report. Opening balance at the start of the year \$18,956.15. Prudent Reserve top up into Operational account \$9,177.85. This brings the Operational account balance to \$28,134.00 which is the budgeted amount from last October. Income to date = \$17,476.38. Expenses total \$19,596.25. Prudent Reserve = \$15,431.10. Amount on hand over and above 2018 budget for 2019 year is \$9,681.07. **Question:** Tim asked why is the Prudent Reserve not only half of our operational expenses? **Answer:** this account includes the Prudent Reserve monies and the monies to go towards next years budget. Dwayne stated he will change the Prudent Reserve account and will rename it "other funds" so people know it is not just the Prudent Reserve monies in the account. Tim suggested presenting it the new way at both Saturdays Service Weekends and then see if they are ok with it or if we need to change it. A motion was made by Dwayne MacD. and 2nd by Alfred S. to accept the report with the things that will be changed for both weekends. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call: Active Groups

District 11- (6), District 12- (9), District 13- (3), District 14- (11), District 15- (35), District 16- (7). Total Active Groups: (71).

Break

Boyd B. reviewed the Service Weekend agenda. CERAASA should read "Eastern Canada Regional Forum" New Business **Item 1-** Dwayne's Proposal – Discussion ensued. It would be hard to change our end of year date to October. Some of the positions may still need access to their funds until the end of the calendar year. More discussion and Dwayne had not thought of that scenario, so he withdrew his motion. **Item 2-** Alfred's Proposal **Item 3-** Tim's Proposal. Discussion about the 2 Proposals. We believe a majority of the people will want this. Trying to determine if the Proposal could have a time or date on it. Should we start it effective this year or next? Should we isolate members from any district by making this effective immediately. If someone wants to stand for a position they must be there. This is unfair to anyone who wants to stand. They would have to travel and spend their own money without even knowing if the committee will pass this proposal. At least if we vote it in this year to start 2020 year, everyone would have a chance to decide if they want to travel or not. Since we can't vote on this here we have some time to change the wording if we wanted. All Proposals are included in these minutes. **Item 4-** Sharing sessions- it is important to have a time for people to discuss anything that they need clarification on things. The Ask it Basket is a good place too. **Item 5-** Utilizing our GSO guest on the weekend we have them here. They can offer a workshop on the particular area that they are doing at GSO. We discussed this, and it will go to the floor tomorrow. No further New Business items. There may be some questions on the litigation. Tim sent out an email from GSO to the groups. Motion for adjournment. Kirk moved. Boyd B. closed the meeting with the Responsibility Pledge.

Saturday May 19th, 2018

9:00am Boyd B. opened the meeting with a few minutes of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Introductions of Area 82 NL DCMS & Area Officers:

Kirk S. (Alt. GSD), Boyd B. (Chair), Tim M. (GSD), Dwayne MacD. (Treasurer), Trudy D. (Sec/Registrar), Alfred S. (DCM) District 12, Tom G. (DCM) District 14, Gerry W. (DCM) District 15, No representatives- District 11, District 13, District 16.

12 Traditions read by Kirk S.

Sympathies: Members spoke the names of the AA members we have lost over this past year from our Area. A moment of silence was observed to remember the members who passed away.

Mission Statement was read by GSD Tim M.

Boyd B. reviewed the agenda with changes:

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Minutes from the 2017 Area 82 NL Service Weekend were read by Dwayne MacD. No errors or omissions. Motion was made to approve the minutes as read by Bud. Seconded by Marjorie. All in favor, minutes approved.

Business arising from the minutes- looking for host 2019 Service Weekend-District 12, 13 and 14 offered to host. Twelve and Thirteen withdrew in favour of District 14 hosting as they have not hosted in four years. Someone can put together a written schedule for the next four years rotation to host the service weekend. Terry P. will look at it for this time next year.

Coffee Break

D.C.M. Reports:

- 11- no report
- 12- attached- given by Alfred S.
- 13- No report
- 14- attached- given by Tom G.
- 15-attached- given by Gerry W.
- 16- no report

Past Delegates Address: Boyd was in attendance but deferred comments because he said we are hearing him all weekend!

Treasurer Report: attached

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Question: Would it be good for us to bring you a cheque to the next Assembly for the amount needed from each group which is approx. \$14.00? **Answer:** we would like to have it before the budget, so you could put in the mail or bring it that weekend. A motion was made by Dwayne MacD. and 2nd by Jeff to accept the report. Motion passed unanimously.

Alt. General Service Delegate Report: attached

Kirk S. gave his report.

General Service Delegate Report: report available upon request

AACYPAA report- Gerry is here from Corner Brook who will be hosting the assembly which will include an AACYPAA with their program. Gerry says that it is going well, we have a chairperson starting to put a program together. Tim mentioned we have invited a young GSO member to the Assembly and she may be perfect for the AACYPAA program.

Remote Communities Report: attached

Kirk read the report from Jane.

Lunch

Webmaster Report: attached

Kirk S. read the report from Matt.

Regional Forum Report:

Tim M. gave a short regional forum report. Tim read from the Service Manual what a regional forum is. The next regional forum is in Victoriaville, PQ, from July 20-22, 2018. Boyd mentioned that 10 years ago that is where he first met Trudy. Kirk says he has learned a lot of good things about service and its structure.

Archivist Report: attached

Gerry gave Jim's report. **Question:** is the funds available \$17,000 or \$1,700? **Answer:** It is \$1,700 left from the \$2,300 budgeted.

Motion to accept all reports was made by Jocelyn I. Seconded by Stacy D. All in favor, all reports accepted.

Roll Call:

Dwayne MacD. conducted the Roll Call of the group's attendance with the following results:
District 11- 0 out of 6, District 12- 4 out of 9, District 13- 2 out of 3, District 14- 3 out of 11,
District 15- 14 out of 35, District 16- 0 out of 7
Total 71 Groups. 23 GSRs present, 5 Area Officers, 3 DCMS = 31 Votes. 32.39% of the groups.

New Business:

1. Dwayne's Proposal – Dwayne presented his proposal. Withdrew proposal as it would not work for election years.
2. Alfred's Proposal – Felt it unfair that past DCM's not be allowed to let their name stand for area positions. **Question:** is this unfair to current DCM's as it will make it harder for them to get an area position than DCM's in past years. **Answer:** A good question. **Question:** Is Tim's proposal different? **Answer:** Yes, but GSD and Alt would be elected from current. **Question:** I've been GSR for twelve times, can't current DCM's let their name stand every election year to make it fair? **Answer:** Good point. **Question:** Can we put a statute of Limitations on it? **Answer:** good point but unknown at this time.
3. Tim's Proposal - Tim read his proposal with a small explanation. **Question:** can you be DCM again and do it that way? **Answer:** Yes. **Comment:** Bud has been around long enough to see the table empty. **Question:** What about people from away (if Assembly is in Newfoundland past Nova Scotia DCM's and vice versa) they need to travel to be nominated from the floor. That is a lot of expense for a proposal that has not yet been voted on. We may want to look at changing the start date for this proposal to the following election year.
4. Video feed to Labrador – Tim spoke about his trip to Labrador. He showed the same conference report that he showed today. There was much talk about the different roles on the area committee. They were unaware of everything that area and GSO does. It would be nice for them to be apart of the next assembly as it is a voting year. They would get to see how our service structure works. He is running it by Newfoundland now and in Nova Scotia in two weeks. Much discussion on floor surrounding the logistics of this happening. The consensus to have a live video feed of the Assembly in October to Labrador if we do everything possible to make it safe is yes.

Discussion about the 2 Proposals. We believe a majority of the people will want this. Trying to determine if the Proposal could have a time or date on it. Should we start it effective this year or next? Should we isolate members from any district by making this effective immediately at the Assembly 2018. If someone wants to stand for a position they must be there. This is unfair to anyone who wants to stand. They would have to travel and spend their own money without even knowing if the committee will pass this proposal. At least if we vote it in this year to start 2020 year, everyone would have a chance to decide if they want to travel or not. Since we can't vote on this here we have some time to change the wording if we wanted. All Proposals are included in these minutes.

Boyd entertained a motion to adjourn for the evening. All in favor. Closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Sunday, May 20th, 2018

Ask it Basket:

1. Should a meeting be a closed meeting if it's in the meeting schedule as closed. Should it be able to become an open meeting if an observer comes in?

Discussion: Some people have a hard time attending meetings if they are open. It is hard to protect anonymity this way. If a group says it is closed it should remain closed. Maybe we could have greeters that ask if they see a new face if they are just supporting someone. It is done differently in different locations. In the Districts 1 and 2 the groups have special birthday nights that are always open meetings. Each group has to decide for that group what the policy is.

2. Can district officers vote at District meetings or is it just the GSR's? If so which officers have a vote?

The concept of participation says that everyone has a vote. The DCM only has a vote in the place of a tie breaker. All the other District members have a vote. Only one vote per person though. Sometimes if someone is a GSR and a District executive member they only have one vote. This means that either your group or your executive position loses a vote at the table.

3. Can we advertise Yoga, meditation or other things that are provided by treatment facilities or does this break our 10th Tradition?

We definitely can not because it goes against our tradition of not be affiliated with any outside enterprise. If you want to talk about it outside the meeting that is ok. The long form of Tradition 6 says we can't have actual or implied affiliation with outside issues.

4. Which of the AA slogans do you use on a regular basis?

That is a personal preference for each individual member.

Closing AA meeting

Gerry W. chaired the meeting. Opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. AA Preamble read by Gerry. The 12 Steps was read by Stacy D. The 12 Traditions was read by Annette. Speaker Wayne shared his experience, strength and hope with us all. Good message. Thank you, Wayne.

AGENDA

NL SERVICE WEEKEND – MAY 18TH-20TH, 2018
 ST. JOHN'S, NL
 "AA – A SOLUTION FOR ALL GENERATIONS"

FRIDAY;

7:00 PM ARCHIVES MEETING
 7:30 PM D.C.M./AREA OFFICERS MEETING
 7:30 PM G.S.R. WORKSHOP

SATURDAY:

9:00 AM OPENING REMARKS/INTRODUCTIONS/ ✓
 12 TRADITIONS/ SYMPATHIES ✓
 9:15 AM MISSION STATEMENT ✓
 9:20 AM APPROVAL OF AGENDA → *new business??* ✓
 9:25 AM 2017 SERVICE WEEKEND MINUTES READ ✓
 9:40 AM D.C.M. REPORTS ✓
 9:50 AM PAST DELEGATES ADDRESS
 10:05 AM BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES ✓

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10:20 AM BREAK ✓
 10:40 AM TREASURERS REPORT ✓
 11:00 AM ALT. G.S.D. REPORT ✓
 11:15 AM G.S.D. REPORT ✓
 11:30 AM AACYPAA REPORT → ✓
 11:45 AM REMOTE COMMUNITIES REPORT ✓
 12:00 PM LUNCH ✓
 1:30 PM ARCHIVIST REPORT ✓
 1:45 PM WEBMASTER REPORT ✓
 2:00 PM CERRASA REPORT → *Eastern Canada. Regional Forum.*
 2:10 PM ACCEPT ALL REPORTS
 2:10 PM ROLL CALL
 2:45 PM BREAK
 3:00 PM NEW BUSINESS: 1) Dwayne's proposal, 2) Alfred's proposal,
 3) Tim's proposal (DETAILS OF PROPOSALS ATTACHED) ✓
NEW BUSINESS ?? - 4) NS Provincial round-up - develop 5) Assembly Rotational
 4:45 PM SUPPER
 6:15 PM CONTINUE WITH NEW BUSINESS ITEMS
 6) *Video feed to Labrador.*

SUNDAY:

9:00 AM COMPLETE ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 10:00 AM ASK IT BASKET
 10:30 AM ~~AA SPEAKER MEETING~~ *more time for business*
 11:30 AM CLOSING OF 2018 SERVICE WEEKEND



Alcoholics Anonymous
Area 82

Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 82 is to carry a message of hope, strength and knowledge through communication of Alcoholics Anonymous' Twelve Steps in an efficient and prudent manner.

We Believe:

The Twelve Step message is the primary reason for our deliberations. The General Service Representatives, District Committee Members and Area Officers have the opportunity to share, discuss and receive valuable insights that will be of assistance at the local group.

Action Plan:

1. Present the message in a positive, concise manner.
2. Discuss Area / District business in a focused, orderly, time sensitive way.
3. Recommend through informed group conscience sessions considerations to be brought to the Assembly, where all final decisions are voted on and approved.
4. Provide opportunities for constructive growth through shared examples, proven research, Twelve Steps, the Traditions and Twelve Concepts.
5. Communicate in a clear, concise, appropriate way the successes and concerns of those we represent.
6. Provide as much information as possible so that we will walk away from a service weekend or assembly with as much understanding of Alcoholics Anonymous and service.
7. Read page S19 of the Service Manual.

Dwayne's proposal:

Service Weekend/Assembly Agenda Item: I suggest discussion and a possible motion to change the fiscal year end of Area 82 to Oct. 15 from Dec. 31. This, in my humble opinion, would simplify reporting, and create more clarity for members, groups, and the Area.

Instead of having two sets of figures to consider (remainder of this year and all of next year) at assembly budget discussions, we would solely be dealing with the upcoming 12 months, and all funds available at that time would be available for the 12 months immediately following the assembly. Keep it Simpler.

Alfred's proposal:

Proposal to amend Area82 guidelines, To allow all D.C.M.s past or present, unless they have held the position previously, to let their names stand for election to Area Officer positions.

Tim's proposal:

I propose starting with the elections held at the 2018 Area Assembly in Corner Brook NL that we elect our Area officers in the following manner.

We elect our Delegate and Alternate Delegate from the sitting Area Officers and Sitting D.C.M.'s (must have held D.C.M. Position for at least six months).

We elect the following Area Officers from sitting D.C.M.'s (must have held D.C.M. Position for at least six months) who let their name stand, and accept nominations from the floor. Those nominees will be past D.C.M.'s and past Area officers who have not held the position previously. (Past Delegates May not stand for any position). Those nominees will give a brief update on the Service Activities since their time in Service to Area.

We will use the Third Legacy Procedure for our elections .

Again this does not take the place of Alfred's motion.

Area 82 District 12 DCM report May 2018

Hello my friends, My name is Alfred and I am a alcoholic. I am the District Committee Member for District 12, and a member of the First Things First group that has regular closed discussion meetings every Saturday night at All Saints Church, Clarence Street in Corner Brook.

District 12 takes in the western area of Newfoundland, from Corner Brook, Bay Of Islands and Deer Lake north to southern Labrador, and has a total of 9 active groups. With meetings scheduled seven nights per week, in addition to the Sunday Morning and Wednesday noon meeting. We are down two meetings in the Corner Brook area due to low attendance.

The district continues our commitment to the Treatment Facility in Corner Brook with an active Committee and a group of dedicated volunteers, who host AA meetings within the facility every Tuesday and Thursday night. Our District has a Public Information / CPC Committee. The PI committee held a public meeting in Bay- Verte in April the meeting was well supported, and a group was started.

This year district 12 has the pleasure of hosting the Area 82 assembly Oct 13,14,15. With a round-up and AACYPAA participation. We have a assembly committee busy working to ensure a great weekend of service and fellowship. We look forward to a big turnout. Our District meetings are well attended.

District 12 is working hard to be of service in Western Newfoundland. I am very grateful for this opportunity to serve District 12. Yours in service and fellowship Alfred S.

District 14

Hi friends in sobriety my name is Tom G. DCM for district 14 Avalon area Newfoundland and Labrador.

We have 15 active groups in our district with one new group started in Clarenville area, but not registered yet.

Things are going good in our districts, we have a Detox centre in Harbour Grace called the Grace centre, group and members put off an AA meeting there every Tuesday night, and we sometimes take individuals out for meetings in our area.

We still have the U-TURNS drop-in center where there are AA meetings every Tuesday at noon, they also have other addictions meetings weekly, the address has changed for the U-Turn centre from powell ave. to 19 Commercial crescent ..

We have our annual AA Day coming up on July 14 th. We will be serving a Roast beef dinner at 6pm... We have only 100 tickets printed on our AA Day so buy early by contacting Tom G. @ 709-683-4863 or Wanda @ 709-765-6663 or most of the GSR's of district 14.

We have our annual Christmas dinner and dance scheduled for Dec 8th at Berry Heights with a live DJ Music.

There will be flyers sent out on both these occasions via emails to your GSR's.

yours in sobriety
Tom G.

District 15 Report October 18th-20th, 2018

District 15 is still active and dynamic. The theme of our Convention “AA – A SOLUTION FOR ALL GENERATIONS” is appropriate to our District. We are seeing an encouraging increase in the numbers of newer, younger members (plus some heartening successes with older “new” members as well). Our more experienced members are accepting the task of introducing these newcomers to the recovery program of AA while emphasizing our primary purpose.

District 15 comprises 35 groups, (holding a total of 41 meetings weekly) which are geographically constrained along a straight line connecting St Shott's on the Southern tip of the Avalon Peninsula to Kelligrews and then along Conception Bay to encompass the metropolitan areas of St John's, Mt Pearl, CBS and surrounding communities as well as the remainder of the Southern Shore back to Trepassey and St Shotts. Twenty-nine of these groups are either within or in close proximity to metropolitan St John's. Six outlying groups are thinly scattered along the Southern Shore and Conception Bay. One registered group is located within the local penitentiary while five meetings are held weekly within the local Recovery center. The meetings at the penitentiary and the Recovery Center are facilitated and overseen by our Institutions Committee. There is one dedicated Speaker meeting (Sunday morning) while two other groups conduct a monthly Speakers meeting. An informal initiative to try to get extra attendance to some of the remote groups within our District has shown some success and we hope to improve as we go forward. Our District meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month and are attended by an average of sixteen GSRs.

All District positions are filled. Our secretary and treasurer provide monthly reports while our Alternate DCM keeps the District updated on items of interest in the Grapevine as well as new literature / books available from GSO. We get a regular monthly activity report from CPC / PI Committee as well as an informal update from the St John's Intergroup. District 15 has a very active Institutions Committee which reports to District 15 and to the local St John's Intergroup. Funding to support the literature and activities of these committees comes jointly from District 15 and Intergroup through Group contributions with Intergroup shouldering the largest percentage of the costs. The CPC/PI committee has provided displays at numerous Health and Wellness shows (most recently at a Health Fair on Bell Island.

The committee has active contacts with labour unions, workplace EAP committees, senior's complexes, professionals and clergy. The committee provides speakers for the Drunk Driving Awareness program at Eastern Health as well as for all levels of our educational system. The committee is responsible for ads in most local papers, Metrobus signage, staff communications newsletters. They also provide literature to hospitals and have provided GSO approved PSA's to local radio and TV networks. The CPC / PI chair also attends the Addictions Treatment Services

Association (ATSA) as an observer. She does not vote on issues presented at this body, but the contact has generated many opportunities to further carry our message of recovery.

District 15 has been conducting monthly two hour Sharing Sessions / Workshops on topics which are pertinent to current issues within the local AA community. Attendance is usually in the 15 – 20 range. We used one of these workshops to address the 68th General Service Conference Agenda items as supplied to us by Tim M. to allow him to be better informed about the District 15 group conscience.

Many thanks to Jim P. and his outstanding committee for the work put into making the 53rd Assembly (October 6th to 8th, 2017) such a success. (Full report included)

Gerry W.
DCM, District 15

Archivist Report

My name is Jim P. and I am an alcoholic. I am also the archivist for Newfoundland and Labrador in Area 82. This past year has been a very interesting experience for me. From going through the archives and getting to know them to receiving new archival material from fellow members and making sure that the material is looked after properly.

I think it is important at this time to tell you that the archives are alive and well. We have struggled with the archives over the years to preserve them and get them to a place where they are acknowledged by the community. At our convention this spring I could really see the interest shared by many members around the displays. A lot of new members saw them for the first time and were amazed by the collection.

I was asked by a group member to check and see if I could find some information on the date his group had their first meeting. I spent a day going through the material. The date that I came up with was 1964 but the actual date was 1956. I was glad I put the time into that process because it made me realize how much material is really there. By the way in the coming weeks there will be another two totes added to the collection.

I know that our collective objective is for the archives to get digitized. I would like to say that I have spent a lot of time on this, but I haven't. I have realized over the past little while that I don't have the time that it would take to get this process completed or even started for that matter. All I can guarantee you at this time is that they will be looked after, and I will display them whenever possible. I have given our area treasurer a copy of the financial report for the past year and a half. Actual funds remaining in the budget for this year are \$1772.50.

I would like to thank you for your time and the chance to be involved with the archives.

Yours in service,

Jim P.

March 2018 Remote Communities Committee Area 82

Area 82 continues to take part in a teleconference every second Friday and we will soon be including the Muskrat Falls camps in this project. Currently we are averaging about 12 – 15 members at a meeting connecting people from Florida to the northern coast of Labrador. We are making plans to visit some of these areas this spring to put off some public meetings.

In early December our Area Delegate went to Lab City/ Wabush after he was contacted by a member looking for support and a little guidance. While he was there he attended a couple of meetings and spent Saturday afternoon giving reports and participating in a sharing session. It was agreed that the Area should video feed one of the Service Weekends to Labrador as they do have access to an awesome facility and would love to see and take part in the bigger picture. I am not sure if this is taking place. Tim also met the new G.S.R. from the Lab City Groups who is looking into attending the Service Weekend in St John's. It was a great weekend of fellowship and service. A.A. is alive and well in Lab City and Wabush. Early in the new year a group of 12 members from District 12 in our Area traveled to Baie Verte to put off a public meeting. Three people from that area showed up. Since then meetings are being held on Tuesday evenings at the school and they now have 6 people attending.

On May 12 members from District 12 in Corner Brook traveled to Plum Point to put off a public meeting at the request of a member from Bartlett's Hbr. Fliers were sent out to many communities on both sides of the Peninsula. Two members from the Northern Peninsula attended the meeting. There was discussion about starting a group in the Plum Point area and these members seemed quite enthusiastic about this idea. They will decide on the time and look into finding an appropriate location. We left them with some AA literature and offered to stay in touch and perhaps make another visit later in the summer.

I have since heard back from Bill M. In Bartlett's Harbor and they have secured a meeting place and will holding regular meetings on Fridays at 8 pm at the St. Barbe Development Association Office.

On the way back down the coast our group stopped in to visit with an elderly member who was once very active in the program and will be well remembered by many of our members both in NL and Nova Scotia. Wallace sends his regards to everyone. He was in great spirits and very happy to see us and to reminisce about the many wonderful Round-ups in Hawkes Bay.

In April Patrick Claymore, Coordinator for Accessibilities, Elder and Remote Community Chairs, shared some activity from the Conference, GSO, and Local Committees in this important service area. The working committee for Remote Communities, which encompasses all of Canada and Alaska, received a request from a member in the Military some months ago. The Coordinator and his staff were able to tell us that they are currently asking that AA members, who are also veterans or active duty members of the Armed Services, please share how the AA message was effectively carried to them and tell what barriers they faced in receiving the AA message. These shares can be sent to Patrick Claymore at access@aa.org

Patrick also provided an update on the project to produce new American Sign Language (ASL) translations of our books *Alcoholics Anonymous* and *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. The expressed need for these materials to be updated was heard and the decision was made to include members from the deaf community in the project.

It is important to be mindful of those people in our communities who once kept the doors open for us and now find themselves isolated and removed from their home groups because of age or infirmity. They are often among the suffering alcoholics who now are lonely and in need of help. By helping them we can also help ourselves and our groups by listening to the wisdom and experience that these individuals have to share. I would challenge all of us when we return to our home groups to check our group lists and see if there is anyone who hasn't been able to attend a meeting for a while. Quite often these individuals just quietly slip away, and we tend to forget about them. Maybe plan a visit. This is just another type of 12 step call.

Jane Broadbent District 12, Area 82

Area 82 Webmaster Report
Newfoundland Service Weekend
May 18 – 20, 2018

In opening I would like to thank Hal M for his fantastic training on the website prior to me taking it over. He did an excellent job of passing his experience along which allowed it to be a relatively trouble-free handover. I've only had to call him once!

Also, I would like to thank all of the district members for your patience, understanding and cheery emails as I get used to the job. Here are some updates on how the site is going so far in 2018:

Web Hosting Services

- Site domain name and hosting fees were paid for three years in 2016.
- Domain name fee is paid until October 20, 2019. 2016 rate was \$12.95 USD. No expense needed for 2018.
- Hosting fee is paid until November 20, 2019. 2016 rate was \$178.92 USD. No expense needed for 2018.

Website Visit Statistics

- 2018 Statistics (Jan – Apr): Average of 14,967 visits per month from 4,323 unique visitors.
- 2017 Statistics (Jan – Dec): Average of 9,936 visits per month from 5,879 unique visitors.

Website Setup and Content

- In February of 2018, Trudy (Secretary) passed on several requests from Area for changes updates and revisions to the site. These revisions have been completed.
- All content on site is current.
- Heading section added for information from GSO that will be updated as information is received.

Over 200 emails have been sent and received through the webmaster inbox so far this year.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or changes to the content or display of your district's information. Any requests for changes of the content or display of the overall site can be sent to Area representatives or me and I will forward it to Area for consideration.

Thanks again for the opportunity to be of service. Take care,

Matt D.

ALT. G.S.D. REPORT
Service Weekend 2018

Hello everyone my name is Kirk S. and I am an Alcoholic. I have the honor and privilege to serve as your ALT. GSD. in Area 82. I am a member of the Port Hawkesbury Group in N.S.

We started off 2018 by welcoming our new Webmaster Matt D. The transmission seemed to go quite well, as Hal [our past webmaster] helped Matt to step right in. Thanks Hal. Matt has been doing an excellent job of keeping the area 82 web page updated. thanks Matt.

All Districts seem to very active in Public Information and Corrections. The forwarding of there District minutes to me every month helps me to stay informed. Thank You.

G.S.O. is working on developing a new pamphlet focusing on the long-term incarcerated alcoholic who is soon to be released. They have also proposed to the 2018 Conference Committee, using the pamphlet

"The God Word" which is used in the United Kingdom for the Atheist/Agnostic. Also, a new pamphlet on The Three Legacies was proposed. Therefore, we have lots to watch for in the future.

Local P.I. committees also can go to AA.org. to link broadcasters to a page where all current videos and PSA's can be downloaded in HD broadcast quality without cost. Lots of radio adds are all around Area 82. Great job being done by all.

I would encourage everyone to sign up at GVDQ via email to receive a grapevine daily quote. It is a great way to start your day. Also, you can submit your AA story to www.aagrapevine.org/gvr [1]. The Grapevine is always looking for new stories.



[AA Grapevine](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

www.aagrapevine.org

Grapevine News. Here's what's new for April/May. Subscription Challenge: follow your state's progress ; Visit AAGRAPEVINE'S New Online Store; Introducing Grapevine's New Books

Area 82 Financial Report Jan 1 -May 17, 2018

Operational Account				
Opening Operational Ledger Balance Jan 1/18			\$	18,956.15
(Plus) Transfer from Prudent Reserve (Budget Top-up & Return Overpayment)			\$	9,177.85
Starting Operational Ledger Balance			\$	28,134.00
EXPENSES				
	Budgeted Amount (\$28,110.00)	Amount Distributed Against Budget	Actual Expenses Will Be Updated after Service Weekends	
GSO Conference	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,340.00	
GSD Expenses	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 1,001.09	
Alt. GSD Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,024.00	\$ 438.00	
Area Chair Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 646.04	
Secretary Expenses	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00		
Treasurer Expenses	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 657.91	
NL Archive Upkeep & Storage	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 416.00	
NL Archive Travel Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		
NS Archive Upkeep & Storage	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 165.36	
NS Archive Travel Expenses	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00		
Webmaster Assembly Travel	\$ 1,000.00			
NS/NL Area Active Committees	\$ 3,500.00			
GSO Guest	\$ 1,500.00			
Regional Forums/CERASSA	\$ 1,500.00			
Assembly Seed Money	\$ 1,000.00			
Misc	\$ 250.00			
Bank Charges	\$ 60.00	\$ 32.25	\$ 32.25	
Total	\$ 28,050.00			
(MINUS) Total Disbursed Funds		\$ 19,596.25		\$ 19,596.25
OPERATIONAL LEDGER BALANCE (May 17)				
(Starting Operational Ledger Balance minus Total Disbursed Funds)				\$ 8,537.75
OPERATIONAL LEDGER BALANCE BREAKDOWN				
Operational Account Balance (May 17)			\$	10,737.75
(PLUS) Cash on Hand (May 17)			\$	-
(MINUS) Outstanding Cheques (May 17)			\$	2,200.00
Total			\$	8,537.75
			\$	8,537.75

Area 82 Financial Report Jan 1 -May 17, 2018 (cont'd)

Prudent Reserve Account

Opening Prudent Reserve Account Balance Jan. 1	\$ 15,437.54
(PLUS) Group Contributions Jan. 1 to May 17	\$ 14,436.22
(PLUS) Area Officer Unused Expense Advance Returns	\$ 3,030.23
(PLUS) Interest	\$ 9.93
(MINUS) Transfer to Operational Account (Budget Top Up)	\$ 9,177.85
Prudent Reserve Account Balance May 17	\$ 23,736.07

Operational Account Cheque Ledger

REASON FOR CHEQUE	WRITTEN TO	DATE	Number	Amount
Conference Contribution	GSO	07-Jan	1	\$ 2,100.00
GSD Expense Advance	GSD	07-Jan	2	\$ 4,300.00
Alt GSD Expense Advance	Alt GSD	07-Jan	3	\$ 2,000.00
Area Secretary Expense Advance	Area Secretary	07-Jan	4	\$ 2,300.00
Area Treasurer Expense Advance	Area Treasurer	07-Jan	5	\$ 2,100.00
NL Archives Upkeep and Expense Advance	NL Archives	07-Jan	6	\$ 2,200.00
NS Archives Upkeep and Expense Advance	NS Archives	07-Jan	7	\$ 2,300.00
Area Chair Expense Advance	Area Chair	07-Jan	8	\$ 2,000.00
2017 Advance Return Overpayment	Alt. GSD	22-Jan	9	\$ 24.00
Additional Conference Contribution	GSO	22-Jan	10	\$ 240.00
Total of Cheques Written				\$ 19,564.00
Bank Fees				\$ 32.25
Total Expense				\$ 19,596.25

Account Balances - AREA 82 NS/NL

18 May 2018

	USD	CAD
Chequing/Savings		
Operational		10,737.75
Prudent Reserve		23,736.07
Total:		34,473.82

Yours in Service,

Dwayne MacD.
Treasurer, Area 82, NS/NL