

Area 82 Nova Scotia/Newfoundland and Labrador  
52<sup>st</sup> Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous  
October 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Dartmouth, NS

**Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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 Clement C.

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

Observers: Cathy M. Alt. DCM District 2, Janice R. Rep 12 Step Recovery Group District 16

12 Traditions read by Jane B.

2015 minutes were read by Tony D. No errors or omissions. Motion to accept the minutes made by Albert D. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barry L. All in favor and the minutes were adopted.

Treasurer Report: enclosed

Tom R. gave his report. There is 1 uncleared cheque still not cashed. 1 cheque from a group for \$50.00 whose account had closed, it shows in contributions and exited in expenses. Kathy SC asked about the NL Archives storage budget, rent is not due until Feb 2017. NOTE: Be careful about the Prudent Reserve account going stale. A motion was made by Jim P. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trudy D. to approve the report. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call: Active Groups

District 1- (26), District 2- (15), District 3- (13), District 4- (7), District 5- (8), District 6- (10), District 7- (14), District 8- (13), District 9- (22), District 10- (8), District 11- (5), District 12- (11), District 13- (3), District 14- (12), District 15- (34), District 16- (7), District 17- (6). Total Active Groups: (214).

Kirk S. Chairperson reviewed Assembly Weekend agenda. After supper Saturday, will be the GSO guest speaker, New business add #5 Set up Finance guidelines committee and #6 District 17 Insurance update.

Discussion on Jeff B. letting his name stand without being at the Assembly. He had emergency surgery last week and so under these circumstances we all agreed he should be able to do this. We can consider on a case by case basis. Motioned by Barry L., 2<sup>nd</sup> Dwayne M. all in favor, passed. Note: Should this be in the Guidelines?

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Tim M. All in favor. Kirk S. Chairperson closed the meeting with the Responsibility Pledge.

### **Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 2016**

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

#### **Introductions of Area 82 DCMS & Area Officers:**

Chairperson- Kirk S., GSD- Boyd B., Alt. GSD- Tim M., Treasurer- Tom R., Sec/Registrar- Tony D., GSO Guest Clement C. DCMS: District 1- Fred D., District 2- Trudy D., District 3- Barry L., District 4- Don B., District 5- Robert C., District 6- Alt. DCM Linda, District 7-Ray E, District 8- Dwayne M., District 9- Albert D., District 10- Kathy SC., District 12- Jane B., District 13- Eldon C., District 14- Alt. DCM Tom B., District 15- Jim P., District 17- Jeff S., Districts 11 & 16- No DCMS- Janice R. Rep 12 Step Recovery Group, District 14- DCM Jeff B. (Regrets)

12 Traditions read by Tony D.

Sympathies: Members spoke the names of the AA members we have lost over this past year from our Area. A few moments of silence were 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)

Minutes from the 2015 Area 82 Assembly were read by Tony D. No errors or omissions. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Albert D., seconded by Fred D. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes adopted.

Review of Agenda- Kirk S. Chairperson reviewed Assembly Weekend agenda. After supper Saturday, will be the GSO guest speaker, New business add #5 Set up Finance guidelines committee and #6 District 17 Insurance update. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Malcolm and seconded by Arnie K. All in favor.

D.C.M. Reports are attached. There are no DCMs in Districts 11 & 16. Rep Janice M. gave a brief report on District 16.

#### **GSO Guest Address:**

Clement C. works in Treatment & Accessibilities at GSO. GSO is ours so we should use it! GSO has about 80 employees with no volunteers.

#### **Coffee Break**

Past Delegates Address:

Sonny S. Past Delegate Panel 47 welcomed all and it is great to see a representative from District 16 here with a report. Area 82 is improving! Billy C. Past Delegate Panel 59 welcomed all and said it is great to see so many people dedicated to Service. We have elections today and he reminded everyone to vote for the people most capable for the position. Note: Service people are not the bosses, remember the upside-down triangle.

Treasurer Report: See report attached

Tom R. gave his report. A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Alan and seconded by Dave C. Approved unanimously.

Alt. Delegate Report: See report attached

Tim M. gave his Alternate General Service Delegate report.

Lunch

General Service Delegate Report: See report attached Boyd B. gave his General Service Delegate report

Active Area Committee reports: See reports attached.

1. Remote Committee report: Tim M. delivered Murdo M's report.
2. AACYPAA report: Tim M. read the report from Area 81 PEI
3. Webmaster report: Tim M. read Hal M's report.

Roll Call

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

District 1- 8 out of 26	District 7- 9 out of 14	District 13- 1 out of 3
District 2- 11 out of 15	District 8- 2 out of 13	District 14- 0 out of 12
District 3- 8 out of 13	District 9- 4 out of 22	District 15- 4 out of 34
District 4- 2 out of 7	District 10- 8 out of 8	District 16-1 out of 7
District 5- 1 out of 8	District 11- 0 out of 5	District 17-5 out of 6
District 6- 8 out of 10	District 12- 4 out of 11	

Total 214 Groups, 76 GSRS present, 5 Area Officers, 15 DCMS = 96 Votes

New Business:

Clement C. explained the Election Process. Area 82 runs all elections following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy Procedure. There are 96 votes and to be elected to each position requires 2/3 majority which is 64 votes. If after the 4<sup>th</sup> ballot there is no winner, then we will ask the floor if they wish to go to a 5<sup>th</sup> ballot or go to the hat. If we go to the hat, then the names remaining will be entered and 1 name drawn from the hat to be the successful candidate. If we choose a 5<sup>th</sup> ballot and the result does not produce a winner it then goes to the hat. Clement C. our GSO guest is running the election for us. Scrutineers are Sonny S., Billy C. and Dave A. (Area 81)

Delegate-

	First Ballot	Second Ballot	Third Ballot	Fourth Ballot
Kirk S.	25	25	23	24
Tony D.	2	1	----	
Jim P.	4	1	----	
Tim M.	48	57	75	<b>71</b>
Trudy D.	5	3	----	
Dwayne M.	8	1	----	
Albert D.	2	0	----	

Tim M. was elected after the 4<sup>th</sup> ballot. There were too many ballots after the 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot so a 4<sup>th</sup> ballot was needed. Anyone with 17 votes or less is removed after the second ballot.

Alternate Delegate-

	First Ballot
Kirk S.	<b>66</b>
Tony D.	6
Jim P.	10
Trudy D.	8
Dwayne M.	4
Albert D.	0

Kirk S. was elected after the 1<sup>st</sup> ballot.

Area Chairperson-

	First Ballot	Second Ballot	Third Ballot	Fourth Ballot	Hat
Jim P.	14	15	----	----	<b>Boyd B. was picked from the hat!</b>
Tony D.	16	13	----	----	
Boyd B.	22	25	41	39	
Trudy D.	21	23	52	52	
Dwayne M.	16	1	----	----	
Albert D.	5	6	----	----	

Boyd B. name was drawn from the Hat. Motion to go to the 5<sup>th</sup> ballot made by Mark and seconded by Frank. Simple majority voted to go to the Hat.

Secretary-

	First Ballot	Second Ballot	Third Ballot
Jim P.	10	8	----
Jeff B.	2	0	----
Trudy D.	45	58	<b>68</b>
Dwayne M.	12	9	----
Albert D.	5	3	----
Ken B.	18	15	23

Ken B. past DCM District 12 wanted to let his name stand for Secretary. After much discussion, a motion was made by Gary O. and seconded by Samaira G. to follow the Guidelines. Vote- 29- 40. Motion failed and Ken could stand. Trudy D. was elected after the 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot.

Treasurer-

	First Ballot	Second Ballot	Third Ballot	Fourth Ballot
Jim P.	26	29	34	29
Jeff B.	3	1	----	
Ken B.	14	9	----	
Dwayne M.	34	46	58	<b>61</b>
Albert D.	12	7	----	

Dwayne M. was elected after the 4<sup>th</sup> ballot

Remote Communities Chairperson-

	First Ballot	Second Ballot	Third Ballot	Hat
Jane B.	41	39	40	<b>Jane B. was</b>
Tom R.	45	45	43	<b>picked from</b>
				<b>the hat!</b>

Jane B. name was drawn from the Hat. Motion to go to the hat after 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot made by Mark and seconded by Frank. Simple majority voted to go to the Hat.

NL Archivist- Jim P. was elected by acclamation.

## Supper

C.E.R.A.A.S.A. Update- Dave A. from Area 81 gave an update for the 2017 C.E.R.A.A.S.A. It will be held in Moncton the last weekend in February at the Crown Plaza. You can register online at [www.cerassa.org](http://www.cerassa.org) or call 1-866-854-4656 and local 1-506-854-6340. If you are reserving a room at the Crown Plaza use code ZRO. C.E.R.A.A.S.A. is held every 2 years as a venue to present Conference items to our 10 Eastern Areas to obtain a broader perspective on items to be held at the Conference in NY. Registration is \$40 and the banquet is \$45.

## GSO Guest Speaker:

Albert D. chaired the meeting and opened with a moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Preamble was read by Fred D., How it Works was read by Samaira G., 12 Steps was read by Basil M. and the 12 Traditions were read by Kathy SC.

Clement C. delivered a story about himself, how it was, what happened and how it is today. Many people could relate. Thank you Clement!

## New Business:

1. Pre-conference Assembly – Tim M. presented a proposal (see attached). Everyone would like to see an informed Delegate. Tim proposed we replace the Service weekends with ones in March and early April. A motion was put on the floor by Tim M. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony D. that we adopt the proposal for 2018. Discussion took place- Can't hold the Service weekend in NS at that time of year at the AC in Truro. This would mean more of a cost to the groups, also weather at those times of year are a concern especially in NL. Gary O. made a counter proposal that our Delegate could visit 3 or 4 Districts at once and get their thoughts on the Conference items. This could potentially cover all districts in a matter of weeks. When will the GSO Inventory (addressing this issue) be discussed at GSO? Dwayne M. made a motion to postpone the 1<sup>st</sup> motion. All in favor. A committee was put together to investigate the proposal costs, etc. members- Tim M., Boyd B., Samaira G., Gary O. and Paul (?)
2. Area 82 Inventory- Tim M. proposed (see attached) that we hold an Area inventory in non- election years. Our last inventory was in 2006. We can set aside an hour or so to do some of the proposed inventory questions. Motion by Tony D. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank E. All in favor.

3. Seed money for NS Provincial Round up- (see attached) Dwayne M. suggested that a rotation be set up and no seed money be given. Giving seed money on a case by case basis sets a bad precedent. The question was called and all were in favor of no seed money to be given to the NS Provincial Round up.

Meeting adjourned until Sunday morning to continue with the new business items.

**Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Kirk S. opened the meeting and welcomed everyone back to continue the new business.

4. Host for 2017 A.A.C.Y.P.A.A.- District 12 volunteered to host it for 2017. Tentative dates are the same as the NS Service weekend.
5. Finance Committee- Dwayne M. proposed to set up a committee to explain all budget items, etc. some discussion ensued. Motion was made by Dwayne M. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony D. that Area 82 set up a committee to explore procedures for setting up finances. Committee volunteers are Dwayne M., Tom R., Tony D., Ambrose and Brent.
6. Insurance Policy Update- (see attached) Pete L. from District 17 presented an update of information for all groups about the Insurance Policy and possibilities for other groups to join said policy (see attached). Please contact Pete L. if you are interested in knowing more.
7. 2017 Budget-(see attached) Tom R. presented the budget. (see attached for before and after). Item 1- GSO Conference- Motion made by Albert D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jerry to raise from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Minority heard and motion passed. Item 2- GSD expenses- Gary O. made a motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Samaira G. that GSD expenses be increased by \$4,000 so GSD can travel around to the districts in 2017 and get a better sense of the Area. Discussion ensued and the motion was amended to an increase of \$2,000. Motion passed. Item 7- Secretary expenses increased to \$300. Item 15- Website expenses increased to \$1,000. Item 18- Regional Forum/CERAASA decreased to \$600 (CERAASA in Moncton 2017). Item 19- Assembly seed money change to \$0 as there will be a Round up with the 2017 Assembly. Item 24- Prudent Reserve increased to \$15,430. Motion made by Albert d. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dwayne M. to raise the Prudent Reserve to reflect 6 months operating funds. All in favor. New budget for 2017 is \$30,860.00 and Prudent Reserve is now \$15,430.00

Kirk thanked the host committee and Districts 1 & 2 for a great Assembly. See everyone at the Service weekends and Assembly next year! Area 82 Assembly closed at 11:30am with the Responsibility Statement.







#### **Mission Statement**

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

#### **We Believe:**

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

#### **Action Plan:**

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

AREA 82 N.S./N.L. ASSEMBLY AGENDA  
2016

"OUR SPIRITUAL WAY OF LIFE: STEPS, TRADITIONS AND CONCEPTS"

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| FRIDAY:  | 7:00 PM            | D.C.M. & AREA OFFICERS MEETING ✓  |
|          | 7:30 PM            | G.S.R. WORKSHOP ✓   |
| SATURDAY | 9:00 AM            | OPENING REMARKS/INTRODUCTIONS/12 TRADITIONS/<br>SYMPATHIES/MISSION STATEMENT ✓  |
|          |                    | MINUTES OF 2015 ASSEMBLY READ ✓   |
|          |                    | <i>9:20</i> → BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES ✓   |
|          |                    | APPROVAL OF 2016 AGENDA ✓   |
|          |                    | D.C.M. REPORTS ✓  |
|          |                    | GREETINGS FROM G.S.O. GUEST ✓   |
|          |                    | PAST DELEGATE'S ADDRESS ✓   |
|          | 10:30 AM           | COFFEE BREAK ✓  |
|          | 10:45 AM           | TREASURER'S REPORT ✓  |
|          |                    | ALT. G.S.D.'S REPORT ✓  |
|          |                    | G.S.D. REPORT ✓   |
|          | 12:00 PM           | LUNCH ✓   |
|          | 1:30 PM            | ACTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS ; REMOTE COMMUNITIES ✓<br>: A.A.C.Y.P.A.A. ✓<br>: WEBMASTER ✓  |
|          | 1:45 PM            | ROLL CALL [all must be present] ✓<br>ELECTION OF AREA OFFICERS ✓<br>ELECT: REMOTE COMMUNITIES CHAIR ✓<br><del>RESEARCHIST</del><br>OLD BUSINESS ✓<br>NEW BUSINESS: PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY ✓<br>AREA INVENTORY ✓<br>AMEND GUIDELINES FOR N.S. PROV. ROUNDUP ✓<br>A.A.C.Y.P.A.A. HOST 2017 ✓ |
|          | 3:30 PM            | COFFEE BREAK ✓<br><i>FINANCE COMMITTEE</i><br><i>insurance update</i> ✓   |
|          | 3:45 PM            | CONTINUE WITH NEW BUSINESS<br>APPROVE BUDGET ✓  |
|          | 5:00 PM            | SUPPER  |
|          | <del>7:00</del> PM | CONTINUE WITH AGENDA ITEMS <i>GSO SPEAKER MEETING</i> ✓   |
| SUNDAY   | 9:00 AM            | FINISH AGENDA ITEMS   |
|          | 10:30 AM           | <del>A.A. SPEAKER MEETING</del>   |
|          | 11:30 AM           | THANK G.S.O. GUEST <i>THANK HOST COMMITTEE</i>  |
|          | 12:00 PM           | CLOSE   |

AREA 82 ASSEMBLY  
2016  
D.C.M. & AREA OFFICERS MEETING  
"OUR SPIRITUAL WAY OF LIFE: STEPS, TRADITIONS AND CONCEPTS"

Friday: 7:00 PM Open Meeting with 30 seconds/Serenity Prayer

Welcome/Introductions

12 Traditions

Minutes of 2015

Treasures Report

Roll Call

Review Assembly Agenda

Close: Responsibility Pledge

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District 1 Report.

It is a great honor to be here and to have such a great team of members from District 1.

Treatment Facilities Committee

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

Chair Darren S and Co-Chair Bruce.

They have brought this committee back to life with their efforts in 2015 and 2016 after inconsistencies in recent years.

1. They have managed 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 no show in 2016).
2. Women members put on regular weekly meetings for the clients of the Marguerite Center.
3. Next they are trying to start a meeting at the Abby Lane hospital in Halifax.
4. Treatment in the last two years organized Meetings on Friday nights at the Forensics Facility.

**Public Information Committee**

Act Chair Bill P and Co-Chair Leah C.

They hold regular committee meetings once a month.

1. They have worked with Halifax Transit to get AA signs including the phone and website address on buses on major routes in the HRM.
2. They have distributed stamps to each group with the phone number and web site address so when people pick up literature they will see this.
3. They have put on workshops through the year about Public Information.

As of late they have been putting literature in many of the medical offices around the HRM then turning this responsibility over to the groups in their area.

There is so much more going on with this committee that you would have to speak to Bill P just to find out all of the work they have done in the last two years.

2016 feels like one of the most active years yet when it comes to these committees. Thank you for all your planning, enthusiasm, and dedication!

### Executive Committee

My Alt DCM John M has filled in to chair the district meetings when I have not been able to make it. John and Cathy have put on many Workshops in the last two years on Services in AA.

The Treasurer Samara G coordinates paying for literature and other expenses from the committees and does a fine job keeping our financial records.

Our Secretary Barb M does a great job of taking meeting minute, distributing and notifying our GSR.s of notices.

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

Now we have just had our elections at the district and have elected a new DCM Samara G. we also have a new Secretary Sharon N. for the next two years. Yet we need a new Alt DCM & a Treasurer to complete the district Officers. Coming up we are going to have our Committees Chairs & Alt Co-Chairs elections on October 16, 2016. at Club 24 at 1.00 o'clock before the district meeting.

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 thank you 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

## DCM REPORT DISTRICT 2

Hi all,

My name is Trudy and I am an alcoholic. My homegroup is the Cole Harbour group in Dartmouth. I also have the pleasure of serving District 2 as the DCM. We have 15 groups and 2 meetings in our district. Our groups range in location from Musquodobit to Enfield and hold 26 meetings a week. Our #7 Sheet Harbour group has closed after many years of Carrying the message in that area. They will be sorely missed.

We held our District elections last month and filled 3 out of 4 positions. Our Alternate DCM Cathy M. will be stepping up to the DCM position; Our Treasurer Phil B. is passing on the torch to Paul M. Louis M. will continue as Secretary for this upcoming term because he came in just a few short months ago. We are still looking for an Alternate DCM. We share 4 committees with District 1 and Fred has already shared about 2 of them. I will now tell you about the other 2.

The Corrections Committee Meetings chaired by Racquel R. and co-chaired by Gerry L. continue to go well on both sides of the prison and inmate attendance is positive. We put the word out for both male and female volunteers and thankfully a few members stepped up. Currently we have met our numbers for male volunteers, however we still need two additional female volunteers. The limit is ten men ten women.

The Cooperation with the Professional Committee Chaired by Bob R. and co-chaired by Chris R. meets monthly to plan various events. The Committee was requested to nominate members for Chair and Co-Chair for 2017. The Literature Chair was requested to review the books and pamphlets held by the committee and submit an order prior to the end of September. The Literature Chair indicated that he had performed a complete inventory of our pamphlets and equipment and that there will be no more requirements for funds this year, as we have everything we need at this time. There are several requests for a CPC presentation that were discussed at length. One for the Base at Halifax and Shearwater including dependants; a request by Al-Anon to hold a combined presentation at the North End Dartmouth Community Centre; a presentation at the Atlantic School of Theology in Sep; and Dalhousie School of psychology graduation class of 2016. As you can see, the Committee will be busy this fall.

In closing I would like to thank this years District committee for a job well done in carrying the AA message throughout our district. It has been a pleasure and an honor to represent our district this past 2 years and I have grown and learned so much about myself during this journey. I can never thank AA and the fellowship enough for the things I have experienced this past term.

Yours in Love and Service,

Trudy D.

DCM District 2

## District 3 DCM Report for the year 2016

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

We currently have 13 active groups within our district from Clementsport to Gasperrau, and one women's specific meeting (registered with GSO New York).

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. New this year, we have created an educational workshop committee with 4-6 people from district to plan out 10 educational sessions throughout the year. Most groups volunteer to help with these presentations. At the district level we began working on District guidelines and continue with that process.

We continue to provide support weekly to the Detox centre in Middleton on Wednesday Night and to the Crosbie House in New Minas on Tuesday nights. The AA phone line number is now showing on the Kings Transit buses.

Service positions Elections were held for the District and all new officers will begin in January 2017. This is my last report as DCM.

Areas for thought: Informing members through workshops or other meetings regarding the use of the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts for service work.

Getting people into Service work – The concept of Two-year rotation  
Final thought would be the 12 Tradition always reminding us to place Principles ahead of personalities.

Barry [REDACTED]

DCM District 03

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## District 4 DCM Report October 7,8 9th. 2016

Good morning everyone:

My name is Don B and I am an alcoholic.

Through the spirituality of the program, hard work, and good supportive friends That I have met in the rooms of AA, I am pleased to be here today in service and having the position of DCM for District 4.

**Group updates:** District 4 has 7 active AA groups in Digby, Meteghan, Clare, Yarmouth and Amirault's Hill with a total of 90 members.


Meetings in Yarmouth are held 7 days per week. Steps and tradition meetings are held in Yarmouth every Friday and Sunday night, as well as Step Meeting Study Grs on Monday nights and regular Friday nights in Digby. On Wednesday nights, District 4 also hosts a meeting at the Yarmouth Hospital Detox Unit. Most of 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 has been a problem for some of the groups on our District, Hopefully now that fall is in the air, this will increase.. A couple groups have yet to choose a new GSR or Alt. Plus other positions among groups. This is mainly due to older members that do not wish to run again or members too new to the program.

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

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Lighthouse Round Up will take place in Yarmouth on November 4<sup>th</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup>. And 6<sup>th</sup>. 2016. If anybody would like more information on this event, there are some flyers available at the registration table. If you wish you can reserve through me during this weekend.

Yours in Service

  
Don B.



Saturday October 8, 2016

Good morning everyone,

My name is Robert and I am an alcoholic. I have had the privilege to serve as District 5 DCM for the past 2 years. Our district has 8 groups, each being autonomous. In addition, we have 2 meetings which are held at the All-Saints Hospital Detox in Springhill and there is also one meeting a week at the Springhill Institution. There is always a meeting and sometimes two available each day of the week.

Our yearly round-up was held this past month in Amherst and we had a great day of fellowship. Membership among are groups is varied, some groups seeing some growth and some other groups have struggle to keep or increase membership.

Principles before personalities is stated in one of our traditions. I have witness how important this tradition needs to be understood when I see in few of our member personality issues that put at risk the well being of others in our District. When such issues are at hand members tend to shy away from being involved in service and this is definitely being felt in our area.

It has been a pleasure and a learning experience for me to be in this position for the past 2 years and I am looking forward to support our membership in the months and years to come. It was made clear to me in my very first year of sobriety that service was a necessity for recovery and I encourage anyone to get involve and be part of this great fellowship.

In closing, I would like to recognize the efforts and work of our Area officers who have each devoted their time and efforts in order to make this as successful as it is.

Thank you all for being here today,

Robert C. [REDACTED]

District 5 DCM

Alternate DCM's Report District Six

Good Morning Everyone, my name is Linda W██████████, Alternate DCM District Six.

We have ten groups in District with fourteen meetings a week.

Our District encompasses ten groups from Truro/Bible Hill, Millbrook, Shubenacadie and Tatamagouche.

We have four active Committees, Public Information, Twelve Step, Corrections and Roundup.

The Public Information Committee/CPC has been distributing brochures, meeting cards, etc. to the hospitals, Doctor's Offices, Police, RCMP, Boys and Girls Club, Schools, etc. One of our Members has had two sessions explaining what Alcoholics Anonymous is all about at Future Works and they want us to come back in the fall to do another session.

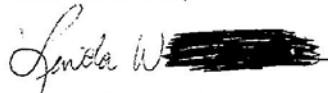
We put meetings on every Saturday night at the Women's Prison and the ladies look forward to seeing us every week. They are asking questions about AA for when they get released.

We had a very successful Roundup this year. We hosted both the District Six Roundup and the Provincial Roundup at the same time. Everyone enjoyed the Meetings and had lots of fun.

We had our elections for District Six, September 18, 2016. I am pleased to report that the younger members are taking an interest in service work.

I am very pleased to see that AA is going forward with the next generation.

Yours in service,



Linda W██████████/Alternate DCM

Ray E. [REDACTED]

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**From:** "Ray E. [REDACTED]" <hannah2@eastlink.ca>  
**Date:** October-01-16 11:24 AM  
**To:** "Ray E. [REDACTED]" <hannah2@eastlink.ca>  
**Subject:** HI

GOOD MORNING FRIENDS  
MY NAME IS RAY E. [REDACTED] I AM PRESENTLY DCM FOR DISTRICT 7  
WHICH CONSISTS OF EASTERN NOVA SCOTIA  
AND PORT HAWKESBURY IN CAPE BRETON.

DISTRICT 7 HAD 13 GROUPS NOW THEY ARE 14 GROUPS, DISTRICT 7  
WELCOMES A NEW GROUP.

THE NEW GROUP IS CALLED THE FOUR DIRECTIONS AA GROUP IN  
AFTON. SO GOOD LUCK TO THE NEW GROUP.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IS BUSY GETTING INFORMATION AROUND THE  
DISTRICT. WEEKLY MEETINGS ARE PUT ON AT THE  
LOCAL DETOX UNIT EVERY SUNDAY AT 2:30 PM IN PICTOU. WE WOULD  
LIKE TO THANK THE UNITY GROUP FROM ANTIGONISH,  
AND THE HUB TOWN GROUP FROM TRURO FOR PUTTING ON MEETINGS  
AT THE DETOX AND ALL THE GROUPS IN PICTOU COUNTY.

SINCE THE OPENING OF THE PRIESTVILLE INSTITUTION IN PICTOU COUNTY  
SEPTEMBER 2 2015, MEETINGS HAVE BEEN PUT ON  
FOR THE INMATES. THE MEETINGS ARE HELD ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS  
AT 6:30, THANKS TO SHAWN MCL [REDACTED] AND HUGH C [REDACTED]  
AND THE GROUP MEMBERS THAT GO IN TO PUTTING A MEETING ON.

AS ALL OF YOU KNOW THIS WILL BE MY LAST REPORT AS DCM, BECAUSE  
IT IS ELECTION YEAR. JOHN HUGH G [REDACTED] OF THE UNITY GROUP  
IN ANTIGONISH WILL BE THE NEW DCM FOR DISTRICT 7.

I WISH HIM THE BEST OF LUCK IN HIS NEW POSITION AS DCM. I WOULD LIKE  
TO THANK THE MEMBERS THAT HAVE HELD THIS POSITION BEFORE  
ME FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND HELP.

MY TWO YEARS AS DCM WAS WONDERFUL. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL  
THE GSR'S WHO SUPPORTED ME THROUGH THIS TRYING PERIOD.  
I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE CONFIDENCE DISTRICT 7 HAS HAD  
IN ME.

IN CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY  
HEART, AND GOOD LUCK TO ONE AND ALL. YOURS IN SERVICE  
RAY ELLSWORTH DCM DISTRICT 7.

*Ray E. [REDACTED]*

01/10/2016



## District 8 Report to the 2016 NS/NS Assembly

Hello, Friends.

My name is Dwayne MacD., and I'm an alcoholic. I am a member of the Happy Destiny Big Book Study Group, in Port Hawkesbury, and I have the honour of representing District 8, Inverness, Richmond, and Victoria Counties on Cape Breton, as the DCM for this term.

Our District meeting takes place the third Sunday of the month in the Glendale rooms. We start the meeting with a workshop, followed by the business meeting. The workshop usually covers a different tradition or concept each month, but this year we have started a Service Manual study, with a different member leading the discussion of a portion of the Service Manual each month.

Our district elections took place in September, and we have a full slate of trusted servants at the District this term. Donnie MacI, of the Glendale Group, will be the next DCM of District 8, and Don C., of the Happy Destiny Group, will step into the Alt. DCM role.

District 8 currently has 13 active groups. The Baddeck Bay group opens the doors for the summer months only. They have only two active members, and have found it impossible to cover expenses from heat and lights in winter months, but they still keep the doors open, as they have for the past 65 years. .

The Hidden Group, and Les Voyageurs, in Cheticamp, have merged into one group with Les Voyageur name, and thus the Hidden Group no longer exists.

Our district is very rural, and as we have many small groups, with active memberships as low as two, mutual support is one of the main goals at the District level. We are blessed to have many meetings in a rural area with relatively few members, and intergroup support keeps the doors open.

District 8 groups, along with the Port Hawkesbury Group from District 7 host an informational Primary Care meeting each Monday night at the Strait-Richmond Hospital Detox unit. Five local groups carry the message in the winter months, and other groups join into the rotation when the weather is better for travelling. I am very happy to report that, in the coming months, trusted servants from the district will once again be carrying the AA message to patients of the detox unit as a part of the normal daily program. This is a wonderful reversal of provincial policy, and our members are lining up to help.

I am happy to report that the membership of District 8 continue their admirable job of keeping the doors open, and carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Yours in Service,



Dwayne MacD.

DCM, District 8

District Secretary: (Deb C. 902-623-0828), or [district8@hotmail.ca](mailto:district8@hotmail.ca))

Hi Friends,

My name is Al D. and I am an Alcoholic.

I have had the great pleasure of serving as DCM for District 9, which covers the Industrial Cape Breton area. We have 22 groups in our District, with 34 meetings in total.

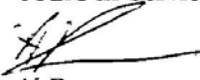
We have two active committees, Corrections and CPC-PI. Corrections puts on meetings at the jail every 2 weeks. CPC-PI has made a great start in rebuilding. The dialog has been opened within the Hospital and Detox.

Every year we have our Mid-Winter Roundup, and I would like to thank all who attend from Area 50, for making it such a success. ~~THE YEAR ROUND IS APR 10-12,~~  
~~APR 10-12, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005.~~

In closing, I would like to thank all the GSR's and members of the District for making the last two years, the most enjoyable experience.

This has been a growing experience in that my will doesn't count, it is the ~~members~~ of the groups.  
~~members~~

Yours in Service



Al D.

DCM REPORT FOR ASSEMBLY IN DARTMOUTH, N.S. OCT. 7<sup>TH</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

Hello everyone, my name is Kathy S█████-C█████, I am an alcoholic and it is my privilege to be here today to represent District 10 as their DCM. District 10 covers from the Chester area through to Shelburne – which also includes Mahone Bay, Lunenburg, Bridgewater, and Liverpool and all other communities in between. District 10 is made up of 8 groups and 3 meetings. All 8 groups are quite active, but 1 group struggles as it is in a tourist town and relies a lot on tourists and snowbirds for attendance, but we are extremely grateful for the dedicated member who continues to make sure the door is open and the coffee is hot for those who may stumble through it's doors, no matter what time of year. Our 3 meetings in the area are, a Monday noon meeting, a Men's meeting and a Women's meeting, these are all well attended and very much appreciated. A warm welcome is extended to anyone passing through our way to join us at any of these meetings.

We hold our district meetings the last Sunday of every month, with the exception of the month of July. We are fortunate in Dist. 10 to have GSR's and alternates with a keen interest in service work and our meetings are well attended. We held our elections the last Sunday of Sept. and I am pleased to report that Bill A. will be the incoming DCM and Mary Lee G. is the incoming Alt. DCM. I feel that the district will be in good hands, as both these two have many years of experience in doing service work for the district and for AA in general.

District 10 currently has 2 full time committees on the go. We have a phone committee chaired by Pat R., who is doing just a super job keeping the phone circulated and updated. The phone is passed on monthly to dedicated volunteers, who are doing a great job of being responsible when anyone reaches out for help, and believe me, they have all been there. The other committee is our PI committee, chaired by Bill A., he also is doing a super job in getting the AA message out to appropriate places and making sure our meeting cards are always current and in good supply. Bill says he started out with his toe in the water, but has certainly worked his way up to waist level. My many thanks to these two dedicated people, both who are here today, it has been a privilege to work with you both.

In Dist. 10 we are fortunate enough to have our own literature depot headed by Ed J. and Ed does a terrific job of keeping the groups supplied with books and medallions and AA literature. We also have our own newsletter, which was started years ago by Bonnie A., but because of health reasons, Bonnie has had to give up doing the newsletter, but Michelle P. has taken over the reigns and is doing a great job of keeping the district informed of birthdays and upcoming events and she usually gives us a splash of AA history, which is always a favorite of mine.

Fellowship, friendship and fun are always a part of district 10, so we get together when we can for bowling parties, skating parties, barbeques, baseball games, Halloween costume parties, always attended by Sister Ignatia, and our Christmas party. These events are always open to family and friends of members, as they too suffered as we did, and it is now time for us to laugh and enjoy life – as Bill W. said – not to take ourselves too serious. Of course, our biggest event of the year is our May Day, which was a huge success again this year, both because of the dedicated volunteers who give of their time and

skills, some of them are here today, and to all the members of AA and Al-Anon who make the journey every May to help us celebrate fellowship and sobriety.

I read this the other day and thought it was an appropriate closing for me today :

The rewards of sobriety are bountiful and as progressive as the disease they counteract. Certainly among these rewards for me are the release from the poison of uniqueness, and the realization that participation in the AA way of life is a blessing and a privilege beyond estimate – a blessing to live a life free from the pain and degradation of drinking and filled with the joy of useful, sober living, and a privilege to grow in sobriety one day at a time and bring the message of hope as it was brought to me.

I sincerely thanks those of district 10 for giving me the opportunity to serve them as their DCM, and I am grateful to AA and my Higher Power that I could be of some service to this fellowship and to my district.

Yours in service

Kathy S█████-C█████



Oct, 2016

Good day, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Jane B. [REDACTED] 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 want 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 two years. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the help and support I received from my 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.

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 9 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. <sup>a noon mtg on Wed. and</sup> There are meetings in the District 7 nights a week with 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 the Service weekend in May. 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.

We will be starting off the New Year in the spirit of rotation with a new slate of officers.

Alfred S. is our in-coming DCM, and Junior W. our in-coming ADCM.

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

Your in gratitude and service,

Jane B.

→ This term our District also attempted to highlight one tradition & one concept at each District meeting. I am pleased to report that in Sept. we completed Trad-12 & Concept 12 with various GSR & other District members presenting.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORT for AREA 82 DISTRICT 13.

October 7, 2016

for: 2016 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS FALL ASSEMBLY and ROUND-UP>

My name is Eldon, and I am an Alcoholic.  
I am District Committee Member for District 13, of Area 82.

Our area has 4 active groups, 2 groups in Grand Falls - Windsor, 1 group in Gander and 1 group in Glovertown. These groups hold a total of 10 meetings every week. We have had some interest shown for a meeting in another community, but that hasn't become a reality yet.

Our present District Committee will finish their two year term at the end of December of this year. I wish to express my personal appreciation to all who have served and helped keep ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS active in our communities.

Yours in service:  
ELDON C.



October 7, 2016

**District 14 D.C.M. Report:  
52<sup>nd</sup> Area Assembly  
Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador Fall Assembly**

"Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts."

Good day friends my name is Tom G and I am an Alcoholic, I am the Alternate (DCM) for district 14 (Avalon Placentia, Newfoundland). Because of personal reasons Jeff B ~~DCM~~ District 14 wasn't able to attend this weekend, but he assure you that he is with you all in spirit.

Over all Districts 14 is doing very well. District 14 covers a large geographic area, which makes it harder to keep the lines of communication open through-out our district.

Members are still carrying the message of recovery to the newly opened Treatment Centre (The Grace Centre) located in Hr. Grace. The New Horizons Group still host meeting's in this facility Tuesday nights.

I am pleased to announce that District 14 now has 13 active groups. There is a new group who is waiting to receive their group number from the General Service Office.

New Group Name: The Hand of A.A.  
Location of Meeting: Town Hall, St Josephs, NL.  
Time and Night: 8:00pm, Thursday night's  
Group Contact: Brian S 709 697 0127

*SOME OF THE MEMBERS  
WHO WERE IN DISTRICT 14  
VOLUNTEER AT HER MAJESTY'S  
BENEFIT DINNER IN DISTRICT 15  
ST. JOHN'S*

District 14 Meeting list will be revised in near future and will be added to area82 webpage.

On Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> District 14 will be having its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Party; this year we are serving turkey dinners with dessert. With the great turnout, at recent Christmas parties District 14 has decided to sell tickets to make sure we enough plates for everyone. Tickets are just \$20.00 with only 100 tickets printed. It was a great success last year, we had to turn members away because we sold out of tickets.

So come out to Burry Height's on Salmonier Line on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 will be on the area 82 web page in near future.

Yours in recovery and service;

Tom G



EMAIL - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ @EASTLINK.CA

*JH G:G:P's*

Good morning, my name is Jim and I am an alcoholic. District 15 covers the areas of St. John's, Conception Bay South, St. Mary's Bay and the Southern Shore. In St. John's there are meetings every night of the week with good attendance. I think it is important for me to mention the surrounding areas that have one meeting a week and most of the time the attendance is low. We can't forget about these areas because there are alcoholics in those communities that don't know they need help yet, therefore it is vital that we keep the doors open for them. At our district meetings our attendance is between 15-20 groups. District 15 has put off various sharing sessions which are vital in educating ourselves on the many aspects of our program.

Our archives are a very important part of our program. We try to have them on display whenever we can, so that people can actually see that the program is not only helping us but all of the people it helped in the past. It is an experience in itself to walk by and have a look and maybe even a laugh or comment on something or someone you see.

Then we have our CPC PI Committee. This committee has been doing great work for a long time. From putting off speaker's meetings at the John Howard Society and displays at the various functions at the University, too putting ads in different newspapers and gazettes and also school presentations. Also, on September 24<sup>th</sup> of this year they were invited to a wellness expo at the Remax Centre. On October 30<sup>th</sup> the committee will participate in a healthy living show at the Sheraton Hotel. I could go on about the many other things that they are working on as well.

In closing, I would like to say that it has been a wonderful experience for me to serve District 15 for the last three years as DCM.

Thank you,

Jim P.  
DCM  
District 15

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12 Step Recovery Support Group  
Labrador City, NL  
District 16, Area 82

October 5, 2016

#### Group (District) Report

My name is Janice R. I am a member of the 12 Step Recovery Group that holds closed meetings every Wednesday night at the O'Brien Hall in Labrador City. I have been elected on behalf of our GSR Martine T, and past GSR's Mike P and present alternate GSR Zonya C, to represent our group and other groups in Labrador City and Wabush. I am here to learn about the service structure of AA in general and of Area 82. District 16 does not currently have a sitting DCM, therefore this may be the only report from our District.

First and on behalf of our group, we are thankful for this opportunity to attend this assembly through the Remote Communities initiative, and the efforts of the Area 82 Officers. We hope to continue to work and communicate with the Area and become involved with the Remote Communities in the future to bring the message of service to our Labrador area.

We are just beginning to have regular group conscience meetings and are starting to understand and follow the service structure. We had a GSR elected for almost a year but were unfamiliar with the guidelines. Recently we had a group conscience meeting and elected a new GSR along with a chairperson, secretary and treasurer. We are excited to be attending this conference and will be sharing information and experiences with the other members. We are also hoping that the current GSR will attend the next assembly.

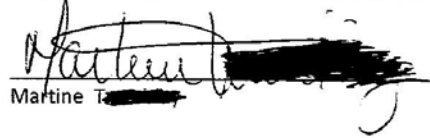
In Labrador City and Wabush there are currently 4 meetings per week, and attendance is generally in the area of 5-10 per meeting. We are a remote company town and alcoholism is prevalent in this area. We have many members, some come and go, but long term sobriety is not common, most have 3 years or less. We are fortunate to have some visiting members who are just travelling through or there because of work, and its refreshing and exciting to hear a new perspective when this does happen.

In Happy Valley/Goose Bay there are 4 meetings a week, and 2 in Sheshatshiu, which is a Federal Reserve located approximately 30kms north of Goose Bay. In the entire costal area, along with it being a company town, the disease of alcoholism has affected its indigenous people severely. There are another 12 meetings that are currently listed on the schedule in other remote Labrador areas. Although we are all in the same geographic area, sadly our fellowship is not connected.

We believe that AA and the service structure of AA can make inroads into possibly more recovery from this devastating disease if we work together. We hope that this new connection we have with Area 82 continues to grow and fosters more, and stronger awareness and recovery in our District.

We are hopeful that with the help and support of the Remote Communities Committee we will be able to reach out to members holding meetings in the Happy Valley/Goose Bay area of Labrador. From here we can establish a solid service base of the AA program and establish a plan to bring the message to the more remote areas and smaller communities of Labrador.

Again we are thrilled to be represented here at this Assembly and we thank all who are involved in helping this happen. We look forward to working with all on the roads ahead.

  
Martine T. [redacted]

  
Janice R. [redacted]

## District 17 sportsplex 2016

Good morning everyone,

My name is Jeff S and I am an alcoholic .I am here today representing District 17 ,which spans from the western part of Hants county to Wolfville . The six registered groups which are (included in this district) are Brooklyn ,fresh start in three mile plains, Hantsport which meet twice a week and st croix which does also,Windsor -Brooklyn in Windsor and Wolfville .Although there are non-registered meetings being held in Wolfville &Windsor our newest meeting is once again a women's meeting .

All our groups support each other in attendance , fellowship& unity , offering a warm welcome to all. Our groups working together has made our mini round up a success once again.

Our district continues to put meetings on at our two addiction treatment facilities however, they are still needing help with the bridging the gap program ,thanks to Paul b this is a success.

Our alternate dcm has fallen ill and we are hoping for John b's speedy recovery. Our treasurer Gary o has done an excellent job keeping the money in order with a healthy bank account . Diane h ,our secretary has been able to keep our minutes straight which still amazes me.

Peter c being our webmaster & meeting list person has been able to keep up with the many changes,well done. ~~~ A JOB~~

Terri Bc is keeping our newsletter not only correct but very informative . Monique m in our Pi& cpc position has not only kept us up to speed with changes but she keeps those misconceptions straighten out along with Pete l which is doing a wonderful job on our insurance .

The telephone number is 790-6066and John S is chairing that committee,also he is looking after our next workshop on the phone & it's management .

We are presently looking forward to help with the provincial roundup with district three .

Thank-you

Yours in service

Jeff s

**Area 82 Financial Statement May 19, 2016 to Oct 03, 2016**

Opening Balance \$ 25,811.85

**INCOME**

Group/District Contributions \$ 8,743.00

**TOTAL \$ 34,554.85**

**EXPENSES**

Cheque #366 - Area Assembly SEED	\$ 400.00	uncleared
Cheque #367 - Remote Comm Accommodations	\$ 298.30	
Cheque #368 - Remote Comm Registration	\$ 25.00	
Cheque #369 - NS Achivist Service Weekend	\$ 279.04	
Cheque #370 - Delegate Office Supplies	\$ 500.00	
Cheque #371 - Hal Madore Website Domian	\$ 50.60	
Cheque #372 - Remote Comm Travel	\$ 1,553.00	
Item Returned Unpaid	\$ 50.00	
Item Return unpaid Fee	\$ 7.00	
Bank Charges	\$ 18.08	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,181.02</b>	

Closing Balance	\$31,373.83
Less uncleared cheques	\$400.00
<b>Total Operating Funds</b>	<b>\$31,773.83</b>
<b>Prudent Reserve</b>	<b>\$13,009.08</b>

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

- 1) Group name and sevice number
- 2) District number **\*\*very important if you want a receipt\*\***
- 3) Cheques payable to Area 82 NS/NL
- 4) Send to ~~Tom Catitt~~

Any questions regarding finances please feel free to contact 902-883-1519 or email tomcatitt@hotmail.c

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

Yours in service, Tom R.





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2 Oct 2016

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Date	Description	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
3 Oct 2016	DEPOSIT		250.00	31,773.83
3 Oct 2016	DEPOSIT		1,080.00	
28 Sep 2016	<a href="#">CHEQUE - 372</a>	1,553.00		30,443.83
13 Sep 2016	<a href="#">CHEQUE - 371</a>	50.60		31,996.83
12 Sep 2016	<a href="#">CHEQUE - 369</a>	279.04		32,047.43
1 Sep 2016	MONTHLY FEE	3.75		32,326.47



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## 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	\$ 500.00
Alt.GSD's Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,707.33	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,300.00
Area Chair Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$909.34	\$1,800.00	\$ 1,000.00
Secretary Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,853.52	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,340.00
Sec. Office Supplies	\$600.00	\$335.64	\$500.00	
Treasurer Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,730.90	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,100.00
Treasurer Office Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$ 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	\$ 407.15
Web Host & Domain	\$118.00	\$118.00	\$0.00	\$ 50.60
Web Assembly Travel	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$ -
NS & NL Area Active Comm.	\$3,500.00	\$3,308.36	\$5,000.00	\$ 2,816.52
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	\$ 906.00
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	\$ -
Bank Charges	\$70.00	\$51.14	\$60.00	\$ 33.78
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$26,788.00</b>	<b>\$19,346.99</b>	<b>\$26,560.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,004.05</b>
<b>PRUDENT RESERVE</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,009.15</b>	<b>13,009.08</b>	

Area 82 Proposed Budget 2017

*Jan to May only 2016*  
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	Approved Budget 2015	Actuals 2015	Approved Budget 2016	Actuals 2016	Proposed Budget 2017	
1 GSO Conf	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	5,000.00
2 GSD's Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,613.82	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	4,000.00
3 GSD Office Supplies	\$500.00	\$130.69	\$300.00	\$-	\$300.00	✓
4 Alt.GSD's Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,707.33	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	✓
5 Area Chair Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$909.34	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,000.00	✓
6 Secretary Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,853.52	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	✓
7 Sec. Office Supplies	\$600.00	\$335.64	\$500.00	\$-	\$100.00	300.00
8 Treasurer Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,730.90	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	✓
9 Treasurer Office Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$-	\$50.00	✓
10 NL Archives Upkeep & Storage	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$-	\$1,200.00	✓
11 NL Archives Travel Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$587.08	\$1,000.00	\$-	\$1,000.00	✓
12 NS Archives Upkeep & Storage	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$-	\$1,000.00	✓
13 NS Travel Expenses	\$1,300.00	\$128.11	\$1,300.00	\$128.11	\$1,300.00	✓
14 Web Host & Domain	\$118.00	\$118.00	\$0.00	\$-	\$300.00	✓
15 Web Assembly Travel	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$-	\$600.00	1,500.00
16 NS & NL Area Active Comm.	\$3,500.00	\$3,308.36	\$5,000.00	\$845.52	\$5,000.00	✓
17 GSO Guest	\$2,000.00	\$851.54	\$1,500.00	\$-	\$1,500.00	✓
18 Regional Forums/CERAASA	\$1,500.00	\$1,091.05	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	600.00
19 Assembly Seed Money	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$506.00	\$1,000.00	0
20 International Hosp. Ste Contribution	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$-	\$0.00	✓
21 Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$20.47	\$250.00	\$-	\$250.00	✓
22 Additional GSO Contribution	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$-	\$0.00	✓
23 Bank Charges	\$70.00	\$51.14	\$60.00	\$15.70	\$60.00	✓
TOTALS	\$26,788.00	\$18,786.99	\$26,560.00	\$14,295.33	\$28,160.00	30,830.00
24 PRUDENT RESERVE	\$10,000.00	\$10,009.15		13,000.00		15,430

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**Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly**



Please use one form *for each individual* registering

Print, complete & send your registration form with your cheque or money order payable to "CERAASA 2017" to the following address:

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

Your Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Your District: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRANSLATION**

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

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## **Remote Communities Report Area 82 Assembly 2016**

As a member of the Remote Communities Committee I am pleased to give you an update on the activities of the committee to date since the Service Weekends. The conference calls conducted by Mike Y. and Abner T. with the participation of AA members in both remote areas of Labrador and the Newfoundland & Nova Scotia region were ongoing through the spring with a hiatus in June thru September. We had approximately 8 to 10 participants on these calls on a regular basis and was most welcome by all. These calls will resume this year and we hope the word gets around that this service is available.

I have maintained contact with various groups and members from a few Labrador communities since my visit last year and they continue to strive and carry the Alcoholics Anonymous message.

It is encouraging and rewarding to have members from the region attending the Service Weekend and this assembly, I wish them a great and enlightening visit. On the issue of having a contact in the region I believe this is an important step for us to move forward, I know we have faced this problem in the past with little success. Hopefully this will further our efforts in this area and I am willing to be available if resources and assistance is requested.

As you may be aware I am stepping aside as a member of this committee but always interested in this effort to help where I can.

As a member, also of the national or international (if you wish, as we now have members from Arizona and Alaska Remote Communities committees) we continue to have conference calls bi-monthly. There are always new ideas brought forward and the sharing gives us all perspective on what else is going on and ideas for carrying our message in remote communities across the northern landscape. I would like to draw your attention to a letter from the Eastern and Western Canada Regional Trustees arising from the Regional Forum in Thunder Bay in July. This indicates that we are finally on the radar at AAWS and GSO which is encouraging and needs to be pursued as they are looking for suggestions on ways to support the Remote Communities. A copy of the letter is attached.

Wishing you all a successful Area Assembly.

Murdo M.

Remote Community Committee member.

### A.A.C.Y.P.A.A. PEI Report

From what I understand it was successful. There was a noticeably larger proportion of younger people around than usual, which is great. I heard a few comments on how refreshing their meetings were. Unfortunately, I was unable to see for myself since the assembly portion filled my day and later the CERAASA meeting.

8:30 a.m. Discussion meeting about 12 in attendance.

2nd meeting Panel with 3 speakers at the front about 20 in attendance

3rd, 4th & 5th meeting Panel with 3 speakers a full room of 30+ in attendance

They also had some innovative and interactive content along with a bit of a game at the end which was fun and engaging.

Lloyd figures there were: 6 Islanders, 8 from N.B., 2 from Dartmouth

## Website Report

The site's domain name and hosting is provided by [Jaguarpc.com](http://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 domain name payment has been made, and the website domain is paid up to Oct 20, 2019, we paid for 3 years and received the old rate of \$12.95 USD.

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 November 2016. I have requested an invoice for 3 years of Hosting and will forward them to the Treasurer for payment.

Since the beginning of 2016, the website is visited an average of 7,304 times per month by an average of 4,158 unique visitors.

Over 1200 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.

feel free to contact me at any questions.

yours in service Hal



## What's This Thing about Our A.A. Group Needing Liability Insurance?

24 May 2016

Six years ago a pipe burst in the Parish Hall of the St Francis of Assisi RC Church in Wolfville where the Wolfville group had met for 40 years. There was serious damage in the walls and the basement partially flooded. What a mess! While the Wolfville group was not responsible for the problem it meant the group had to find another place to meet in a hurry. Fortunately we were able to make temporary arrangements to use the Lower Hall of the Wolfville Baptist Church.

Shortly after, Wolfville group received a letter from the St Francis Church administration saying that if we wished to move back into the Parish Hall we would have to provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance for the Wolfville A.A. group. It was explained that the church's insurance only covered activities directly related to the church and not outside community groups, individuals, or organizations. The letter went on to explain it was prepared to offset the cost of the insurance by accepting a reduced freewill rental contribution. That meant we would hardly be paying for the use of the space because the insurance premium cost was going to be about \$500 per year. Wolfville Group declined the offer and stayed at the Wolfville Baptist Church.

Along with the cost, our attitude was we don't need insurance; we're only a small group, any damage that might happen while we are at the church would be covered by the Wolfville Baptist Church policy. What would we need insurance for anyway? It seemed ridiculous! The insurance companies are only making "a money grab" and besides the Catholic Church is a special situation. So, with that attitude we brushed it all off which is reminiscent of the quote in the Big Book, page 568 which says, "There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments ... contempt prior to investigation."

The Berwick Group, meeting at St Anthony's RC Church, also received a similar letter requiring the group to have liability insurance. They did investigate and decided to take the church up on the offer of paying what they could as a freewill rent contribution after paying their insurance premium. Clearly both RC congregations wanted the Wolfville and Berwick Groups to continue to meet in their respective facilities.

Four more years has passed and now the Wolfville Baptist Church has a policy where only church sponsored activities and programs are covered by their insurance policy. The reality is, this was the case all along for any group or organization. While the Wolfville Baptist Church suggests it would be advisable to have liability insurance, it does not require an outside group, organization or individual to have liability insurance. However, a representative of our group would have to sign the Facility Usage Agreement as follows.

I have read the attached Policy Regarding the use of facilities at Wolfville Baptist Church and agree to abide by the terms, conditions and requirements of this Policy. The church does not accept any responsibility for any activities held on the premises unless it is a church-sponsored event. All groups are strongly urged to secure their own liability insurance coverage. \_\_\_\_\_ (Initials).

\_\_\_\_\_  
(printed name of representative)

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(printed name of organization)

So, this has had an impact upon the Wolfville group and the Wolfville Tuesday Morning meeting. We already knew the cost of insurance for one group could be \$500 for the annual premium. OUCH!!!

At about the same time, the Brooklyn group, meeting in the Newport United Church, also received a formal legal letter from the church. They were advised that they would have to sign an agreement to use the church facility and assume responsibility for any damages attributable to the A.A. group since the church's insurance policy did not cover outside groups and organizations using the church facility. This sounds familiar!



What does this all mean? This means the member signing the facility usage agreement on behalf of a group, could be responsible for any damages or injuries attributable to group activities while on the premises. It seems unfair to ask a member to take such personal responsibility. As we understand it, if there were to be a claim the person that signs the agreement is the person they may look to for recover of part or all damages. In this case it is hoped the member has adequate personal liability insurance. There is a way to handle this problem. If a group arranges to have liability insurance then it won't matter who signs the use of facility agreement on behalf of a group.

Recognizing these groups needed insurance, the District 17 committee decided to look into what could be done and contacted the Halifax & Dartmouth Central Service Committee (HDCSC) who had arranged for a liability insurance policy to cover up to 30 groups in Districts 1 & 2. Not all the groups signed on to this insurance policy but many did, which made it affordable for the individual groups who chose to sign on. District 17 contacted the HDCSC insurance agent and worked out a similar insurance program for up to 25 groups for a total annual premium of \$1,000 providing \$2,000,000 liability insurance with a \$1,000 deductible per incident. This also includes activities organized by District 17 including District meetings, workshops, and A.A. related gatherings.

The District 17 groups were asked to check with the church or facility owner where they meet to determine if they were actually covered under the churches or facility's insurance policy. Our investigation has revealed that the church and facility insurance policies may not actually cover non-church sponsored activities similar to the Brooklyn, Wolfville and Berwick groups' experience. There may be exceptions such as A.A. Club rooms and Centres whose purpose is to provide a meeting place for groups and other 12 Step programs.

After much discussion at our District 17 meetings, 5 of the groups plus the one meeting decided to sign up for the program. Knowing the Berwick group required insurance, we offered that they join our District 17 group insurance policy. So far, we have 6 groups and one meeting participating in the insurance plan for 2016. Each group was asked to contribute \$145 to pay their part of the premium plus a \$55 contribution towards building up a reserve for the \$1,000 deductible in case there is a claim. The funds were received from the groups as requested and the premium paid.

We are now reaching out in N.S., first to other groups in Districts 3, 4, and 10 interested in joining our liability insurance policy program. As best we can determine the number of groups (& meetings) in:

District 3	Groups	12	Meetings	3
District 4	"	10	"	0
District 10	"	10	"	3
Total groups		32	Meetings	6

A \$1,000 premium for 7 groups comes to \$145 per group. For 25 groups it is \$40. It makes sense to work together to get the biggest benefit at the least cost to each group.

We hope our experience is helpful to other Districts and Groups in South-Western Nova Scotia. While our original 7 groups will benefit in adding groups to our program by spreading the cost over more groups, it may also be a greater benefit and peace of mind to those members who sign leases, use of facilities or rental agreements on their group's behalf. The likelihood of anything happening is probably low but we do carry insurance for our cars, homes, businesses, health, flight, travel, the list goes on. We may never make a claim, but we carry insurance just in case. That, we feel, is managing our risk. It's something to think about.

While we aren't experts in insurance we know what we've experienced. If we can be of help let us know.

John B. 902-542-7286, Jim H. 902-757-3158, Bob M. 902-538-3099, Pete L. 902-542-9710  
 District 17, Area 82, A.A. Inter-District Group Liability Insurance Program Committee

**Update of the District 17 Inter-District Group Liability Insurance Program October 2016**

Last year the District 17 Committee decided to make liability insurance available to the District 17 groups and meetings and also Berwick group in District 3.

Five of the six groups and one meeting in District 17 along with the Berwick group opted into the insurance program that started December 31, 2016

- Currently the \$1,000 premium covers up to 25 Groups with a \$1,000 deductible for \$2,000,000 per incident.
- The 7 participating groups, cost shared the premium at \$145 per group, plus \$55 to build up a reserve towards a \$1,000 deductible should there be a claim. Therefore the total initial contribution requested per group was \$200.

After we provided information about the District 17 Inter-District group liability insurance program at the 2016 Nova Scotia Service Weekend, 3 groups in Bridgewater, District 10, asked to join and are now in the D17 Inter-District group insurance program.

We have also heard of interest from other groups in District 3 and elsewhere in Nova Scotia.

Recently, an inquiry of our agent, Harlin Hayes of MacLeod Lorway Insurance Brokerage, to see what the premium cost would be to add additional groups in the Economical Insurance policy.

Number of Groups	Additional Premium Cost	Annual Premium	Premium Cost per Group	Deductible Contribution	Total
Initial 7 groups	\$0.00	\$1,000	\$145.00	\$55	\$200
25 groups	\$0.00	\$1,000	\$40.00		
26 to 40 groups	\$250.00	\$1,250	\$31.50		
41 to 60 groups	\$500.00	\$1,500	\$25.00		
145 groups		\$2,900	\$20.00		
220 groups		\$3,300	\$15.00		

We invite your comments and interest in our District 17 group insurance program.

In service,  
Pete L.

Pete L. 902-542-9710 (Chair), Jim H. 902-757-3158, Bob M. 902-538-3099, & John B. District 17, Area 82, A.A. Inter-District Group Liability Insurance Program Committee

## *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?

## **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.

### **How it would work:**

The Delegate would 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.

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, members will be divided into Subcommittees for the purpose of discussing the agenda items, each group would have a facilitator. After lunch each group will report their findings 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. [REDACTED]

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

Alternate Motion to District From the New freedom Group

As we are all aware the cost of roundups continue to rise and donations are down in most groups be it resolved

2. District 6 on behalf of the New Freedom Group would like to make a motion that Area Change the Guidelines in section XI: Change line 3: The host district is financially responsible for all expenses. To read: Area 82 will supply seed money in the form of a loan up to 1500.00 to help districts to host the roundup and the money shall be repaid in full at the conclusion of the event. In the event of a loss Area 82 will absorb the loss.

At the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in July 2016, there was discussion about the need for support from the General Service Office regarding carrying the message to remote communities. Remote communities in this case refers to communities remote in terms of Geography AND Language AND Culture and is intended to address the Canadian northern first nations population.

The Eastern Canada Regional Trustee agreed to bring this request to the attention of the AAWS Board. This he did at their meeting July 2016.

It was pointed out by the AAWS Board that there are already some things in place to address the remote communities:

- There is a remote communities work shop prior to the Conference every year
- Remote communities are addressed through the Treatment and Accessibilities committee
- There is a remote communities newsletter that goes out on a regular basis (monthly?)
- Loners International may be a way of assisting in reaching this target

The AAWS was sympathetic to the needs of this population and expressed willingness to support remote communities initiatives. Their final response was a request to let them know in what way, specifically, they can help.

Therefore, we are suggesting that the remote communities committee and/or remote communities chairs work together to identify how AAWS can help, in addition to what is already in place.

Richard B [REDACTED], Eastern Canada Regional Trustee  
Cate W [REDACTED] Western Canada Regional Trustee

52<sup>nd</sup> Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous Area 82 NS/NL  
October 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2016 Dartmouth NS  
Alternate General Service Delegate Report

Good morning everyone, my name is Tim M [redacted] and I am an alcoholic. It is an honor to serve Area 82 as Alt. G.S.D..I am a member of the Sunrise Group right here in Dartmouth. I would like to welcome everyone to our Assembly this Thanksgiving weekend. A special welcome to our G.S.O. Guest Clement C., our representative from Labrador, and anyone attending their first Assembly. During our deliberations I hope we can all keep in mind Tradition 5 and 12. That is, to remember our primary purpose—to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, and to put principles before personalities.

**Public Information**

I received this from Clay R. P.I. coordinator.

Warm greetings from the Public Information desk at your General Service Office in New York! You are receiving this activity update because we have you listed as a local P.I. committee chairperson. If you have rotated from this position, please forward this to your successor, and let us know so we can update our records here at G.S.O.

For those of you who are new to your position — welcome aboard! I hope you will take a few moments to visit the following resources on G.S.O.'s A.A. website [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)•

- [Information for New Trusted Servants](#) — explains how we distribute service materials to new trusted servants and how to find many helpful resources.
- [Public Information Committee Resource Page](#) — a page full of helpful P.I. tools, including the Public Information Workbook, the "A.A. Guidelines — Public Information," and links to the contents of the P.I. Kit.
- [Press/Media Page](#) — a resource for media professionals who want to know more about Alcoholics Anonymous (including our annual Anonymity Letter to the Media). Feel free to refer local media professionals to this resource to give them a solid foundation of information on which to build your local cooperative relationships!

**CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS OF THE  
66th GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE**

**Public Information**

It was recommended that:

1. A proposal for implementing a Google-for-Non-Profits account for carrying the message of A.A. to the public be developed and brought back to the 2017 Conference Public Information Committee for review.

2. A proposal for the implementation of a Twitter account for carrying the message of A.A. to the public be developed and brought back to the 2017 Conference Public Information Committee for review.
3. The English- and French-language versions of the video public service announcement "Tengo Esperanza," be centrally distributed, tracked and evaluated at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, in addition to distribution by local committees, and that the information gathered from the process be forwarded to the 2017 Conference Public Information Committee for their review.
4. The video public service announcement "I Thought" be discontinued.

## Corrections

### New Corrections Video is now available

The DVD, *A New Freedom* (DV-18) is now available by calling our order entry folks at (212) 870-3312 or by going to the online store. You can also stream the entire video from our website by clicking on 'Videos & Audios' at the bottom of the homepage.

We think that inmates will feel a deep identification with the men and women featured in the video and that it will be a powerful 12<sup>th</sup> Step tool, especially for those in local jails who may be most receptive to intervention early on. We encourage you to do whatever you can to get it seen behind the walls, from showing it at meetings (if facilities allow that) to getting it in the hands of caseworkers, chaplains, prison librarians and administrators. It's already been shown at some Area Assemblies and District meetings and is inspiring more A.A. members to get involved with corrections work. If you have any feedback about the video please email or call me. We're especially interested in whether or not you think shorter versions of the video (3 minutes or 15 minutes) would be useful.

### Sharing From Behind the Walls

The Fall issue of *Sharing From Behind the Walls* will be reaching you by mail soon and is available on our site so you can make extra copies for inmates if you wish. The sharing is excerpted from the inmate letters we receive, and if you need a reminder about how valuable your service is to alcoholics behind the walls, just give it a read. As we all know, shared experience never gets stale!

### Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.)

We are in dire need of "outside" **male** A.A. members to participate in C.C.S. Currently we have over 150 male inmates waiting for correspondents. For inmates at facilities with no meetings, C.C.S. is their only contact with A.A. Imagine trying to stay sober and sane in that kind of environment with no meetings! We are contacting men who are already corresponding with one inmate to see if they can take on a second man. It's actually not much more work writing to two than one. A member recently shared with us that he supplements his letters by sending stories he prints out from Grapevine's Story Archive. You can subscribe to it at [aa Grapevine.org](http://aa Grapevine.org).



Canadian members have worked for years to try and expand C.C.S. in Canada. Recent meetings with the Correctional Service of Canada may lead to a whole new level of cooperation, with a chance to raise awareness of C.C.S. throughout the Federal system in Canada. Stay tuned for further updates. The 'idea' of a National Corrections Conference is becoming a reality

Last November many of you responded to a questionnaire about the need for a national workshop focused on carrying the message behind the walls in the U.S. and Canada. There was such strong interest that a committee was formed of Corrections Chairs from throughout North America. Like the Bridging the Gap Workshop, the event is independent of G.S.O., will be self-supporting, and the location will rotate every year. Area 37, Eastern Missouri stepped up to host the very first conference. It will take place next year, the weekend of November 10-12, 2017, in St. Louis, Missouri. I've attached an early draft of the flyer to give you more details. The committee can definitely use donations if you or your area are able to help. Speakers and panels are already being lined up. It promises to be a great event.

### **Young people in A.A.**

In response to the 2016 General Service Conference recommendation that the pamphlet "Young People and A.A." be revised to "better reflect the experiences of young in A.A. today," the trustees' literature Committee is seeking current sharing from Young A.A. members for possible inclusion in this revised pamphlet.

Stories should reflect in a general way "what we used to be like, what happened, and what we are like now." Manuscripts should be 500-800 words double spaced, and the words "Young People and A.A." should appear on the top of the first page of the manuscript. The authors full name, address and email/telephone information should be included with the submission.

Submission can be emailed to: [Literature@aa.org](mailto:Literature@aa.org) with "Young People and A.A." inserted in the subject line of the message. Alternatively, submissions can be mailed to: Literature coordinator, General Service Office, box 459. Grand Central Station New York NY 10163. The deadline for all submissions is December 30<sup>th</sup> 2016. The anonymity of all authors will be observed, whether or not the writer story is selected for publication.

## Finance

I am going to talk for a few minutes about the dreaded topic MONEY, and I know that I am preaching to the choir. Its not all bad news but it is alarming news, but the beauty of it is "There is a solution".

David M. Class A Trustee and Treasurer of the General Service Board gave his report on Monday afternoon of the 66<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. And here are a few highlights.

1. Little growth over the last several years in Seventh Tradition contributions.
2. In 2014, 27,103 out of 65,222 groups made contributions 41.6%.  
In 2015, 26,500 out of 65,741 groups made contributions 40.3%.
3. There is a possibility of a decrease in print sales in the future.
4. The answer to self support may very well be in sustained communication.
5. \$1.00 in 1935 is equivalent to \$13.00 today regardless what is was spent on Alcohol. Coffee or was put in the Seventh Tradition basket.
6. In 2015 the cost of providing services \$9,629,499, when matched up with the Seventh Tradition contributions of \$7,154,146, there is a resulting shortfall of \$2,475,353. This shortfall is covered by an excess of publishing profits.
7. The results for the Grapevine also shows downward trends in terms of circulation and income, projections for 2017 and 2018 shows losses of \$190,700 and \$275,000 respectively. In 2015, the shortfall between revenue and expenses for La Vina was \$146,378 which continues to be made up through a transfer from the General Service Board General Fund. Losses for 2016,2017, and 2018 are projected to be around \$494,000.
8. The reserve fund ratio is defined as the number of months that the reserve fund could cover the operating expenses of the two entities. At December 31,2015. the ratio is 10.2 months. Looking at the budget trends for the next three years, 2016 show a combined operating loss of \$325,600. Increasing to \$861,800 in 2017 and \$1,447,800 in 2018. Since the reserve fund will need to be utilized to fund these losses in 2017 and 2018, the coverage ratio declines to 7.0 months by the end of 2018.
9. In the first six months of 2016 group contribution rose 4% which is encouraging.

## There is a Solution

1 Birthday envelopes, every year on our A.A. Birthday we put \$1.00 for every year we are sober and send it to New York. We alcoholics are blessed with two birthdays: on the first birthday God gave us life and a soul, and we receive gifts. Along came old John Barleycorn and misjudgement, and we lost our soul; we almost lost our life. Then this great philosophy of A.A. came along and through it we eventually found our soul, and for that we should give of ourselves in gratitude.

2. November is Gratitude month, countless groups over the years have used October and November to open the door of gratitude ever wider. Many groups observe Gratitude month by holding traditions meetings and taking up special contributions to the General Service Board for A.A. Services worldwide. What are these services you might ask? They pay for services to the A.A. groups and fund the preservation of the artifacts of A.A. history so we do not have to relive the mistakes of our past. They provide for the involvement in the sobriety of those in correctional facilities, treatment centers, and hospitals. They help carry the A.A. message to our friends in medicine, Psychiatry, religion and the community-- friends whom A.A. has needed to survive. They make translations of the Big Book and other A.A. literature possible so that people in distant lands can have a chance at sobriety. They provide a means for communications, so that Loners can connect with other alcoholics. In short they offer a chance at sobriety for suffering alcoholics.

3. " NO ONE MISSUS A BUCK" This can be done two ways, by individual members or at the group level. We as individual members can put a buck a week aside, and during gratitude month in 2017 send it off to G.S.O.. Again no one missus a buck. As a group, we can take \$1.00 a week out of our collection and at the end of the year send an contribution of \$52.00. this could be up and above our regular contribution. AGAIN NO ONE MISSUS A BUCK.

If we look at page 83 in the final conference report, we will see a breakdown of all the Areas and the number of groups and their total contributions. In 2015 we had 215 groups, with 91 groups making contributions for a total 42.32% of groups contributing for a total of \$15,475.38 and an area total of \$17,315.72. So let challenge ourselves and our groups and see what the numbers are this time next year. Let's be a part of the solution.

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Thanks again for allowing to serve you in Area 82 as your Alt. G.S.D. It has been an amazing experience, is has allowed me to grow in so many ways. I have enjoyed watching other grow in their service to others. I want to thank you all for your service to Area 82, and I want to wish you all the best in your future service to this wonderful fellowship. May God bless you all.

Tim M██████████ Alt. G.S.D. Area 82

## GENERAL SERVICE DELEGATE'S REPORT

52<sup>nd</sup> AREA 82 (NS/NL) ASSEMBLY, DARTMOUTH, NS – OCT. 7-9, 2016

Good morning friends, my name is Boyd B. and I'm an alcoholic. Thank you, thank you, thank you, for the opportunity to serve as your General Service Delegate from 2015-2016. The term has flow by so quickly and is almost at an end. I will always be eternally grateful to you for giving me this unique experience.

I'm not going to go into any detail about the last General Service Conference. You should receive your copy of the Conference Report from your DCM this weekend. There is also a condensed report in the summer edition of "Box 459". If your groups have any questions, I'll still be around for a few more months and I always include my email address and telephone number at the end of each report.

The last General Service Conference recommended that the pamphlet "Young People and AA" be revised to "better reflect the experiences of young people in AA today". The trustees' Literature Committee is seeking articles in this regard. The format is "what we use to be like, what happened and what we are like now". The deadline for stories is December 30, 2016. They can be emailed or forwarded to the Literature Coordinator in NY. I have further details for anyone interested.

I'd like as this time to express my disappointment in the fact that the Conference dedicated little of no time to discuss the results of the Inventory Report, finalized after the 2015 GSC, which consumed three years of preparation. If we're going to spend that much time on something, I don't think it should be swept under the rug. I had feedback from one person in Area 82, a former DCM, and that was it. You may recall that copies of this report were passed out to the DCM's at the individual NL and NS Service Weekends and each group should have received one through your GSR.

I would like to continue with a few other things we should be concerned with. There is a move afoot to have your General Service Delegate become more informed before attending a General Service Conference and I would like to support this idea, however we go about accomplishing it. I am also concerned about the experience of members chairing meetings, especially with what seems to be an increase in disruptive behaviour at meetings these days. We need to encourage more workshops and sharing sessions on these topics so we know how to react when these situations arise. Another area of concern is how we can retain the new people coming to our fellowship today. I remember reading in the Big Book, first when I came around, that fifty percent of those first coming stayed and half of those that came back stayed as well. I'm afraid these statistics are not accurate today and I'm wondering if we are open

mindful enough when it comes to those that are cross addicted (just wondering). They are in the vast majority these days, and how many of us only ever abused alcohol and alcohol only (just wondering). One of your Conference's themes is to be more inclusive. Please discuss this with your groups and try to find a solution to this problem.

One other note, not to step on Tim's territory, but I would like to acknowledge the presence of another representative here from District 16 in Labrador in furthering the work of our Remote Communities Committee. Also, as Murdo is rotating out as work group chair, I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his dedication in helping make inroads in this area. Please continue to contribute to Area 82's development in any way you feel comfortable. Thanks again, Murdo.

#### EASTERN CANADA REGIONAL FORUM

I had the privilege of attending the Eastern Canada Regional Forum held in Thunder Bay, ON, July 8-10 along with your Area Chair, Kirk S. and Jim P., DCM for District 15. What a difference eight years makes. My first forum was in 2008 in Truro and I was a rookie attending as incoming DCM for my home District 15. This year's forum offered the right balance of presentations and workshops as I later informed GSO upon my return home. We heard General Service Board presentations from, Richard B., our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee, and David M., GSD Treasurer who later also gave a brief financial Report. There were Corporate Board presentations from Billy N. and Carole B. Ami B. did a great AA Grapevine presentation and Jeff W. told us about his Corrections assignment. He later chaired a workshop on the same subject which I found very interesting. Many Delegates did presentations also, too many to mention, and all did a great job. We also heard from Scott H., Canada's Trustee-at-Large who brought many members from Western Canada along with him to the forum. Michael D., Delegate from our neighbouring Area 81 (NB/PEI), who attends many of our Area 82 functions in NS, did an interesting workshop on Safety and Respect in AA. Sunday morning's closing featured sharing from first time forum attendees and the grand finale, sharing from past trustees. Truly inspiring.

In closing, let me again say thank you again for letting me represent Area 82 in this capacity. It truly has been the experience of a lifetime and as it says on a pin I received from my Delegate friend, Tommy B., from Chicago, IL, "Service is the Secret" God bless you all.

Yours in Fellowship and Love of Service,



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