

Area 82 NL Service Weekend
May 20th, 21st, 22nd, 2016
Cornerbrook, NL
“Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts”

Friday, May 20th, 2016

NL Archives Meeting 7:00 pm

Kirk S. opened the meeting at 7pm with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer for those who wished. In attendance were Kirk S. (Chair), Boyd B. (GSD), Tim M. (Alt. GSD), Tom R. (Treasurer), Tony D. (Sec/Registrar), Jane B. (DCM) District 12, Earl R. (Alt. DCM) District 13, Jim P. (DCM) District 15, No DCM District 11 or District 16, Regrets: Eldon C. (DCM) District 13, Jeff B. (DCM) District 14, Observer Zonya C. (Alt. GSR) Labrador West Recovery Group District 16.

Minutes from 2015 Archives meeting were read by Tony D. Motion to adopt the minutes made by Jim P. Everyone was in favor and the minutes were adopted.

Jim P. gave the Archivist report. Over the last few years a lot of work has been done. Unfortunately, Ross W. had to resign for personal reasons. We are now looking for a new Archivist. Recommendation to accept the report made by Tim M. Everyone was in favor.

The meeting closed at 7:25pm.

7:30 pm Workshop on Traditions

Call to Order/Welcome 7:30 P.M.

Area Officers/NL DCM Meeting

Kirk S. called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Kirk welcomed all in attendance, with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Introductions Area Officers and NL DCMs

Kirk S. (Chair), Boyd B. (GSD), Tim M. (Alt. GSD), Tom R. (Treasurer), Tony D. (Sec/Registrar), Jane B. (DCM) District 12, Eldon C. (DCM) District 13, Jim P. (DCM) District 15, No DCM District 11 or District 16, Regrets: Jeff B. (DCM) District 14. Observers- Earl R. (Alt DCM District 13), Zonya C. (Alt. GSR) Labrador West Recovery Group District 16

12 Traditions read by Jane B.

2015 minutes were read by Tony D. Recommendation to accept the minutes made by Jim P. All in favor and the minutes were adopted.

Treasurer Report: enclosed

Tom R. gave his report. We are \$4,400 less than at the start of the year. Budget/Actuals to date amended.

A motion was made by Tony D. and 2nd by Earl R. to accept the report. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call: Active Groups

District 11- (5), District 12- (10), District 13- (5), District 14- (12), District 15- (35), District 16- (6). Total Active Groups: (73).

Coffee Break

Kirk S. reviewed Service Weekend agenda. New business added- Item 7- NL Archivist election. Kirk S. closed the meeting with the Responsibility Pledge.

Saturday May 21st 2016

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

Introductions of Area 82 NL DCMS & Area Officers:

GSD- Boyd B., Alt. GSD- Tim M., Treasurer- Tom R., Sec/Registrar- Tony D., Chairperson- Kirk S. DCMS: District 11- Not present, District 12- Jane B., District 13- Eldon C., District 14- Jeff B., District 15- Jim P., District 16- Not present

12 Traditions read by Jim P.

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.

Kirk reviewed the agenda with changes:

- 1- Strike Item 5- 2017 NL Service Weekend will be in Gander
- 2- Add Item 7- NL Archivist election.

Minutes from the 2015 Area 82 NL Service Weekend were read by Tony D. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read by Ken B., all in favor, minutes adopted.

D.C.M. Reports:

- 11- No report
- 12- attached
- 13- attached
- 14- attached
- 15- attached
- 16- No report

Past Delegates Address: No past Delegates in attendance.

Coffee Break

Announcement: Hub dance in St. John's Marjorie has tickets.

Treasurer Report: Tom R. see report attached

No questions- A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Tony and 2nd by Frank W.
Approved unanimously.

Alt. Delegate Report: See report attached

Tim M. gave his report. Highlights from Grapevine, Webmaster, MCYPAA from Summerside PEI and CERASSA report. CERASSA @ Crown Plaza in Moncton, Feb 24-26, 2017

General Service Delegate Report: See report attached

Boyd B. gave his report.

Remote Communities Report: See report attached

Ken B. the Alt. Chair of Remote Communities read a report written by Murdo M. attached. Zonya C., (Alt. GSR) from Labrador West Recovery Group District 16, talked about her home group and the help, support and encouragement from Murdo M. and Ken B. Her home group has 6 members and normal attendance of 14. An online meeting was mentioned again with some discussion of peoples' experience.

Archivist report: See report attached

Jim P. gave Ross's report.

Motion to accept all reports was made by Colette. All in favor, all reports accepted.

Lunch

Roll Call:

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

District 11- 1 out of 5

District 12- 4 out of 10

District 13- 1 out of 5

District 14- 4 out of 12

District 15- 9 out of 35

District 16- 1 out of 6

Total 73 Groups. 20 GSRS present, 5 Area Officers, 4 DCMS = 29 Votes

New Business:

1. Pre Conference Service Assembly Proposal – (Attached) Tim M. read and explained the proposal. Discussion: No talk of GSO changing time of conference to allow areas with bad weather a chance to get together prior to conference to discuss conference items; teleconferencing brought up; several groups oppose winter travel; conference inventory advised possibly to give agenda items a year in advance. This will be discussed again at the assembly.
2. Area Inventory- Tim M. presented a set of questions and explained we can add more questions and this should take place in non-election years.

3. Funding the NS Provincial Round up- Kirk S. presented the proposal. Some discussion ensued, resounding NO to the proposal
4. Host for the next MCYPAA/AACYPAA- No volunteers yet.
5. Scratched
6. Host 2017 NL Service weekend- Gander to host
7. NL Archivist election- no volunteers

Workshop/ Presentation on 12 Concepts by Tim M.

Sunday May 22nd 2016

Kirk S. opened the meeting at 10:00 am with the Serenity Prayer.

Ask it Basket

1. Why is the Lords Prayer said at meetings? - Discussion: Started in early AA meetings when no AA literature was available; it is up to the groups whether or not it is used in their meetings
2. What length of Sobriety do you need to attend Detox/ Prison/ Service (GSR) (PI) (CPC) meeting- Discussion: is it quantity or quality; there are no hard and fast rules it is up to the District or group; its not a help to a lot of AA members to be put into these positions too early; it is quality over quantity.
3. Our primary purpose- Discussion: When people come into meetings saying drugs are their primary problem, how do we handle it. Much discussion
4. If a member is abusive can we remove them- Discussion: we can't refuse anyone

Closing AA meeting

Tony chaired the meeting. Opened with the Serenity Prayer

-AA Preamble read by Alfred S.

-Speaker Jeff B. shared his experience, strength and hope with us all.

End of the 2016 NL Service weekend.

**NOVA SCOTIA\ NEWFOUNDLAND SERVICE WEEKEND
D.C.M & AREA OFFICERS MEETING AGENDA
OUR SPIRITUAL WAY OF LIFE: STEPS, TRADITIONS AND CONCEPTS**

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

NL / NS SERVICE WEEKEND
2016

“OUR SPIRITUAL WAY OF LIFE:STEPS,TRADITIONS AND CONCEPTS”

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/12TRADITIONS/ SYMPATHIES
	9:15 AM	MISSION STATEMENT
	9:20 AM	APPROVAL OF AGENDA
	9:25 AM	2015 SERVICE WEEKEND MINUTES READ
	9:35 AM	BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
	9:50 AM	D.C.M. REPORTS
	10:05 AM	PAST DELEGATES ADDRESS
	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	MCYPAA / 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	ACCEPT ALL REPORTS
	2:10 PM	ROLL CALL
	2:30 PM	UPDATE ON C.E.R.A.A.S.A.
	2:45 PM	BREAK
	3:00 PM	NEW BUSINESS
		1. PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY
		2. AREA INVENTORY
		3. FUNDING N.S. PROVINCIAL ROUNDUP
		4. HOST: AACYPAA/MCYPAA 2017
		5. HOST: N.S PROVINCIAL ROUNDUP
		6. HOST;NL 2017 SERVICE WEEKEND
		7.
		8.
	4:45 PM	SUPPER
	6:15 PM	WORKSHOP ON THE 12 CONCEPTS
SUNDAY:	9:00 AM	COMPLETE ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS
	10:00 AM	ASK IT BASKET. BRING FORWARD ANYTHING SOMEONE ELSE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP WITH.
	10:30 AM	A.A. SPEAKER MEETING
	11:30 AM	CLOSING OF 2016 SERVICE WEEKEND

ANYONE WANTING TO HOST A WORKSHOP DURING FREE TIME, PLEASE LET ME KNOW
AND I'LL GET A ROOM AND ANNOUNCE THE TIME AND PLACE FOR ALL.

DISTRICT 12

May 21, 2016

Good day, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Jane B and I'm an alcoholic. I am a very grateful member of the Corner Brook East Serenity Group and the DCM for District 12.

I would first of all like to welcome you all to beautiful Corner Brook, again. I figure we either did it so badly back in Oct. that you all thought we needed more practice at hosting, or we did such an awesome job that you really didn't want to go anywhere else! I chose to believe the second choice. And I want to congratulate the wonderful committee who put this all together.

I can't begin to express my gratitude to the AA fellowship in District 12 for giving me such a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow in sobriety through serving as DCM for the past year and a half. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the help and support I received from our ADCM, Alfred S. during my term in service. Alfred was always there to fill in and get the job done when I was unable to, and for that I am truly grateful. I would also like to thank the GSRs in my District and our secretary and our treasurer for trying to keep me on track and for making my job so much easier and rewarding. We have some of the best volunteers anywhere in District 12.

District 12 takes in the area of NL from Corner Brook and the Bay of Islands north to Southern Labrador and has a total of 10 active groups.

We are a financially healthy District and we have good representation at our monthly District meetings which are held the first Thursday evening of every month.

There are meetings in the District 7 nights a week with a noon meeting on Wednesdays, an open meeting on Sunday mornings and a Women's meeting on Saturday mornings. Our District continues to carry the message to the treatment facility in Corner Brook by hosting 2 meetings a week there.

While it continues to be a challenge to get new people involved in service, we have been very busy this year. We now have an active PI/CPC Committee and an active Treatment Facilities Committee. We also hosted the NL/NS Assembly and Round-up in October and this Service weekend. In addition to these activities our District sponsored 2 very successful workshop/sharing sessions, one in February on the 12 Traditions and one in April on Sponsorship.

Overall District 12 is functioning very well in its commitment to be of service to the suffering alcoholic.

Yours in gratitude and service,

Jane B DCM

Alcoholics Anonymous
District 13
Annual Report 2016

District 13 covers the central Newfoundland and Labrador area and currently has the following groups providing regular meetings in the central area.

Exploits Valley Group, Grand Falls/Windsor, NL
Unity Group, Grand Falls/Windsor, NL
Glovertown Serenity Group, Glovertown, NL
Gander Share and Care Group, Gander, NL

These groups provide a total of 10 different meetings in the central per week. Currently the District is pursuing once again to start up a meeting in Lewisporte, this has failed a number of times but you never know when the medicine may just start working.

The Gambo Group dissolved during the winter months but Glovertown members are now attempting to reincarnate this meeting as they now have new people from that area who have asked for it.

Yours Truly,

Earl R
Alternate District Rep.
District 13

District 14 D.C.M. Report: May 2016

Jeffery B

Good day friends my name is Jeff and I am an Alcoholic, I am the District Committee Member for district 14 (Avalon Placentia, Newfoundland).

Over all District 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. District 14 Still only get an average of 4 groups represented at our District meetings.

This past Christmas our district held its 5th Annual Christmas Party, it was our first year serving turkey dinners, there was a great turnout, with great food, fellowship, 2 speakers which shared their experience, strength and hope in both A.A. and Al/anon. Then we closed off the night with some Christmas carols, skit's and music. I like to give a huge thank-you to the committee who organized the Christmas Party.

District 14 did start planning its annual AA day. I am sad to say that at our last District meeting due to the lack of volunteers we had to cancel District 14 AA Day.

On a brighter note the newly opened Treatment Centre (The Grace Centre) located in Hr. Grace. I am glad to say that some members are carrying the message of recovery to The Grace Centre and there is now A.A. meeting in this facility Tuesday nights.

Yours in recovery and service;

Jeff B

District 15 is made up of 40 groups, 34 of which are active. At our regular monthly meeting we average between 15-20 GSRs and sometimes more. This shows me that the groups within the District are healthy and ^e taking their service roles seriously.

We have a few groups outside of St. John's that are kept open by one or two members with the suffering alcoholic in mind. Sharing Sessions have become a very important part of District 15. We try to have one per month. The average attendance on a Saturday afternoon would be around 25.

The archives have become a very important part of our community. We have been asked several times in the past little while to have the archives displayed at different functions. The interest that members have shown in them is good to see. In saying that I regret to say that our Archivist has resigned for personal reasons. We are actively looking for someone to take over the position. There has been a lot work done on the archives and there is still plenty to do. Even though we don't have an Archivist right now, every effort must be put into keeping them alive within our fellowship.

We have also had our Alt DCM resign. She didn't have the time right now to commit to the position due to work commitments. As a result, I have put out a notice to the AA community that an election will take place at our next District meeting to fill this position.

In saying that I would like to say that District 15 is alive and well. Cooperation from the groups has been great. We do have a couple of positions to be filled right now. Through the fellowship and the grace of God this will happen.

In closing, I would like to thank District 12 for having us here this weekend. It is good to see our committee members here from Nova Scotia here as well. Hope you all enjoy your weekend.

Jin P
DCM
District 15

Area 82 Financial Statement January 04, 2016 to May 18, 2016

Opening Balance \$ 33,280.58

INCOME

Group/District Contributions	\$ 5,601.00	
Proceeds from Area Assembly	\$ 2,500.00	
Proceeds from Return Budgets	\$ 1,770.60	
TOTAL		\$ 43,152.18

EXPENSES

Cheque #355 - GSD Advance	\$ 2,000.00	
Cheque #356 - Alt GSD Advance	\$ 1,500.00	
Cheque #357 - Area Chair Advance	\$ 1,800.00	
Cheque #358 - Area Secretary	\$ 1,500.00	
Cheque #359 - Area Treasurer	\$ 1,500.00	
Cheque #360 - GSO Contribution	\$ 3,000.00	
Cheque #361 - NS Archivist Expenses	\$ 128.11	
Cheque #362 - Dartmouth Sportsplex	\$ 506.00	
Cheque #363 - Regional Form Delegate Expense	\$ 1,500.00	
Cheque #364 - Remote Comm Conference Call	\$ 45.00	
Cheque #365 - Remote Comm Guest (Zonya C)	\$ 845.52	
Bank Charges	\$ 15.70	
TOTAL		\$ 14,340.33

Prudent Reserve Transfer \$3,000.00
Closing Balance \$ 25,811.85

Prudent Reserve \$ 13,008.56

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 R.

Any questions regarding finances please feel free to contact or email tomcatiff@hotmail.

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

Yours in service, Tom R.

Area 82 Financial Budget Statement 2016

	Approved		Approved	
	Budget 2015	Actuals 2015	Budget 2016	Actuals 2016
GSO Conf	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
GSD's Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,613.82	\$2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
GSD Office Supplies	\$500.00	\$130.69	\$300.00	\$ -
Alt.GSD's Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,707.33	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Area Chair Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$909.34	\$1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Secretary Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,853.52	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Sec. Office Supplies	\$600.00	\$335.64	\$500.00	\$ -
Treasurer Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,730.90	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Treasurer Office Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$ -
NL Archives Upkeep & Storage	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	
NL Archives Travel Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$587.08	\$1,000.00	\$ -
NS Archives Upkeep & Storage	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$ -
NS Travel Expenses	\$1,300.00	\$128.11	\$1,300.00	\$ 128.11
Web Host & Domain	\$118.00	\$118.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Web Assembly Travel	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$ -
NS & NL Area Active Comm.	\$3,500.00	\$3,308.36	\$5,000.00	\$ 845.52
GSO Guest	\$2,000.00	\$851.54	\$1,500.00	\$ -
Regional Forums/CERAASA	\$1,500.00	\$1,091.05	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Assembly Seed Money	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 506.00
NL Service Weekend Coffee Bill		\$560.00		\$ -
International Hosp. Ste Contribution	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$20.47	\$250.00	\$ -
Additional GSO Contribution	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -
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Bank Charges	\$70.00	\$51.14	\$60.00	\$ 15.70
TOTALS	\$26,788.00	\$19,346.99	\$26,560.00	\$ 14,295.33
PRUDENT RESERVE	\$10,000.00	\$10,009.15		

66TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

DELEGATE'S REPORT – AREA 82 (NS/NL)

NL Service Weekend – May 20th-22nd, 2016
Corner Brook, NL

NS Service Weekend – June 3rd-5th, 2016
Bible Hill (Truro), NS

Good morning friends. My name is Boyd B and I'm an alcoholic. It is my privilege to serve as your General Service Delegate for our Area 82.

The 66th General Service Conference was held in New York city, April 16th to the 23rd, 2016 and I was there representing all the groups in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador. Your Service Manuel defines "Delegate" as "The man or woman elected every other year to represent the area at the annual Conference meeting in New York and to bring back to the area the results of that meeting." Therefore, I will try to do this with my report.

Before we get started, I was asked to come a day early if I wanted to visit Stepping Stones, the home of Lois and Bill Wilson, and I did. (Normally this visit would take place at the end of the Conference, but due to unforeseen scheduling problems, it had to be changed.) The experience was interesting and thrilling as those of you who have been there will agree. I had the opportunity to sit behind Bill's desk at "Wits end", a name Lois put on the building for obvious reasons, where he wrote a lot of the literature that we are familiar with today. (I have the photo to prove it.)

Back to the Conference; I was chosen sit on the CPC Committee (Cooperation with the Professional Community). Again, it was quite interesting. Last year we had asked the trustees' CPC committee to review the pamphlet "Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W." They came back and suggested that the pamphlet be retired because the information in it was outdated and did not accurately or appropriately describe the AA program of recovery for CPC use, but agreed that it may have value to AA members as a marker of historic moments. In light of this, our committee suggested that the trustees' committee continue to discuss the value of keeping this pamphlet available to the Fellowship. In fact the committee's vote was split four and four and any tie that cannot be resolved results in no action taken. (Upon further investigation, after bringing in an Archives person, we were made to understand that if the pamphlet was retired, it would not be available in the literature booklet or on line and the only way someone could then get a copy was to request a single copy from the archives. It had already been removed from the CPC kit so we felt we should wait a year or two to see if the demand for this pamphlet decreased significantly before retiring it. Other recommendations put forth by the CPC Committee to do with improvements to other pamphlets, were either accepted unanimously or by substantial unanimity. Overall, quite an interesting process.

CPC is only one of twelve other committees that meet during the Conference and I'll highlight one or two other recommendations or considerations that I think may be of interest:

The Public Information Committee discussed a request to reconsider the 2011 Advisory Action regarding the "Policy on Actors Portraying AA Members or Potential AA Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or its Affiliates". The committee took no action noting that the current policy on the use of full-face videos is adequate. I was given the understanding that full-face videos would never be used again without the consensus of the General Service Conference. Nice to know.

The Conference Committee on Finance recommended that the maximum annual limit for individual contributions to the General Service Board from AA members be increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000. This recommendation was defeated so there will be no increase.

These are just a couple of examples of items debated on the floor of the Conference Assembly and it is worthy of note that a lot of time is spent considering all the recommendations and suggestions which are submitted by the groups to the extent that discussions go on morning afternoon and night, sometimes until nine or ten pm. I use to hear years ago that the delegate was off to a fun trip to New York but I can assure you we go there to work for our Fellowship. I treasured the experience and again I thank you for the opportunity to serve. Our voting Assembly is coming up in October, in Dartmouth and I would like to encourage all who are eligible to offer for any and all positions on your Area 82 Committee.

A couple of upcoming events to keep in mind:

There is an Eastern Canada Regional Forum being held this summer, July 8th – 10th in Thunder Bay, ON. There is no registration fee for regional forums and I would like to mention here that my attendance at the forum held in Truro, 2008, was the event which most influenced me to get further involved in service.

CERAASA will be held in Moncton, NB next year and I understand that Area 81's delegate, Michael Dunn, will be at the NS Service Weekend with information on that, following in the tradition of Past Delegate, Dave Allen. It's great to see the spirit of cooperation between both Atlantic Areas. Our Alternate Delegate, Tim Milligan, attended an organizational meeting on March 12th in Charlottetown, PEI and will have probably already have filled you in with more details on CERAASA. Thanks Tim.

I'll leave you with this quote I heard from one of the delegates at the Conference, "It takes a little bit of ego to get involved in service and a lot of humility to stay.

God bless you all, see you in Dartmouth.

Yours in Fellowship and Service,



Boyd B. , GSD, Panel 65, Area 82 (NS/NL)

May 2016

Alternate G.S.D. Report

Hi friends I am an alcoholic, my name is Tim M and I have the honor and privilege to serve you and Area 82 as your Alt Delegate. I belong to the Sunrise Group in Dartmouth NS.

I haven't received a lot of information from G.S.O. as of yet. Therefore, my report will be brief. I will report on M.C.Y.P.A.A., Grapevine, Remote Communities and give the website report. *Ken B to Do*

The M.C.Y.P.A.A. was held this year in Summerside PE along with their Spring Assembly. And up until now I haven't received any reports.

See attached reports:

The Assembly will be held in Halifax this fall at the Dartmouth Sportsplex. Registration \$25.00 at the door. This is right across the street from the Harbour side Holiday Inn. Special room rate of \$119.00 plus taxes per night, must be booked by Sept 7th block code A8A or book under Area 82 Assembly. transportation from the Airport will be provided. Hope to see you all there as it is an election year.

Once again thank you for allowing me to be of service and area 82

Tim M

Alt. G.S.D. Panel 65

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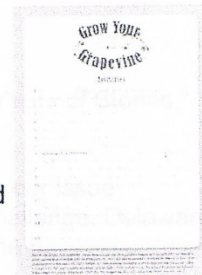
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New Summer Activities

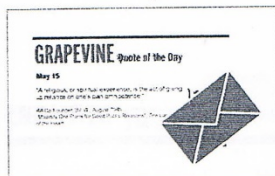
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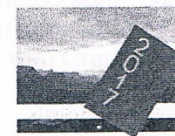


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The 2017 Wall Calendar and Pocket Planner are now available. Both
make great gifts for friends in sobriety. Visit the store online.



Pre – Conference Service Assembly Proposal

Proposal: To replace the Service Weekends with a Pre Conference Service Assembly in each province. (late March early April).

Background: The A.A Group – the Final Voice of the Fellowship Alcoholics Anonymous has been called the upside – down organization because “the ultimate responsibility and the final authority for World Services resides with the groups – rather than the trustees of the General Service Board or the General Service Office in New York.

The Pre-Conference Service Assembly is intended to prepare the Delegate for the April General Service Conference. This Assembly would be open to all members in Area 82. The purpose of the Pre – Conference Assembly is to discuss key GSC agenda items and to make recommendations to the Delegate. Members will be divided into Subcommittees for the purpose of discussing the agenda items. The Delegate will review the Conference Final Agenda and identify the agenda items of most significance to the fellowship. The Delegate should also make every effort to review the GSC background material and identify the background material relevant to the selected agenda item. This material should be available at the Pre – Conference Assembly and every effort to get the material to the subcommittees facilitators prior to the Assembly.

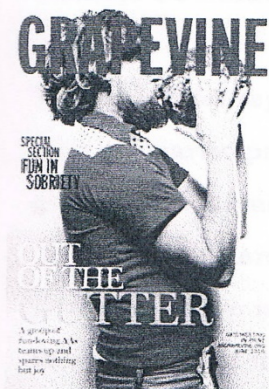
How it would work: The Friday night portion of our Assembly would remain the same, with a workshop and Archive Meeting and the D.C.M. and Area Officer’s meeting.

On Saturday morning from 9 am to 12 pm we would break up into 5 or 6 groups each with a facilitator to discuss an agenda item. After lunch each group will report their finding to the Delegate. Then we would have the business portion of the Assembly, with D.C.M. report, area officer reports, and any business that needed to be discussed. This might carry over into Sunday. The facilitators would be area officers and/or past Delegates.

Thank you for considering this proposal,

Tim M

Alt. G.S.D. Area 82 Panel 65



What's New in Print and Online

Grapevine

Current Issue Spotlight

This month's special section is "Fun in Sobriety." Read articles by members about the many ways they have learned to enjoy sober life.

Send Us Your Story

Go to www.aagrapevine.org/contribute to see our 2016 issue themes and writers' guidelines.

Upcoming Issues

We are now accepting articles for the following issues: "Remote Communities – How AAs stay sober in faraway places" (due July 5), as well as "Service during the Holidays" (also due July 5). Stay tuned for 2017 topics including diversity, home group, dating, and more!



La Viña

Current Issue Spotlight

This current issue's special section is "La Viña: 20 Years of Stories."

Upcoming issues

We are now accepting Spanish-language stories for our issue celebrating the winner of last year's Subscription Challenge. Delaware state members: please send your stories before June 6.

Visit www.aagrapevine.org/Calendario-de-Eventos to see upcoming events in the new online calendar.

Celebrating La Viña's 20th Anniversary

A new Spanish-language web page is now available with many ideas for how to get involved. **Click to read in Spanish.**



AAGrapevine.org

Make your plans and add your events to our online calendar at www.aagrapevine.org/calendar.

Grapevine is always looking for stories, photographs, and illustrations. Please visit www.aagrapevine.org/share to learn more about how you can participate with Grapevine.

To listen to two free audio stories, visit www.aagrapevine.org/audio-portal.

Area Inventory Questions

Please use a separate sheet for your answers and comments.

Form completed by (Group/District/Individual) optional _____

1. What is the basic purpose of the Area? Area Committee? Area Assembly? Are we fulfilling these purposes?
2. What has the Area done lately to bring the A.A. message to the attention of physicians, judges, members of the clergy, and others who can be helpful in reaching those in need of A.A.?
3. Is Area service attracting only a certain kind of alcoholic, or are we getting a good cross section of A.A. members into service?
4. Are we forming into cliques and being indifferent to some Group Service Representatives and District Committee Members?
5. Is turnover in service positions excessive or do new DCMs and GSRs stay with us?
6. Has enough effort been made to explain the need and value of unity (12 Traditions) and service (12 Concepts)?
7. Is adequate opportunity given to all members to speak and participate in Assembly activities and arrive at the actual voice and effective conscience for our whole Area?
8. Are officers (Group, District, and Area) picked with care and consideration on the basis that officership is a great responsibility and opportunity for Twelfth-Step work, or are personalities put before principles?
9. Have we defined well the scope of authority and service responsibility of our Area Committee officers, by specific job descriptions or guidelines?
10. Are the issues brought to the Assembly made clear so all know what they are voting for or against?
11. Are all important decisions reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity?
12. How do we treat the "Right of Appeal", thus assuring that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered?
13. Are the assembly sites located fairly to give all A.A.'s a chance to see Area service in action? As well-planned assembly meetings has everything been done to provide for adequate facilities for space, climate control, and promptness?
14. Does the Area carry its fair share of the job of helping Districts? The Grapevine? G.S.O.? Groups in Correction and Treatment Centers? Loners?
15. Are we "self-supporting through our Area contributions" in covering expenses for service in the Area? Do we have sufficient operating funds and operate on a prudent financial principle?
16. Has our Area become the seat of perilous wealth and power, or do we have an effective system for accounting and reporting of funds?
17. What more can the Area do to carry the message?

CERAASA 2017 (MONCTON NB) - REGISTRATION

Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly



Please use one form **for each individual** registration

Please send your completed registration form with cheque or money order payable to "CERAASA 2017" to the following address:

CERAASA 2017
21-442 Main
Shediac NB E4P 2G7

February 24 - 26, 2017

Registration and payment may also be made online at:
ceraasa.org/registration

First Name:

Last Name:

Name on Badge:

Address:

Municipality:

Province (or state):

Postal Code (or Zip Code):

Phone:

Email address:

If you hold a **SERVICE POSITION** at Group, District, Area, Intergroup, Central Office, GSO please let us know:

My current position is:

Your Area:

Your District:

Would you like to participate on a panel?:

TRANSLATION

Do you require translation service? If so, **TO** ☐ English ☐ French ☐ Spanish ☐ ASL

FEES

☐ Registration \$40.00

☐ Banquet \$45.00 (Banquet seating limited to 225 persons)

MEAL SELECTION

Indicate **ONE** of the following:

☐ Lobster

☐ Chicken

☐ Vegetarian

COMMENTS / ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS / SPECIAL NEEDS:

HOTEL: For reservations at Crowne Plaza Moncton, call 866-854-4656 (toll-free) or 506-854-6340, or on the web: resweb.passkey.com/go/CERAASA

Special hotel pricing deadline is Jan. 24, 2017. Use code **ZR0** (ZED, R, ZERO)

May 15, 2016

NL ARCHIVES REPORT

The archives are inactive at this time of year as there is not much on the go with them. As to date the archives have attended the following this past year. They attended the Intergroup Spring and fall conventions at St. Paul's school, AA Days in Hr Grace last June. They also were at the fall assembly and roundup in Corner Brook. A selection of material was shown there along with a slide show and video.

The main focus for last year was to go through the archives, and try to arrange and store them better. We went through about half of the containers and catalogued what was in each box.

Along with cataloguing we placed the contents of each box into plastic sleeves to protect the material. Over the past year we purchased a laptop computer and big screen display. This is used for slide presentations and showing movies pertaining to A.A.

I have enjoyed my time as being archivist but due to personal reasons I have to resign. NL Archives has such a large amount of material to show and to be stored. People from all the districts throughout Newfoundland and Labrador should be proud of the amount of archives and all the groups that have contributed to them.

Your Trusted Servant
Ross W.

W.G.R.W

Archivist, NL

Archives Committees

Like any other A.A. service, the primary purpose of those involved in archival work is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Archives service work is more than mere custodial activity; it is the means by which we collect, preserve, and share the rich and meaningful heritage of our Fellowship. It is by the collection and sharing of these important historical elements that our collective gratitude for Alcoholics Anonymous is deepened, (AA.Org).

The NL archives are a vast collection of the NL AA history. They include memorabilia from some of the following:

Area 82 assembly minutes	Box 359	Doug O tapes	NL
Service weekend			
Book Inventory	grapevine	Bob Ptchered collection	Round up
flyers			
Boomerang issues	cassette tapes	Mainstay collection	

Plus, many more articles and pictures of AA and recovery. Since I became archivist I have been fortunate to have an archive committee. We have been very busy cataloging, inventorying and placing the contents in proper storage. We have acquired some digital files such as Bill W. Documentary Movie and other video and slide shows. We are in the process of compiling such memorabilia to be shown at any and all service weekends, roundups and assemblies. The bulk of our archives remain in storage protected from handling. There is so much work to be done with the archives. Your committee has been meeting on a weekly basis going through each container and identifying its contents. Gerry W. Has an excellent job done digitizing the contents. We purchased a laptop computer and 40" monitor to show movies and slide shows, etc.

The archives were just exhibited at the AACYPAA (All Atlantic Convention of Young People in AA), were invited this weekend. They will be exhibited at the Fall Assembly in Corner Brook this fall.

FINANCING THE ARCHIVES

In keeping with Tradition Seven, the archives ought to be fully self-supporting,

declining outside contributions. It is better when funding for the archives is derived from an overall budget of the A.A. entity it serves, rather than through separate A.A. contributions. In this way, archival activity can better reflect the support of the membership, and maintain the perspective of the entire range of Twelfth Step activity. This includes all groups, districts within NL, these are all our archives. Without your contributions you committee cannot perform and store the archives properly, (AA.org).

Financial Report, see attached.

Opened Nov, 16/13 Archives Financial accounting Deposits Debits
Balance

Mt. pearl recovery	100
Primary purpose	100
District 14	200
Winners in Sobriety	100
District 15	270
\$770.00	

Service Charges	3.75
	3.75
	3.75

\$758.75

Reason to Believe	100	\$
858.75		

Steve Mt. Pearl	100
\$958.75	

Service Charges	\$30.80
\$927.00	

Misc purchases (plastic sleeves, etc)

\$200

\$727.00

Purchase of laptop and screen

\$300.

\$427.00

Remote Communities Report Spring 2016.

This is a brief report on the activity within the members who are participating in carrying the AA message and connecting with groups and members in the Labrador area which has been the primary focus of the Remote Communities Committee. Since my last trip over a year ago I have maintained contact and supported the groups I have had the pleasure of meeting.

We continue to support these groups with literature, medallions and various items that are not so accessible to them. These groups have now come to the stage where they are able to financially support their own needs.

Our contacts Abner t. and Mike Y. continue to hold the regular conference calls from either Newfoundland or the sunshine state of Florida over their escape from the Newfoundland winters. This is a vital part of reaching areas even more remote than the towns I was able to visit. My special thanks to those dedicated members

We are pleased to have had with us at the weekend in Newfoundland a lady from the Friendship Group in Happy Valley and I look forward to hearing of her experience over the weekend and suggestions she may have for how we can further carry the AA message.

I honestly believe there is more work to be done, with a downturn in the economy in the Labrador area we will no doubt see an increase in the need to be of support to those active in staying sober and helping those who want to.

We have made progress these last few years (baby steps) but we see some success happening and I encourage anyone willing to participate to do so either through financial or donations of literature or actively working with the committee

I plan to step aside as a member of this committee at the fall assembly. I would like to thank you all for your support to what I believe is a vital part of our Fifth Tradition.

God Bless Everyone.

Murdo.

Willing to respond to any questions.

Murdo.

**REMOTE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
AREA 82 - NOVA SCOTIA, NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR
PROPOSED GUIDELINES**

The following is a suggested guideline for the operation of Area 82's Remote Communities Committee. It is intended for your perusal, suggested changes and/or additions and possible acceptance.

1. Four AA Members ; two from Nova Scotia & two from Newfoundland/Labrador sit on the Remote Communities Committee along with the Alt. General Service Delegate as Chairperson, as per recommendation-Assembly minutes Oct. 2001.
2. Committee members sit for two years - with election of members to take place at our respective Service Weekends, alternating in opposite years to the other Area Officers.
3. Committee members are not required to attend Service Weekends or Assemblies as each member gives a report to the Alternate General Service Delegate, who in turn prepares a report for the Service Weekend and Assembly.
4. Committee members are not required to report directly to the District Body in which they live, but may co-operate and share with the District Body.
5. District Committee Members should pass on any requests for help to the committee member that the district cannot accommodate.
6. The Secretary/Treasurer is to include a budget for each province in the proposed budget which is presented at Assembly.
7. Committee members are to submit receipts for expenses to the Secretary/Treasurer for reimbursement.

A Remote Community is any community to which it is difficult to carry the message because of language, culture or geography.

"Our Twelfth Step - carrying the message - is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principals; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die."

*Bill W.
The A.A. Service Manual,
2000-2001 edition
P. S-1*

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2016 Website Report

From: **Hal M** (webmaster@area82aa.org)
Sent: May-16-16 5:37:59 PM
To: tim m (tmill@eastlink.ca); kirk s

Tim

The site's domain name and hosting is provided by Jaguarpc.com.
The cost of the domain name, effective March 1, 2016 is \$14.95/year up from \$12.95 USD, due Oct 20 each year.
The invoice for the hosting fee is \$71.40 USD per year, due Nov 20 each year.
We are up to date, both invoices have been paid and we are good until due again in 2016.

Since the beginning of 2016, the website is visited an average of 7,790 times per month by an average of 4,400 unique visitors.

Over 900 emails have been 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.

District 3 has decided to shutdown their website and I have assisted in this at their request. They now share the Area website for Newsletters and Meetings.

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.

At the Assembly last year, it was agreed to prepay for both domain and hosting to 3 years for savings and convenience. If the Web hosting fees are prepaid for 3 years, the cost drops to \$59.64 USD per year, \$178.92 USD for 3 years, a savings of 16 percent. JaguarPC is a great host, with very good support.

I have requested invoices for both Domain and Hosting and will forward them to the Treasurer for payment.

thanks Hal,

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Easy Does It !

HAL M

Webmaster, Area 82