

AREA 82 NS/NL ASSEMBLY
OCT. 9TH, 10TH & 11TH CORNERBROOK NL,
Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service-The Foundation for Our Future

Friday Oct. 9^t 7:00pm Area Officers/D CM. Meeting

7.30pm NL Archivist Presentation

Sat. Oct. 10th Remarks/Introductions/12 Tradition/Sympathies/MŽss10n Statement

Minutes of 2014 NS/NL Assembly Read

Approval of Agenda

D.C.M. Reports Past

Delegates Address G.

SO Guest Address:

10 30am Coffee Break

10:50am Treasures Report Alt.G.S.D.

Report

G.S.D Report

12:00 pm LUNCH

1:30pm AAYPAA/MCYPAA Report

Remote Communities Report

Accept All Reports

2:00pm ROLL CALL [all must be present]

2:30pm Business Arising from the 2014 Minutes: 1. Video Conferencing

2. C.E.R.A A.S.A.

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3:00pm Coffee Break

3:15pm NEW BUSINESS

1 Area 82 Website/Domain payment

2 Viability of NF becoming its own Area

3. Prudent Reserve Increase

4. M.C.P.A A. Host for 2016 5

N S. Provincial Roundup Host

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4:45pm SUPPER/Banquet

SUNDAY

9:00am

Opening

8:30pm Continue With New Business Items

9:00am Completé the Agenda Items and Close 2015 Assembly

Nova Scotia\ Newfoundland Assembly
D.C.M & Area Officers Meeting Agenda
Celebrating 80 Years of Recover, Unity and Service-The Foundation for Our Future

1. Open Meeting with 30 Seconds / Serenity Prayer
2. Welcome/Introductions
3. 12 Traditions
4. Treasurer Report
5. Roll Call
6. Review Agenda
7. Close Meeting

Area 82 Nova Scotia/Newfoundland and Labrador
51st Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous
October 9-11, 2015, Corner Brook, NL

Friday, October 9th, 2015

Call to Order/Welcome 7:00 P.M.
Area Officers/DCMS Meeting

Chairperson, Kirk S. called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Kirk welcomed all in attendance, with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Introductions Area officers and DCMS

Chairperson- Kirk S., GSD- Boyd B., Alt. GSD- Tim M., Treasurer- Tom R., Sec/Registrar- Tony D., GSO Guest Tracey O.

DCMS: District 1- Fred D., District 2- Trudy D., District 3- Barry L., District 4- Don B., District 5- Robert C., District 6- Terry H., District 7-Ray E, District 8- Dwayne M., District 9- Albert D., District 10- Kathy SC., Alt. DCM District 12- Alfred S. , District 13- Eldon C., District 15- Jim P., District 17- Jeff S., Districts 11 & 16- No DCMS, District 14Jeff B. & District 12- Jane B. (Regrets)

12 Traditions read by Kathy SC.

2014 minutes were read by Tony D. 2 corrections- Item #6 Regional Forum for 2017 should read 2018 and Albert D. DCM district 9 stated his last initial is D not B. Motion to accept the minutes with corrections made by Albert D. and 2nd by Barry L. All in favor and the minutes were passed.

Treasurer Report: enclosed

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Roll Call: Active Groups

District 1- (28), District 2- (18), District 3- (12), District 4- (7), District 5- (8), District 6- (10), District 7- (14), District 8- (14), District 9- (21), District 10- (8), District 11- (7), District 12- (11), District 13- (4), District 14- (12), District 15- (34), District 16- (7), District 17- (6). Total Active Groups: (221).

Kirk S. Chairperson reviewed Assembly Weekend agenda. Under old business add #3 NL Archives storage lack of Invoice, New business add #8 Discussion of Area budget and travel expenses.

Discussion of a situation happening in the Port Aux Basque area. Older members of some of the groups are not allowing a very young person to attend closed meetings. They believe he is not an Alcoholic. What can we do to help make the situation better? Tracey O. (GSO Guest) suggested that the GSD hold a special forum to discuss the matter. Also he could talk to the members and try to mediate the situation. The GSD said that he would follow up and see what can be done.

Kirk S. Chairperson closed the meeting at 9:45pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

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5.N.S. Provincial Roundup Host

6.Approve Area Guidelines as amended

7 *Proposed Budget 2016

4: 15pm Short meeting between Alt. GSD. Corrections and PICPC reps.

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8:30pm Continue With New Business Items

SUNDAY

9:00am Complete the Agenda Items

10:00am Corrections Presentations-short speaker from world conference.

10:45am Close 2015 Assembly.

Saturday, October 10th 2015

9:00 am Kirk S. Chairperson opened the meeting with a few minutes of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Introductions of Area 82 DCMS & Area Officers:

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

Mission Statement was read by GSD Boyd B. He also read from page S20 of the service manual. (Enclosed)

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Review of Agenda- Under old business add #3 NL Archives storage lack of Invoice, New business add #8 Discussion of Area budget and travel expenses. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Boyd B. and seconded by Phil B. Motion passed unanimously.

D.C.M. Reports are attached (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,13,14,15, & 17). Regrets 11 and 16.

Housekeeping and announcements- Reminder to all groups to be present for roll call. If you are not present when your groups name is called, then your group loses their vote for the business matters.

Coffee Break

11:05 am- HAPPY BIRTHDAY to RhondaM.!!

Past Delegates Address:

Sonny S. past Delegate Panel 47 stated that he sees things are getting a lot better as seen in the DCM reports. He also hopes to attend more meetings while in Corner Brook.

GSO Guest Address:

Tracey O. welcomed all new GSRs. She is now on the CPC desk and talked about what is happening in the GSO offices. Groups can access assistance through email and phone call inquiries. Every group is autonomous but GSO can help groups handle situations with their shared experience in similar matters. There are lots of resources at GSO and encouraged members to call anytime. She also explained that she is a voting member at the Conference.

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A question was asked about why the coffee bill was so high at the NL Service weekend. Answer- the committee had to guarantee a certain amount of coffee over the weekend and then got the meeting rooms for free. A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Dave C. and seconded by Boyd B. Approved unanimously.

Alt. Delegate Report: See report attached

Tim M. gave his Alternate General Service Delegate report.

Lunch- Remember please do not smoke at the front door.

General Service Delegate Report: See report attached

Boyd B. gave his General Service Delegate report

Active Committee reports: See report attached.

1. Remote Committee report: Mike Y. read Murdo's report. Conference calls have been successful so far with good attendance. They are working on trying to bring Labrador into the fold yet unfortunately there is no representation from District 16 at this Assembly.
2. A.A.C.Y.P.A.A: Jim P. read a report from A.A.C.Y.P.A.A.

Motion made by Terry P. and seconded by John H. to accept all reports. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call'

Tony D. Secretary conducted the Roll Call of the group's attendance with the following results.

District 1- 9 out of 28 District 7-9 out of 14 District 13- 1 out of 4

District 2- 3 out of 18 District 8-0 out of 14 District 14- 5 out of 12

District 3- 9 out of 12 District 9-5 out of 21 District 15- 9 out of 34

District 4- 1 out of 7 District 10- 4 out of 8 District 16-0 out of 7

District 5-0 out of 8 District 11- 2 out of 7 District 17-4 out of 6

District 6- 3 out of 10 District 12- 8 out of 11

Total 221 Groups, 73 GSRS present, 5 Area Officers, 15 DCMS = 93 Votes

Business arising from the 2014 minutes:

1. Video Conferencing- Tom R. made a motion to scrap anymore research into Video conferencing. 89 for the motion and 4 against. Minority voice was heard and revote taken. 65 for and 18 against. Motion passed.
2. 2017 C.E.R.A.A.S.A. (co-host with Area 81) — Tim M. talked about the conference which will be held in Moncton 2017. He will be passing names of people willing to help from our Area to their committee.
3. Eastern Canadian Regional Forum- Boyd B. stated that we have to wait our turn in the rotation until 2028 before we can bid to host a forum.

Coffee Break

New Business:

1. Website Domain Payment- Tim M. made a motion to pay 2 years at \$168.70. Seconded by Bob M. Some discussion followed. Bob called the question. Passed unanimously. Vote 87 in favor- 0 against. Motion passed.
2. NL viability of becoming its own Area- Jim P. read a letter then made a motion to keep NL a part of Area 82. Seconded by Tony. 86 for the motion- 2 opposed Minority voice was heard and no one wished to change their vote. Motion carried.
3. Prudent Reserve increase- Tom R. motioned to increase the Prudent Reserve to \$13,000.00 over the next few years. Seconded by Bob. Much discussion followed. A question was asked why raise it? Tim replied that the donations are not guaranteed and comes in dribs and drabs so we should have a larger prudent reserve. Tony called the question, 86 in favor. Vote taken 85 in favor- 4 opposed- 2 abstentions. Rescinded after more discussion that we could increase it to \$13,000.00 now instead of over time. Tom R. motioned to raise it now. Seconded by Samaira G. 89 in favor- 2 opposed. No minority voice wanted to speak. Motion passed.
4. MCYPAA Host 2016- Jim P. talked on the importance and benefits of holding this event to both young and young at heart. Other people offered their opinions. Districts 3 & 4 are interested in hosting it together.
5. 2016 Provincial Roundup location- District 6 will host the 2016 Provincial round up.
6. Guidelines Amendments- Tim M. reviewed the amendments. Tony made a motion to accept all amendments. Dave C. seconded. All in favor.

Supper Break for Round up Banquet

7. Budget 2015- Proposed budget was presented by Tom R. Line by line approval. Total budget approved for \$26,560.00 for 2016. Motion to approve made by Tim M. and seconded by Racquel R. 2 opposed and 2 abstentions. Motion carried.
8. Discussion of Area budget and travel expenses- questions were asked about why we have a service weekend in NL and NS when we cannot vote on anything there. Is this a waste of AA money? Comments were made that the experience in service for the people attending is priceless. You cannot put a price on the spiritual experience we have attending the service weekends and assemblies. Maybe we could look at having 2 Assemblies a year, one in each province, and eliminate the service weekends to maximize the productivity at the meetings.
9. NL Archives Storage- U-Haul does not like to give Invoices. Maybe we can change storage places. After the Assembly Ross did get a cheque from Area and paid U-Haul. They did provide an invoice at that time. More to follow in NL Service weekend.

Sunday, October 11th 2015

Tim M. did a Corrections Presentation. It was an Audio clip from the World Conference in Atlanta Georgia. The speaker was an inmate from a US prison. Tim told us that he was currently serving time and was escorted from his prison cell to the conference and then right back to his cell afterwards. He was not allowed any contact with anyone at the Conference. It was a very powerful message and when you factor in his circumstances as you listen to his story it was even more powerful. A great presentation thanks Tim!

Spiritual Meeting

The closing meeting was a speaker meeting. Matt M. from Truro shared his experience, strength and hope with us. It was very thoughtful and honest. A wonderful way to end the weekend.

Assembly Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador October 9, 10,
& 11 2015 District 1 Report

First I would like to welcome all Area Executive, District Members, GSRs, and members. It is a great honor to be here and to have such a great team of members from District 1.

We share our four sub-committees with District 2. I will speak on two of them today.

CPC Committee

1. Chair Robert R and Co-Chair Don R.
2. They hold regular committee meetings.
3. They put on a presentation at Dalhousie University for nursing students that the nurses really enjoyed.
4. A presentation for the Archdeacons in District 1 & 2 is in the works.
5. They are also putting on a workshop on CPC in November for Districts 1 & 2.

Corrections Committee

1. Chair Raquel R and Co-Chair Carol-Anne D. and team.
2. They coordinate submitting applications for clearance into the correctional facility for members who volunteer to put on meetings.
3. Regular meetings are held for both the women's and men's side of the facility. Committee makes sure their members attend every meeting, coordinating with the facility staff.

2015 feels like the most active year for our committees in recent memory. Thank-you for all your planning, enthusiasm, and dedication!

Executive Committee

1. Alt. DCM John has filled to chair the District meeting when I could not make it.
2. Treasurer Samaria G coordinates paying for literature and other expenses from the committees and does a fine job keeping our financial records.
3. Secretary Barb M does a great job of taking meeting minutes, distributing, and notifying GSRs of notices.

Please take the time to look at our minutes because there is a lot of information from the entire committee and sub-committees.

To all of them I would like to say thank you for making my life at the district so much easier. In closing I would like to say thanks for my sobriety and allowing me to be the DCM of District # 1. We know we are doing our part to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Yours In Love and Services FRED D.

District 2 Report October 10, 2015

Hello all,

My name is Trudy and I am an Alcoholic. I have the honor of serving District 2 as the DCM. We have 18 groups and 1 meeting in our district. The groups range in location from Sheet Harbour to Enfield and hold 28 meetings a week. My Alternate DCM Cathy M. and I have been working at creating a feeling of inclusion for our groups and have been successful in increasing attendance at our monthly district meeting. Our Treasurer is Phil B. and Secretary Richard H. I am very lucky to have such great people on the District 2 team. Thank You to them for their time and effort in our District.

As you have already heard from Fred in the District 1 report we share 4 Committees between Districts 1 and 2. I will speak to the Treatment Facilities Committee and the Public Information Committee.

Treatment Facilities Committee

1. Chair Darren S and Co-Chair Bruce. They have brought this committee back to life with their efforts in 2015 after inconsistencies in recent years.
2. They manage a formalized schedule for meetings at the Addictions and Mental Health facility (a.k.a. Detox). This includes Sunday and now Thursday night meetings for the clients. This includes reminding groups of meeting obligations ahead of time (only 1 no-show in 2015).
3. Women members put on regular weekly meetings for clients of the Marguerite Center.
4. Next they are trying to start a meeting at the Abby Lane Hospital in Halifax.

Public Information Committee

1. Chair Jamie Q and Co-Chair Bill P have been holding regular committee meetings.
2. They have worked with Halifax Transit to get AA signs including the AA phone and website address on major routes in HRM.
3. They had distributed stamps to each group with the phone number and web site address so when people pick up literature they will see this.
4. They put on a workshop in the spring on Public Information.
5. Planning to deliver packages of A.A. material to select Dr. Offices so they can have A.A. material available in their waiting areas or lobbies. They will work with the groups in the District to distribute.

As Fred has said our committees have been hard at work throughout 2015. They are enthusiastic and dedicated to getting the AA message to everyone who wants it.

We also share a Central Service Committee with the Telephone, Website, Newsletter, Hospital Visitation, Literature, Entertainment and Mid-Winter Roundup Committees working hard to carry the AA message to our districts.

In closing I would like to thank District 2 for allowing me the opportunity to Serve and grow in this position. In June at the Service weekend I said 'I know it will be an experience that will enrich my Sobriety and teach many others Patience and Tolerance! Halfway through this 2 year term I can say I am enriched 10 fold and others have become saints in the patience category!!!

Yours in Love and Service, Trudy D. DCM District 2

District 03 DCM Report

Currently, the district is healthy, have much the same problems as other districts, location, poor attendance, and insurances for meeting locations.

We currently have 12 functioning groups within our district from Clementsport to Gasperrau. We have one group that is dormant and two "Woman's Meetings". The District meeting is held the third Sunday of each month with 1 hour allocated for education and an hour for the service work. Generally attended by 80-90% of the groups most of the time.

We provide support weekly to the Detox centre in Middleton on Wednesday Night and to the Crosbie House in New Minas on Tuesday nights. CPC/PI is active they have been going out to schools when requested. Also a poster was done up a while ago with meeting locations, can be seen at Middleton, COGS and Digby Colleges, area Churches and other locations. Al-Anon literature has been distributed as well to many of these locations. The AA phone line number is now showing on the Kings Transit buses. CPC/PI have begun going into the area schools.

Areas for we are currently trying to address:

Attendance issues, Insurance cost, Getting people into Service work

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DCM District 03

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DCM Report October 9th. 2015

Good morning everyone:

My name is Don B and I am an alcoholic. It feels good to be sober.

Through the spirituality of the program, hard work, and good supportive friends that I met in the rooms of AA, I am honored to be here today in this lovely, friendly place of Cornerbrook NL. in service and having the position of DCM for District 4. I had only been alt DCM for 6 months and due to the sudden death of our previous DCM Ernest S. I was elected 2 weeks ago to take his place. group updates: District 4 has 7 active AA groups in Digby, Meteghan, Clare, Yarmouth and Amirault's Hill. Meetings in Yarmouth are held 7 days per week. Steps and traditions meetings are held in Yarmouth every Friday and Sunday night, as well as Step Meetings and Big Book Study Monday and Thursday in Digby. On Wednesday nights, District 4 also hosts a meeting at the Yarmouth Hospital Detox Unit. All the groups in the District rotate and take turns to host the meetings in an inpatient setting. District 4 also has a monthly Newsletter. In the past two months, low attendance had been a problem for some of the groups in our District. Attendance in most of our groups has increased. This is great news.

The Roundup Committee, as well as the District Meetings, are held at the end of each month. To date, they have been well attended.

The 37th Annual Lighthouse Round Up will take place in Yarmouth on November 13th, 14th, 15th 2015. If anybody would like more information on this event, there are some flyers available at the registration table.

Yours Service,

Don B.

October 10, 2015

Good morning Friends,

My name is Robert and am an alcoholic

I am representing Distract 5 which of 8 groups that hold meetings on a regular basis in Amherst, Springhill, Parrsboro, Wentworth end Oxford area.

We also hold 2 meetings a week at the Springhill detox for individuals who care to start a new way of life.

We also attend one meeting a week at the Springhill Institution and several of our members also attend meetings at Westmorland Institute in Dorchester NB.

Unfortunately, our group in Springhill had to cancel one of their 2 meetings in Springhill due to low attendance and one non registered meeting which was held in Amherst on Thursday evening also had to be cancelled for the same reason.

It is my pleasure to be with you here today, and I am looking forward to a productive weekend with all of you.

Thank you all for being here today for my sobriety,

Yours in Service

Robert B

DCM District 5

Area 82 DCM Report Oct 9, 10,11 2015

The first Thing I'd like to say is thank you to District 12 for hosting this weekend. District 6 continues to function with a good turnout at the district level. We continue to get business done. Everyone enjoyed a much deserved break from district since we had no meetings in July or August.

While we were enjoying this break, the round up committee was busy finalising the plans for the annual District 6 midsummer roundup. Attendance was up this year which is always a good thing.

I attended the Spring Area meeting in Truro it is interesting to see business conducted in another area. The same old topics are always coming up money attendance etc. I did enjoy the meetings but those dorm beds are brutal for an old guy w arthritis.

Our PI Committee put on a very successful workshop with the local services, doctors and other professionals. They were truly carrying the AA message.

I managed to get to a few meetings in the district but need to attend more however with my average distance being 50 KM it's a long evening by the time I get home.

All in All, I feel District 6 is healthy and holding their own we have donations from groups strong and attendance at District is solid.

SERVICE IS THE GLUE THAT HOLDS AA TOGETHER

In Service

Terry H DCM District 6 Area 82

Good Morning Friends,

My name is Ray E. I am presently the DMC for District 7 which consists of Eastern Nova Scotia and Port Hawksbury in Cape Breton.

District 7 has 14 groups and hold our monthly GSR meetings on the 3rd Sunday of each month followed by a workshop.

Public relations is busy with radio announcements, getting information into doctors offices and around the district. Weekly meetings are put on at the Local Detox Unit every Sunday at 2:30 pm in Pictou.

One group from Truro helps put meetings on at the detox and we would like to thank them for their help. We would also like to thank two groups from Antigonish for their help.

Since the opening of the Priestville Institution in Pictou Co., Hugh Cameron has been the liaison between AA and the institution. He has reached out to the members of AA to see who would be willing to be cleared to go to the jail and put on meetings. There is now AA meetings going on, they started September 2, 2015. They are currently being held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. The meetings will continue to be held on Wednesdays, however the time may be changed. The clearance does take some time. After receiving clearance members need to go to the facility for a meeting with a security guard before attending AA meetings. The institution is very receptive to the idea of AA going in to help the inmates understand AA and how it can help them.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for allowing me the honour as DCM in area 82 Thank You,

Ray E

Report to the Area 82 Assembly
Oct. 10, 2015

My name is Dwayne, and I'm an alcoholic. I have the honour of representing District 8 as DCM for this two-year rotation. It is very humbling to hold this position, following the amazing service people who have come from district 8.

Prior to each monthly business meeting, we hold a workshop on a Concept or Tradition. The members present read the long form of the Concepts from the service manual, and the Traditions from the Twelve and Twelve, and then a discussion takes place. We are very blessed to have many long-time members who are still very active in service and who have the gift of being able to impart the knowledge they have gained in many years of AA Service to the other members.

District 8 covers the Counties of Inverness, Richmond, and Victoria in Cape Breton. The district is made up of 14 groups who host 17 meetings, both speaker and discussion, weekly. AA meetings are available in the district 7 days per week. In addition to our home groups, members of District 8 also take part in an amazing intergroup discussion meeting on Sunday Mornings at the Strait Serenity Club with members of District 7. Many of the District 8 groups, as well as the Port Hawkesbury Group, from District 7, hold an institutional meeting each Monday at the Strait Richmond Hospital Detox, as well.

The groups in our district are small in membership, but all groups are very supportive of one another, with members travelling to outside meetings, and guest groups hosting on a regular basis.

Our most remote group is the Cabot Group, in Neil's Harbour on the Cabot Trail. Winter months are very hard on the group, as travel to, and from the group can be very treacherous. We try to organize a few trips every summer with a van load of members to support their group, and share the AA fellowship. We are hoping to make another trip this year before the winter weather closes in.

The New Hope Group have moved from their location in Louisdale to the Riverdale Community Centre, in Lower River. This group hosts another of those amazing discussion meetings, well attended by members of all groups in the area.

Our District had the great honour of hosting the 50th Nova Scotia Provincial Roundup this June. This was the first roundup hosted by the district in a generation. A great committee of members pulled off a wonderful Roundup. Long Timers from districts 7, 8 and 9, as well as Al Anon members, were a wealth of knowledge and support to the committee. We definitely wouldn't have done it without their support. The committee themselves were a group of dedicated servants that refused to let any setback slow them down, and the resulting roundup bore the fruit of their labours. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each member of that committee, as well as the volunteers that seemed to appear from nowhere on the weekend of the roundup, all of who worked so hard to make it happen, and who spent the actual weekend working to make sure it went off without any...too many hitches, rather than fully enjoying the meetings, and fellowship. The roundup covered itself financially, and there are still some 50th anniversary shirts being sold at roundups around the province. The NSCC Strait Campus turned out to be a wonderful venue, and after a few years of rest, we may consider taking another crack at it.

I am happy to report to the Area that District 8 is in good shape. AA is alive and well from Neil's Harbour to L'ardoise.

Yours in Service,
Dwayne MacD.
DCM District 8.

DCM Report from District 10 for Assembly in Corner Brook Nfld.

Hello everyone, my name is Kathy S.C. and I am an alcoholic. It is again my privilege to represent District 10 as their DCM here at this assembly in Newfoundland. District 10 covers a large area stretching from the Chester area right through to the Shelburne area. We have 8 active groups in our district with a meeting, sometimes two, per day, and I am pleased to say that all these groups are doing well. We also have three meetings in our area. A Monday noon meeting that has been going on now for several years, a men's step study meeting and also a woman's step study meeting, both of these meet on Monday evenings, and both are well attended and liked in our area. We would like to invite anyone travelling down in our area to come and take in a meeting with us.

Our District meetings are held on the last Sunday of the month with about 95% attendance from the elected GSR's and their alternates. I am extremely lucky in having people who show a keen interest in service work and with the encouragement of longtimers in our district we are strong and try to uphold to the Traditions as best we can. We are continuing to study the principles at each district meeting, and sometimes it proves to be a challenge for the GSR's and alternates to find the deeper meaning to those principles and why we place them always before personalities.

At the service weekend I reported we were without a PI chairperson, I am very pleased to report today that Bill A., my alternate DCM, has stepped into that position, as he puts it, he has his toe in so far. Bill has reconstructed our meeting cards, making them easier to read and acknowledging whether the meetings are open or closed or wheel chair accessible. Bill's approach to public information is more personal promotion rather than attraction, so he is trying to set up appointments with people in authority positions, so that he may promote our program and explain how it worked for him and how it has saved the lives of countless alcoholics, including each and every one of us here today. As Bill would put it, it is all about the relationship and the communication we have with these people, and to try to better inform them of our program and how it works.

Also at the service weekend I reported that we were considering going from a land line to the use of a cell phone for our AA hotline in our district. We have since purchased a cell phone and we have elected Pat R. as our phone chairperson. Along with trying to learn the in's and out's of the phone, Pat is establishing a phone committee, so the phone can be passed from one committee member to another on a rotation basis. Pat is also compiling names and numbers that will assist those who are answering the phone. This is all a learning process for us, but we are determined to make it work and to make it an efficient way to help the suffering alcoholic or just someone who needs information concerning district 10.

Events in our district are always well attended, such as our annual May Day, held on May 16th of this year. We had 193 people registered for this event and hope to continue to put this event on for many years to come. May Day is always a success not only for the people who attend, but to those— who give of their time and are always there to volunteer to make the day the success that it is. We have also held bowling parties, barbeques and picnics —fun, food and fellowship, what more can one ask. We also will celebrate Halloween with some costumes and, of course, we will be holding our Christmas party on Dec 19th with a special visit from our own little elves and if we are lucky enough we may get a visit from Santa himself.

We are very proud to house the Area 82 archives in Dist. 10 and our members seem quite keen in the history of our fellowship and how and who just made it possible for us to enjoy our sobriety today. At the LaHave group once a month we have history night and this is always well attended and enjoyed.

We have no Bridging the gap program in our area, but with our phone committee we are forming a twelve step committee, made up of individuals who are willing to help whenever there should be a need for a twelve step call.

Although we have lost some of our longtime members recently District 10 remains strong and it is my privilege to serve this district and the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. See you all at the Service Weekend this upcoming June.

Yours in Service
Kathy S.C.

DCM Report

October 10, 2015

District 12

Hello, my name is Alfred S and I am an alcoholic I'm the Alternate 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 91 Clarence Street in Corner Brook. Our DCM, Jane B, is unable to attend this assembly, and I gratefully submit this report, and humbly represent our district on her behalf.

First, on behalf of District 12, it is an honour and a privilege to be hosting the Area 82. Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador Assembly and Round Up here in Corner Brook. We wish that all participants enjoy the weekend and take home good memories and strengthened sobriety. Also, we look forward to hosting the spring Area 82, 2016 Newfoundland and Labrador Service Weekend. Details will be announced when the planning starts and our volunteers in service are ready to go again after this weekend.

I'd like to express my appreciation to the fellowship of AA, my fellow district committee members and of the program itself. My involvement in service has brought me many rewards in recovery from alcoholism.

District 12 is financially healthy and we have good representation from GSR's at our monthly meetings. Our District meetings are held the first Thursday of every month.

District 12 takes in the western area of Newfoundland, from Corner Brook and Deer Lake north to southern Labrador, and has a total of 11 active groups.

Our groups in the Corner Brook/Deer Lake have meetings scheduled seven nights per week, in addition to a Sunday Morning and a Wednesday noon meeting.

The district continues our commitment to the Treatment Facility here in Corner Brook with an active Treatment Facility Committee and a group of dedicated volunteer members who host AA meetings within the facility every Tuesday and Thursday night.

Overall, our district continues to experience lower attendance for all meetings, and we face similar challenges to encourage members to become involved in service. Our District Committee consistently reminds members of the benefits of service work, and try to encourage individual members to get involved.

District 12 is functioning and communicating very well as we continue to be of service to the fellowship in Western Newfoundland.

Your humble servant,

Alfred S

Alternate DCM — District 12

District Committee Member Report

AREA 94, District 13

for: 2015 Alcoholic Anonymous Fall Assembly & Roundup.

My name is Eldon and I am an alcoholic. I am the DCM for District 13, Area 84 of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Our AA area has 5 groups and 11 meetings a week, in four different communities of our area. We have lost a group in the Bay D'Espoir area, but gained a new group in the Windsor portion of Grand Falls-Windsor. We have also had some interest shown in the Lewisporte area. This will be followed up by the Gander Care and Share group.

Our District committee has gone through some personnel changes over the past year, but is still active and committed to carrying the message of Alcoholic Anonymous.

Yours in Service

Eldon C

**District 14 D.C.M. Report:
Area 82
Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador Fall Assembly**

"Celebrating 80 years of Recovery, Unity and Service — The Foundation for our future",

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Good day friends my name is Jeff B— and I am an Alcoholic, I am the District Committee Member for district 14 (Avalon Placentia, Newfoundland). On behalf of District 14 it is an honor to the trusted servant for district 14.

Over all Districts 14 is doing very well. District 14 covers a large geographic area, which makes it harder to commute to meetings through-out our district. In the past number of year's, we have been doing different functions, with-in our district like it's Annual A.A. Day and Annual Christmas Parties and we rotate our District meetings to try and bring unity among groups in our district.

District 14 has 12 active groups with-in our district. District 14 Meeting list have been revised this past February 2015 and you can either get a copy from registration desk or visit area82.org

On July 11th District 14 had its annual A.A. Day with al-anon participation, I would like to add that on behalf of District 14 it was a great honor to see the Newfoundland & Labrador Archives on display at our A.A. Day. We had a great day filled with meetings, food, music and the best of all the fellowship.

On Nov 28th District 14 will be having its 5th Annual Christmas Party; this year we are serving turkey dinners with dessert. With the great turnout, at last year's Christmas party we have decided to sell tickets to make sure we will have enough turkey for everyone. Tickets are just \$15.00 with only 100 tickets printed. So come out to Holvrod this November 28th to help us kick off this Christmas Season, with great food, fellowship, 2 speakers who will share their experience, strength and hope in both A.A. and Al/anon. flyers available at registration desk, and will be on the area 82 web page in near future.

Yours in recovery and service; Jeff B —

Good Morning

~~Hello~~ My name is Jim P— and I am an alcoholic. I am the DCM for District 15 of Area 82. District 15 consists of 34 groups, 28 of which are in the St. Johns - Mount Pearl area where members have the privilege of going to a meeting every night if they wish. Then we have six groups which are outside the city consisting mostly of long timers who keeping the doors open for the alcoholic who still suffers. On occasion these groups have very low attendance. We cannot forget about these groups and it is vital that we involve them in our District functions, and attend their meetings when it is possible to do so. After all we are still responsible for the alcoholic who still suffers. We have very good attendance at our District meetings. Yith over half the GSR's in attendance at any given time. In the past little we had some issues with groups looking for new meeting places because of issues with overcrowding. This issue is being dealt with within the groups and will work itself out soon.

District 15 is in the process of putting off a sharing session in November (Safety in the Meeting Place) is the topic. Workshops and sharing sessions are vital in educating ourselves on aspects of the program that should be so important to us all.

At recent conventions and service weekends we have seen a good sample of our archives. Thanks to area and ~~and group funding~~ ^{service section committees forming} we can now travel throughout the island and present our archives like they should be.

We have our support committees CPC-PI, Institutions and Bridging the Gap. These committees do some wonderful work in the community. They meet with Doctors, Nurses and have luncheons with professional people. They

put off drunk driving speaker's meetings at Howard House. They also have meetings at the Recovery Center and at Her Majesties Penitentiary and I can go on.

Finally, unity is such a major part of our program. It is great to be here with all of you this weekend. To be able to share in each other's sobriety.

Thank you,

Jim P—
DCM
District 15

District 17 report for the business meeting of 2015

Good everyone my name is Jeffrey S and I am an alcoholic. Being a Dcm for district 17 I am representing west Hants county and Wolfville which make up six registered groups they include Brooklyn fresh start in three mile pains, Hantsport, St. Crox, Windsor Brooklyn in Windsor and Wolfville. Although there are some meetings in the area which total ten some are seasonal.

All our groups support each other in attendance fellowship, service and unity, offering a warm welcome to all. Our round up was a success thanks to all that attended.

District 17 groups continue to share with district three in meetings on at the two addictions -treatment facilities Crosbie house on Tuesday evenings, and addiction services in Middleton on Wednesday nights.

John B is subbing as the alt dcm with Gary O as the treasurer, Diane H is our sect with Peter C handling the webmaster and meetings list responsibility our newsletter editor and Paul B is representing institutions our pi & cpc position is still not filled but Peter is still looking after it for now, our groups have been trying to stock books and pamphlets for all who need them.

Our cell phone number is 902 (90-6066) and is being passed from member to member every so often and is still on Canada 411 white & yellow pages as Alcoholics Anonymous with twenty eight calls this year so far.

Area 82 Financial Statement

May 09, 2015 - October 05, 2015

Opening Balance		\$20,216.84
		\$ 9,448.71
Deposits		
Group Contributions	\$ 5,214.07	
District Contributions		
NS Central Service Contributions	\$ 1,000.00	
Proceeds from NL Service Weekend	588.00	
Proceeds from NS Service Weekend	865.00	
AACYPA 2015	\$ 1,550.00	
Return Budget from Remote Communities	231.64	
Total	\$ 9,448.71	\$ 29,665.55

Expenses

Cheque #349Clarenville Inn Archivist Travel	248.60	
Cheque #350Clarenville Inn Coffee bill	560.80	
Cheque #345Michael C. Hosp.Ste.Cont/Atl Int Conf	150.00	
Cheque #347Boyd B. - Delegate Office Expenses	500.00	
Cheque #348John C. - Remote Communities	40.00	uncleared
Bank Fees	20.83	

Total \$ 1,520.23

Closing Balance \$ 28,145.32 Less uncleared Cheques 40.00

Total Operating Funds \$ 28,185.32

Prudent Reserve \$ 10,009.12

Please note: Contributions to Area 82 should include the following:

- 1) Group name and service number
- 2) District number * *very important if you want a receipt* *
- 3) Cheques payable to Area 82 NS/NL
- 4) Send to Tom Richard 1359 Highway 2, Lantz, NS B2S 1Z2

Any questions regarding finances please feel free to contact me (902) 883-1519 or email at tomcatitf@hotmail.com

Area 82 appreciates all contributions and support in keeping the doors opened for the still suffering alcoholic.

Yours In service, Tom R.

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Remote Communities Report October 2015

To Area 82.

A brief outline of recent events with the Remote Communities Committee in Area 82.

Things have been relatively quiet in respect to any travel but correspondence has been on going with various contacts in the Labrador Area. I have solicited literature with success from various groups and districts. Thank You for that support. I have also purchased literature and chips, medallions etc. and given out contact information to other Area contacts wishing to make available support and meeting directions.

(For the treasure's benefit I have about \$200 in receipts)

The trip in the spring seems to have created genuine interest in some of the groups I visited which is encouraging and hopefully will begin an increase in communication with others.

I think the contacts made by Mike Y. and Abner T. with their conference calls has been a great support to those we haven't met yet and I hope they can continue with this service and get encouragement and any financial support from the Area for their hard work.

One item I would ask is if any group, district, etc. are willing to donate literature pamphlets to the committee please let me know. One item that I seem to get asked for are speaker CDs If you are like me I am sure there are some in your possession you would love to pass on.

My wish list is that we arrange for another visit to the groups I had the benefit of meeting but also be able to extend a hand to the ones I was not able to get to. I know that financially this is a costly venture but if possible could be budgeted for.

On another budget item, the National Remote Communities conference call I chair bi-monthly are in the process of arranging a Forum for Remote Communities in Winnipeg Manitoba next fall. The dates etc. have not been finalised but I will pass on the details as they are available.

As some of you may be aware I had an honour to share at the International Conference in Atlanta in early July and what a gift that is. We heard from two other panelists and met a number of members who are actively engaged and enthusiastic about the Remote Communities and I feel grateful to be able to participate.

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please contact me. My email and phone numbers are readily available

Yours in AA Service Murdo M.

AACYPAA

Final Report May 2015

I would like to start off by saying that supporting our young membership is so important to our program. In January a committee was formed to put his convention together. We met twice a month to discuss what we wanted to do and how we were going to get it done. Next thing you know the convention date was upon us and we were ready to go.

Friday night we had a good turnout with our opening meeting, followed by the ever popular "Honorary Newfoundlander Swearing in Ceremony", and then of course we followed that up with our ice cream social. Nothing like a bit of socializing among members.

Throughout Saturday we had discussion and speaker meetings. Great stories and discussions were had by all. Saturday night we had our banquet with a guest speaker. Nate was our guest for the weekend and he had a good message for all who attended the banquet. We finished off Saturday night with some 12 step rappers and a sing along.

Sunday we had a panel discussion, at 11:00am we had our regular spiritual meeting put off by the "Sunday morning action group". Last but not least we had recovery jeopardy. I guess what starts well will end well. If you ever want to have some fun and relax recovery jeopardy is the way to go. There is a big but here though, don't play with Boyd, he cheats.

The weekend was a success we had over 90 registrations. The members that attended had a great time. Financially we came out on top with a balance of \$1550.00 which I have already returned to our treasurer.

I would like to close by saying that I had a good committee of trusted servants willing to do the work on behalf of Alcoholics Anonymous to make this convention happen.

Thanks, Jim P.

Alt. G.s.d. Report
Oct. 10th 2015
Corner Brook NL

Hi everyone one, I am an alcoholic my name is Tim Milligan, and I am a member of Sunrise group in Dartmouth NS. It is indeed a privilege to serve you as Alt. General Service Delegate in Area 82. I attended my first Assembly here in 2005, and I always look forward to coming back. Thanks again to the organizers who worked hard to make this weekend possible.

I know that what I share next does not fall under my responsibilities as Alt. G.s.d., but I feel it is my responsibility as a member AA. to share a little of my experience at the International Conference in Atlanta. It was truly a moving and spiritual experience to be able to be a part of this A.A. milestone 80 years. It's had to know where to start, maybe at the Opening Flag ceremony with 50,000 plus recovering alcoholics. Or meeting new friends in person from a social networking site. Or reconnecting with people I have meet at other A.A. service functions, or having lunch with friends from District 10. Or maybe I could share my late night experience in Midtown Atlanta two nights in a row. And I think I would cap it off by sharing a little about the closing meeting that I shared with my friends from Halifax and hearing Jason's story. From the current issue of Box 459, Amid the infectious laughter, the eager chatter in dozens of accents and dialects, and the irrepressible cheering of the lime-green t-shirt-clad greeters from the Atlanta Volunteer Host Committee, the sure and steady strains of the language of the heart could be heard throughout the Georgia World Convention Center as attendees at the International A.A. Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, celebrated AA's 80th birthday over the weekend of July 2-5, 2015. Attended by over 57,000 A.A. members, family and friends, Convention goers spread out across Atlanta, filling the city with irresistible good humor, an attitude of gratitude, and a deep and abiding passion for sobriety. To say the least, it was four days I will not likely soon to forget, and I am looking forward to Detroit in 2020.

Grapevine

1. The Grapevine Subscription Challenge is still on, as of Oct. 1st NS has five new subscriptions for an increase of 2.05%. NL has 4 new subscriptions for an increase of 6.25%.
2. The Language of the Heart Grapevines signature book will be available soon as an audiobook.
3. Send Us Your Story Go to www.aagrapevine.org/contribute to see our 2105 issue themes and writers' guidelines.
4. AAGrapevine.org: Make your plans and add your events to our online calendar.
5. Sample the monthly GV Audio magazine. The 7-day Free Trial available is a great way to try out GV online. You can sign up here: www.aagrapevine.org/trial.
6. To listen to two free audio stories, visit www.aagrapevine.org/audio-portal.
7. Since its inception in 2012, the Grapevine Daily Quote has surpassed 30,000 sign-ups.
8. A new book from the AA Grapevine. Forming True Partnerships How AA members use the program to improve relationships, stories from AA Grapevine

Public Information

On July 31 "Doors," A.A.'s newest Public Service Announcement (PSA), is now available for viewing on the AA.Org. website, and centralized distribution has begun to over 900 media outlets in the U.S. and Canada.

To view the new P.S.A., please visit the Public Information Committee Resource page on AA.org. The video player on the upper right side (in desktop mode) now includes the new spot.

At both service weekends I talk about setting up an email group for P.I. Chairs to share information and ideas with each other. With Hal's help we set a P.I. Forum on our Area 82 website. This forum will allow P.I. Chairs, committee members, G.s.r's D.c.m.'s and any other A.A. member to participate. You can join in a conversation or start your own. To get started follow this link <http://www.area82aa.org/forums>, or go to Area82aa.org and click on the link in the top left hand corner. When go access the site you will have to setup a username and password. Hopefully over the next couple of months this will prove to be a useful tool in helping Area 82 carry the message.

I don't have anything to report on C.P.C. and Treatment, but we will have a Corrections presentation tomorrow.

Website

Each month in 2015, the website is visited an average of 4,300 times per month by an average of 2,300 unique visitors.

Over 1000 emails have be sent and received through the webmaster inbox so far this year.

Several support tickets have been opened with JaguarPC for various site related problems. I am very pleased with the response time and the quality of service from JaguarPC's support team.

In closing, the site is very active and stable, we added a Forum webpage that is getting many visits, and they seem to be increasing.

I highly recommend prepaying for both domain and hosting to 3 years for savings and convenience. JaguarPC is a great host, with very good support and I see no reason to move our site to another host. Doing so would create many hours of work on my part.

Thanks Hal,

Once again thank you for allowing me to be a humble servant in Area 82.

Yours in Service

Tim M

Alt. G.s.d. Area 82

General Service Delegate's Report

Area 82 Assembly — Oct. 9-11, Corner Brook, NL

Good morning friends my name is Boyd and I'm an alcoholic. It is my honor and privilege to serve you as your Panel 65 General Service Delegate. A special welcome to our GSO guest, Tracey Ober, formerly with Group Services, now in recent weeks, looking after Cooperation with the Professional Community (coincidentally the same committee I serve on when I go to the Conference in New York).

How many of you are here for your first Assembly? Maybe some you here for your first time will serve your Area in the years to come. Nine or ten years ago I attended my first Assembly and had no idea I may be here delivering the GSD's report in the future but a chap by the name of Murdo was up here and I said to myself, I think I could do that job — he was certainly an inspiration. Let me tell you, this service stuff can really enhance your sobriety, I would highly recommend it to anyone.

News from GSO:

Greg T— is the new General Manager at the General Service Office, replacing Phyllis who is retiring later this month. Some of you may remember Greg as he attended the Eastern Canada Regional Forum held in Truro Nova Scotia in 2008. As I already mentioned, Tracey is moving from Group Services to CPC. Steve S. our GSO guest in Dartmouth a few years ago, is now in Regional Forums from Treatment/Special Needs — Accessibilities. And, our 2013 AACYPAA guest, Rick W— has been given a new staff assignment, Communication Services as he finishes up with the International desk.

The Fall 2015 issue of Box 459 has a really good report on the International Convention — 80 Years, Happy, Joyous and Free held in Atlanta, Georgia, in July. The Summer issue has a terrific summary of the 65th General Service Conference (copy attached) and for all the details of Conference actions, etc., please refer to the Conference Reports handed out last night.

By now you must realize that this report is sort of a promotion of the publication Box 459. How many of you receive Box 459 on a regular basis? Of those who do receive it, who was aware that this Assembly and Roundup was listed in the Bulletin Board (both Summer and Fall issue)? You can subscribe to Box 459 for a full year for \$3.50 and an even bigger bargain, bulk subscriptions of ten (say for your group) are just \$6.00 per year, or you can sign up to receive it on line at:

www.aa.org/pages/en_US/subscribe-to-box-4-5-9-news-and-notes-from-gso

The Fall edition also contains a very informative two-page article entitled "Your Seventh Tradition Contributions" — 'Carrying Our Message Beyond Your Home Group'. In it, see how your GSO dollars are used to translate the Big Book into 68 languages; see how every year GSO staff replies to over 90,000 emails, letters and phone calls; see how it maintains and updates the aa.org website; and also see how it publishes and distributes all Conference-approved literature. There are seven or eight other points mentioned and you can see those in the attached flyer. I understand from some groups in my local district that when they see the importance of the work being done in New York, they have voted to increase the percentage of the split by as much as ten percent.

One other note: the deadline for agenda items for the 66th General Service Conference is, December 15th, 2015.

Finally, there are often special requests in Box 459, like the "Call for Stories" also in the Fall Issue, I was moved to the point where I felt I had to send in a story about "Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues". Who knows, it may be used to help develop a pamphlet on the subject.

This publication (Box 459) is so full of information and always reflects on the work carried out by our General Service Office keeping us up to date on our fellowship, if you are not receiving it already, check out the website.

Yours in Fellowship and Service,



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The 65th General Service Conference

Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service —The Foundation of Our Future

The 65th General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous in the United States and Canada was held at the Crowne Plaza Times Square in New York City, April 19-25, 2015. The 133 Conference members consist of delegates from the 93 Conference areas in the U.S. and Canada, trustees of the General Service Board; A.A.W.S. and Grapevine Board directors; and General Service Office and Grapevine staff members.

The Conference was officially opened Sunday afternoon with the roll call by G.S.O.'s general manager Phyllis H., followed by greetings from the delegate chair Jake J., of Northern Minnesota. The Keynote Address was given by J. Gary L., Northeast regional trustee.

This year's Conference was chaired by chairman of the General Service Board Terry B; Phyllis H., G.S.O.'s general manager; and Jake J., Minnesota, delegate chairperson. GSO. staff member Mary C. was Conference coordinator.

Sunday evening the Opening Dinner was followed by an open A.A. meeting, chaired by Michelle D., Alberta/NWT, chairperson of the Conference Agenda Committee; the leader was Anne F., South Dakota. Speakers were: Steve S., G.S.O. staff; Salty W., Wyoming; Luc T., NW Quebec; Chet P., Southeast regional trustee; and Phyllis H., general manager, GSO.

Conference week is filled with board and committee reports, presentations and discussions, area service highlights, sharing sessions and committee meetings.

The main focus of the Conference though, is on the deliberations of each of the thirteen Conference committees, and it is during the committee meetings that the major work of the Conference is done. After a joint meeting with each corresponding standing trustees' committee, the Conference committees review material and background information, weigh and discuss various issues and come up with recommendations which may result in Conference Advisory Actions. (Highlights of Advisory Actions appear on page 3.)

Trustee elections were held Wednesday afternoon. Richard P., of Pelham, NH, was elected Northeast regional trustee; and Yolanda F., San Antonio, Texas, was elected Southwest regional trustee. The new trustee-at-large/Canada will be Scott H., of Kamloops, British Columbia. At the Delegates Only meeting Tuesday evening Barb C., West Virginia, was selected to be the delegate chair for the 66th Conference; Tom M., NE Texas, will be alternate

Some Highlights from the Conference:

- World Service Meeting — The 23rd WSM was held last October in Warsaw, Poland. Bob W., trustee at large/U.S. gave an overview of the meeting. Then Rick W., GSO. staff member on the International desk, spoke on "A.A. Around the World."
- 80 Years — Happy, Joyous and Free — Excitement is running high as we rapidly approach ("Just 70 days!" said Georgia delegate Rebecca T.) the 2015 International Convention in Atlanta. Eva S., G.S.O.'s International Convention coordinator, ran down the highlights of the celebration. Then the Riverside Drive Players (GSO. and Grapevine employees) put on a humorous skit covering possible happenings during the July 2—5 weekend.
- Electronic Voting — In the first year of a two-year trial, members voted on committee recommendations during the Thursday session only. A survey was taken evaluating this process and will be included in a report to be compiled after the conclusion of the two-year trial.
- GSO. Visit — Tuesday afternoon delegates and their families and friends took the subway uptown to visit the General Service Office. For many it was their first trip to GSO. The highlight for many was the A.A. Archives — to sit on Bill's couch, to see the ancient typewriter used to type the manuscript of the Big Book, to view the memorabilia of past Conferences in the display case, as well as touring the office and meeting G.S.O. and Grapevine workers.

- Conference Inventory — This was the final year of a three-year inventory. Wednesday morning members split into 15 groups to discuss the final 14 questions. A summary of the report backs may be found on page 4 and a full report will be in the Final Conference Report (M-23), available in September. There will also be a complete publication, covering this three-year project, later in the year.

- AA Meeting — Each morning at 7:00 the GSC. Serenity Group met for coffee and sharing. James H. ,Southwest Texas, chaired the open discussion meeting; Dave A, New Brunswick/P.E.I., was the secretary/treasurer. Friday afternoon rotating Panel 64 delegates lined up around the room and each gave a moving and emotional two-minute farewell. The 65th General Service Conference was officially closed with the Serenity Prayer, led by Mary Jo R. (English), Raymond D. (French) and Jose R. (Spanish). Rotating trustees gave their farewell talks at the closing brunch on Saturday morning: Frances L.

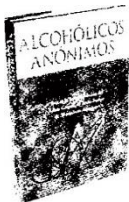
Brisbane and Corliss Burke, Class A (non alcoholic) trustees; Nancy H. , general service trustee; J. Gary L. ,Northeast regional trustee; and Clayton V., Southwest regional trustee. Barb K., trustee-at-large/Canada, was unable to attend the brunch. In his Keynote Address on opening day of the Conference J. Gary L., spoke of how far Alcoholics Anonymous has come in the past 80 years and outlined some of the challenges it faces in the future. In closing, Gary told members of the 65th Conference, "We frequently say to you at the close of each General Service Conference, 'You are now a part of AA's history.' I would submit that you are also a part of AA's future.."

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When you or your home group contributes to the General Service Office (G.S.O) your contribution helps an alcoholic around the corner or around the world. Here are some of the ways that happens.



The G.S.O. Publishing Department has coordinated translations of the Big Book in 68 languages and translations of other AA. literature in more than 80 languages. Further translations are constantly in process.

Each year G.S.O. staff responds to over 90,000 emails, letters, and phone calls from A.A. members, suffering alcoholics, professional's students, the press and others interested in A.A. Thus accurate and consistent information about A.A. is provided.

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G.S.O. maintains and updates the aa.org website that averages over 30,000 visits per day. The website provides information about A.A., including how to find A.A. in their community, and provides help to members and those seeking help with their drinking problem, as well as to families and friends of problem drinkers, and professionals. box

G.S.O.'s Publishing Department publishes and distributes all AA. Conference-approved literature. Approximately 8 million books, pamphlets, video and audio products are distributed annually. Some of this literature is specifically designed for sight- or hearing-impaired members. Box 4-5-9, news and notes from G.S.O., is published four times a year in English, French and Spanish.



G.S.O. coordinates the Loners-Internationalists Meeting Correspondence Service (LIM), which is often the only link to AA. for many AA. members in remote areas, homebound, or deployed in active military service.

7 The Corrections coordinator at G.S.O. responds to over 6,500 letters a year, primarily from incarcerated alcoholics. Letters often request literature and many express gratitude for a Bi^a Book supplied or a link to an outside member who can take a soon-to-be released alcoholic to his or her first meeting on the outside.



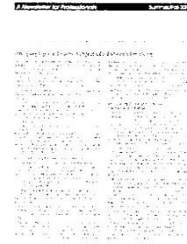
8 G.S.O.'s Corrections staff member also coordinates a Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS), which each year connects over 1,000 alcoholics behind the walls with outside members in order to share AA. recovery by mail. Sharing From Behind the Walls, containing excerpts from inmate letters to G.S.O., is printed four times a year.



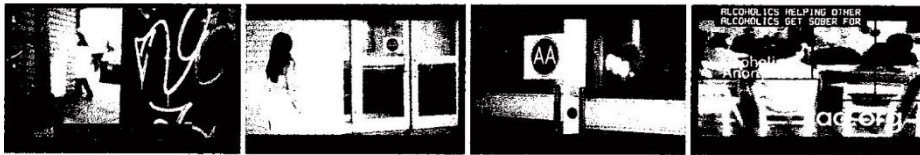
(J The G.S.O. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities desk responds to letters and communications from residents or patients in treatment centers and connects them with local committees. The staff member on this assignment supports groups and members in making the A.A. message receivable to alcoholics with special needs.

I O Professionals are frequently the first contact for an alcoholic seeking AboutAA

The Cooperation With the Professional Community (C.P.C.) staff member at G.S.O. provides information about A.A. to hundreds of professionals each year, often sending them basic literature. This assignment also coordinates AA. exhibits at over 25 national conferences of professionals in various fields each year and publishes the newsletter About A.A. for professionals.

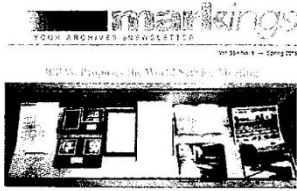


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I I The Public Information desk coordinates the production and broadcast of audio and video Public Service Announcements (PSAs) to help reach the still-suffering alcoholics. Each year

PSAs produced by Public Information are broadcast on television and radio. The most recent PSA, Tengo Esperanza (I Have Hope), was aired approximately 30 000 times the first year of its release. The Public Information staff member also responds to approximately 600 emails per month from the press and other media, A.A. members and the general public.



12 G S O.'s Archives documents the activities of Alcoholics Anonymous for the future and makes the history of the Fellowship accessible to A.A. members and other researchers. Each year the Archives staff responds to over 1,500 requests for information and research. Markings: Your Archives eNewsletter, an electronic newsletter, is published three times a year.

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Area 82 Revised Proposed Budget Report

	Approved Budget '14	Approved Budget '15	Actuals 2015	Proposed Budget '16
GSC Conf (Delegate Share)	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
GSD's Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
GSD Office Supplies	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$300.00
Alt. GSD's Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Area Chair Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00
Secretary Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Sec. Office Supplies	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$400.00
Treasurer Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Treasurer Office Expenses	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
NL Archives Upkeep & Storage	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
NL Archives Travel Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$320.60	\$1,000.00
NS Archives Upkeep & Storage	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
NS Archives Travel Expenses	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$191.50	\$1,300.00
Web Host & Domain			\$118.00	\$360.00
Web Assembly Travel	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$600.00
NS & NL Area Comm.	\$6,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,768.36	\$5,000.00
GSO Guest	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$1,500.00
Regional Forums/CERAASA	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Assembly seed money				\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous				\$250.00
Additional GSO Contribution	\$2,500.00			
Potential Prudent Reserve Increase				
Bank Charges	\$100.00	\$70.00	\$41.96	\$60.00
TOTALS	\$32,400.00	\$26,670.00	\$21,290.42	\$26,820.00
PRUDENT RESERVE	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

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GSD Office Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00 ✓
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Secretary Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00 ✓
Sec. Office Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00 ✓
Treasurer Expenses	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$400.00 ✓
Treasurer Office Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00 ✓
NL Archives Upkeep & Storage	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00 ✓
NL Archives Travel Expenses	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00 ✓
NS Archives Upkeep & Storage	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$320.60	\$1,000.00 ✓
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Miscellaneous				\$1,000.00 ✓
				\$250.00 ✓
Additional GSO Contribution	\$2,500.00			
Potential Prudent Reserve II				
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