

**Area 82 NL Service Weekend
May 19th,20th,21st, 2017
Gander, NL
“Supporting Our Future”**

Friday, May 19th, 2017 NL Archives Meeting 7:00 pm

Boyd B. opened the meeting at 7pm with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer for those who wished. In attendance were Jim P. (Archivist), Kirk S. (Alt. GSD), Boyd B. (Chair), Tim M. (GSD), Dwayne M. (Treasurer), Trudy D. (Sec/Registrar), Herb S. (Alt. DCM) District 11, Alfred S. (DCM) District 12, Earl R. (DCM) District 13, Tom G. (DCM) District 14, Gerry W. (DCM) District 15, Janice R. (representative) District 16.

Minutes from 2016 Archives meeting were read by Trudy D. Motion to adopt the minutes made by Gerry W. Seconded by Herb S. Everyone was in favor and the minutes were adopted.

Jim P. gave the Archivist report. It is attached at the end of the minutes. **Question:** Where do the Archives funds come from? **Answer:** They come from the Area. **Question:** What is the budget for the committee? **Answer:** \$2,200.00 which includes \$1,200.00 for upkeep and storage and \$1,000.00 for travel. **Question:** What is the goal of your doing everything digital. Will there be an Archives book? **Answer:** There will be a computer for showing everything that is in the Archives and less hard copy material to be brought to every Round Up that Archives is asked to attend. The main reason is to protect us from losing all the information we have in case of a fire or flooding, etc. We could put the information on a disc and store it offsite. **Question:** What would be the newest piece of information you have for your Archives? **Answer:** We get Round Up Programs and other information each year. **Question:** Where are the Archives now? **Answer:** They are in the U-Haul building. The same building as the Intergroup Office is now, just a different part of the building. The Archives get a lot of donations and some of the material people may never see because of Anonymity. It is about 40- 50 % digitized now. We also have close to the full set of Grapevines. Motion to accept the report made by Tom G. Seconded by Kirk S. Everyone was in favor and the report was accepted. The meeting closed at 7:30pm.

7:30 pm Workshop on Area 82 Inventory Questionnaire put on by Ken B. A lot was learned by the GSRs. Thank you to Ken for facilitating this Workshop.

Call to Order/Welcome 7:40pm.

Area Officers/NL DCM Meeting

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

Introductions Area Officers and NL DCMs

Kirk S. (Alt. GSD), Boyd B. (Chair), Tim M. (GSD), Dwayne M. (Treasurer), Trudy D. (Sec/Registrar), Herb S. (Alt. DCM) District 11, Alfred S. (DCM) District 12, Earl R. (DCM) District 13, Tom G. (DCM) District 14, Gerry W. (DCM) District 15, Janice R. (representative) District 16.

12 Traditions read by Gerry W.

2016 minutes were read by Trudy D. Motion to accept the minutes made by Kirk S. Seconded by Gerry W. All in favor and the minutes were adopted.

Treasurer Report: attached

Dwayne M. gave his report. Opening balance at the start of the year \$36,163.67. Less outstanding cheque and Prudent Reserve top up = \$35,074.42. Income to date = \$2,888.50. Expenses total \$24,869.66. Operational balance = \$13,093.26 including Cash on hand = \$200.00. Prudent Reserve = \$15,431.10. Amount on hand over and above 2017 budget for 2018 year is \$7,102.92. **Question:** what is the total amount including both operational and Prudent Reserve? **Answer:** \$28,524.36. If we pass a budget equal to last years we still need approximately \$23,000 to come in this year. A motion was made by Dwayne M. and 2nd by Earl R. to accept the report. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call: Active Groups

District 11- (6), District 12- (11), District 13- (3), District 14- (12), District 15- (34), District 16- (6). Total Active Groups: (72).

Boyd B. reviewed the Service Weekend agenda. New Business **Item 1-** Pre- Conference Assembly Report- Tim gave some background on the committee and explained to everyone what this is about. **Item 2-** Area Inventory- Ken explained this at the Friday night Workshop. We will ask if there are any questions tomorrow. **Question:** Is there any literature for this? **Answer:** There is a sheet with some updated questions for the Inventory. **Item 3-** Host AACYPAA 2018- 2017 AACYPAA has been cancelled due to lack of reservations at the time of having to secure the venue. If we could piggy back off a Service Weekend or some other event this may help costs stay lower. Other discussion about people who wanted to go but didn't book so the committee had no idea about numbers. Increasing lack of interest is making this harder to do. **Question:** What constitutes a Young Person? **Answer:** According to ICYPAA guidelines 35 and under is a Young person, after that age you are Young at Heart. In Nova Scotia, it is hard to plan an event with the events that occur every month. What are we looking to accomplish with this item? We are asking any District here if they want to host an AACYPAA. This will be confirmed at the Assembly in 2017. Maybe get a rotation going for it so Districts can plan. New business added- **Item 4-** Host for the NL Service weekend 2018. DCMs will talk to the GSRs here tonight and let the Area know tomorrow when we address this Item. There was some discussion around hosting it in Labrador West in 2019. There will be some research done about this and more will be revealed. Gerry W. also brought up the idea of having a rotational schedule done up so Districts can have a few years notice and know when their turn comes up. **Item 5-** Dwayne explained what this item is about. This proposal will be voted on at the Assembly. The proposal will be included in these minutes for Districts to explain to the GSRs and so it can go back to their groups. **Item 6-** Guidelines amended- This item came up last year at the Assembly. We need to discuss this issue at both Service weekends and then vote at the Assembly. If we take out the bolded lines on page iii this would solve the issue. Boyd B. closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer followed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Saturday May 20th, 2017

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

Introductions of Area 82 NL DCMS & Area Officers:

Kirk S. (Alt. GSD), Boyd B. (Chair), Tim M. (GSD), Dwayne M. (Treasurer), Trudy D. (Sec/Registrar), Herb S. (Alt. DCM) District 11, Alfred S. (DCM) District 12, Earl R. (DCM) District 13, Tom G. (DCM) District 14, Gerry W. (DCM) District 15, Janice R. (representative) District 16.

12 Traditions read by Kirk S.

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

Mission Statement was read by GSD Tim M.

Boyd B. reviewed the agenda with changes:

New business changed- Item 4- Host for the NL Service weekend 2018. Item 6- Guidelines amended. Motion to approve agenda. Ken motioned and 2nd by Jocelyn. All in favor, agenda approved.

Minutes from the 2016 Area 82 NL Service Weekend were read by Trudy D. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read by Glenda. Seconded by Gerome. All in favor, minutes approved.

Ask It Basket is available for questions to be answered in a later session.

No business arising from the minutes.

Coffee Break

Forms will be available for Trustee at Large and is open to anyone who is a past delegate 2 years after their term is up.

D.C.M. Reports:

11- attached- given by Herb S.	12- attached- given by Alfred S.
13- attached- given by Earl R.	14- attached- given by Tom G.
15-attached- given by Gerry W.	16- attached- given by Janice R.

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

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Alt. General Service Delegate Report: attached

Kirk S. gave his report.

General Service Delegate Report: attached

Tim M. gave his report. Part of the report is a Power Point. The power point will be sent out to all the DCMs to share with any members or groups that would like to see it. The GSO Theme for 2018 is "AA-A Solution For All Generations". **Question:** what constitutes the need for the Safety in the meetings yellow card and information? **Answer:** Down in the USA because of the right to bear arms some people bring firearms into a meeting. Also, a concern of 13 stepping and people preying on newcomers. Discussion around what we have a right to do ensued and in the end, it was decided we have the responsibility to keep our members safe from the 13 steppers by letting the person who is preying on people know it will not be accepted at our meetings. If necessary we can ask that person to stay away from our meeting if it doesn't end. Tim will email the yellow card out to the DCMs. **Question:** What made the upswing of group donations. **Answer:** Communication with the groups last year helped a lot. Because we talked about it the people in the groups they responded. **Question:** Why did some people in GSO say we had no financial difficulties? **Answer:** Different GSO staff feel differently about this topic. Unfortunately, GSO does not have one answer for all. **Question:** How young is too young to be an Alcoholic? A district in our Area had a group split up over the fact that an 11-year-old came in and said he was an Alcoholic. Other members felt he was too young and split up the group due to this. **Answer:** No one is too young. Many members have met people who came in at 12 or 13. Only the person can decide if they are an Alcoholic, not people in the group.

Lunch

Remote Communities Report: attached

Ken B. a member of Remote Communities read a report written by Jane B.

Archivist Report: attached

Jim P. gave his report. **Question:** Would it be possible to house them in a home like NS does? **Answer:** No, I am not comfortable with doing this as they are so important to us. If anything was to happen to them I would not be able to live with myself. Also, Jim wanted to advise everyone that the Early Bird Flyer is out for the 2017 Assembly. Full flyer to come later.

Webmaster Report: attached

Kirk S. read the report. The position is coming up for election this fall at the Assembly. If you know anyone interested please get a resume prepared for that weekend.

CERASSA Report:

Tim M. gave a short CERASSA report. There was a good turn out from Area 82. Thanks for attending. The purpose of the CERASSA is to review the Agenda items before the Delegates go away to the Conference. This gives the Delegates a chance to hear the Areas conscience. It also gives the Delegates a chance to meet and get a rapport with each other. This way when they go to the Conference they know more than 1 person.

Motion to accept all reports was made by Terry. Seconded by Jeff B. All in favor, all reports accepted.

Roll Call:

Trudy D. conducted the Roll Call of the group's attendance with the following results:
District 11- 0 out of 6, District 12- 6 out of 11, District 13- 2 out of 3, District 14- 4 out of 12,
District 15- 7 out of 34, District 16- 0 out of 6
Total 72 Groups. 19 GSRs present, 5 Area Officers, 5 DCMS = 29 Votes. 26.4% of the groups.

Coffee Break

New Business:

1. Pre-Conference Service Assembly Proposal- Tim M. read and explained the proposal. This will only affect NL groups in relation to dates, not expense to groups. NS asked for an adhoc committee to be formed to research the options that would be available should this proposal pass. The committee will report to the NS Service weekend GSRs and then we will vote at the Assembly.
2. Area Inventory- (Attached) Workshop was done last night. Vote at the Assembly.
3. Host for AACYPAA 2018- no one offered. Some discussion about where it originated and why it's important. It will be asked at the NS Service weekend as well. Final decision will be made at the Assembly.
4. Host for the NL Service Weekend 2018- District 15 offered to host. At the next District meeting they will decide whether there will be a Round Up with the Service weekend.
5. Excess funds Guidelines Proposal- Dwayne explained what this means. The proposal will be included with these minutes. **Question:** What is the purpose of this proposal? **Answer:** This will hopefully stop hours of debate at the Assembly on what to do with a surplus.
6. Guidelines Amendment- Dwayne explained this proposal. If we take out the bolded lines on page iii this would solve the issue. The guidelines should reflect what Area 82 conscience is and right now it doesn't. **Question:** Would that change the amendment from the Assembly last fall? **Answer:** There was no call to amend the guidelines last fall. It was just voted to allow 1 person to run for a position. Much discussion back and forth. Bring it to the groups for a vote at the Assembly.

There was a draw for a prize by Tim M. Pat L. won a Grapevine book and a 1935 nickel.

Coffee Break

Ask it Basket:

1. How do you approach someone praying on newcomers? - Discussion: Buddy system, we have the responsibility to keep our members safe from the 13 steppers by letting the person who is preying on people know it will not be accepted at our meetings. If necessary we can ask that person to stay away from our meeting if it doesn't end. Tim will email the yellow card out to the DCMS. Remember it can be women as well as men. A group can also read the new Yellow Card.

2. I have recently been asked about an AA Agnostic meeting. Does anyone have any experience with this? - Discussion: Trudy shared her experience about the Agnostic meeting in District 2. They show the utmost respect for any view and just want the same for themselves. They talk about all kinds of topics including Spirituality. If this kind of meeting helps even 1 Alcoholic it is a good thing. Other discussion included thoughts that people need to stay open minded especially since there is a chapter in our book called We Agnostics.
3. If a group is founded as a Big Book Study can they vote to change the format of the group? - Discussion: there was a group that had 1 big book study. They voted to change it because they didn't like a big book study. Members are a part of a group if they say they are. The group conscience decides, and remember that all it takes to start a new meeting is a resentment and a coffee pot.

The Service part of our weekend closed with the Responsibility Pledge. The closing speaker meeting will be at 7:00pm.

Closing AA meeting

Ken B. chaired the meeting. Opened with the Serenity Prayer. AA Preamble read by Janice R. How it Works was read by Alfred S. The 12 Steps was read by John. The 12 Traditions was read by Len. 9th Step Promises was read by Linda.

-Speakers Louis and Alfred shared their experience, strength and hope with us all. It was a powerful message from both speakers. What a wonderful way to end our Service weekend.

NL / NS SERVICE WEEKEND - 2017
"SUPPORTING OUR FUTURE"

FRIDAY:	7:00 PM	ARCHIVES MEETING
	7:30 PM	D.C.M./AREA OFFICERS MEETING
	7:30 PM	G.S.R. WORKSHOP
SATURDAY:	9:00 AM	OPENING REMARKS/INTRODUCTIONS/ 12 TRADITIONS/ SYMPATHIES
	9:15 AM	MISSION STATEMENT
	9:20 AM	APPROVAL OF AGENDA
	9:25 AM	2016 SERVICE WEEKEND MINUTES READ
	9:40 AM	BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
	9:50 AM	PAST DELEGATES ADDRESS
	10:00 AM	BREAK
	10:15 AM	D.C.M. REPORTS
	10:40 AM	TREASURERS REPORT
	11:00 AM	ALT. G.S.D. REPORT
	11:15 AM	G.S.D. REPORT
	12:00 PM	LUNCH
	1:30 PM	REMOTE COMMUNITIES REPORT
	1:40 PM	ARCHIVEST REPORT
	1:50 PM	WEBMASTER REPORT
	2:00 PM	ACCEPT ALL REPORTS
	2:10 PM	ROLL CALL
	2:30 PM	REPORT ON C.E.R.A.A.S.A.
	2:45 PM	BREAK
	3:00 PM	NEW BUSINESS
	* PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY REPORT	
	* AREA INVENTORY	
	* HOST: AACYPAA/MCYPAA 2018	
	* HOST: NL SERVICE WEEKEND 2018	
	* EXCESS FUNDS GUIDELINES PROPOSAL	
	* GUIDELINES AMMENDMENT	
	3:30 PM	ASK IT BASKET
	4:30 PM	CLOSING OF 2017 SERVICE WEEKEND
	4:45 PM	SUPPER
	7:00 PM	A.A. SPEAKER MEETING

Opening Bank Balance Jan. 1	\$ 36,163.67	
Cheques Outstanding Jan. 1	\$ 668.72	
Transfer to Top Up Prudent Reserve Jan. 3	\$ 420.53	
Opening Operational Ledger Balance		\$ 35,074.42
Budgeted Amount	\$ 30,860.00	
Amount on Hand for 2018 Budget Jan. 1	\$ 4,214.42	

		INCOME	Actual	
Group Contributions Jan. 1 to May 17		\$ 5,000.00		\$ 2,888.50
		EXPENSES		
	Budget	\$ 300.00	Remaining	
GSO Conference	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	
GSD Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	
GSD Office Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	
Alt. GSD Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	
Area Chair Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	
Secretary Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	
Secretary Office Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	
Treasurer Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
Treasurer Office Supplies	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
NL Archive Upkeep & Storage	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	
NL Archive Travel Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
NS Archive Upkeep & Storage	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
NS Archive Travel Expenses	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 2,099.56	\$ -	
Web Host & Domain	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	
Webmaster Assembly Travel	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00	
NS/NL Area Active Committees	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 2,900.44	
GSO Guest	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 20.10	\$ 1,500.00	
Regional Forums/CERASSA	\$ 600.00	\$ 24,869.66	\$ -	
Misc.	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00	
Bank Charges	\$ 60.00		\$ 39.90	
Total	\$ 30,860.00		\$ 5,990.34	\$ 24,869.66

OPERATIONAL LEDGER BALANCE (May 17)		\$ 13,093.26
Operational Account Balance (May 17)	\$ 12,999.09	
Cash on Hand (May 17)	\$ 200.00	
Outstanding Cheques	\$ 105.83	
Total	\$ 13,093.26	\$ 13,093.26

ALT. G.S.D. REPORT

NF. SERVICE WEEKEND MAY 2017 GANDER

Hello everyone, my name is Kirk S. and I am an alcoholic. I have the honor and privilege to serve Area 82 as your Alt. General Delegate. I am a member of the Port Hawkesbury Group on beautiful Cape Breton Island.

My term in January began with contacting all District D.C.M.'s and asking that my email and phone numbers be given to all contact persons looking after area committee's in a District. Such as Corrections, PI, Grapevine, etc. I have also asked that a copy of the monthly minutes from each District be forwarded to me also. With this information coming in I feel I will learn how different Districts are carrying the message and what's working and what has not worked as well.

In February, I attended C.E.R.A.A.S.A. in Moncton for a very informative service weekend. Great turnout from Area 82.

Corrections correspondence is changing that now Canadian A.A. members can carry the message to inmates to Canadian institutions. Before G.S.O. would connect you with inmates all over North America, which could get costly for postage. Therefore, let's all signup to carry the message to fellow Canadian who find themselves Behind The Wall.

The price of The Grapevine and La Vina as of March 2017 has increased by .50 cents. The Grapevine is a great birthday gift to a fellow member, an inmate or sponsored new comer.

In closing I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your trusted servant.

Kirk S

Delegates Report
May 20th, 2017 Gander NL

Good morning,

Thanks to District 13 for hosting the NL Service weekend, and congratulations to the Gander Care and Share group who will be celebrating their 41st group anniversary next month. The last time I was here 4 years ago we had 51 cm of snow.

I want to begin by thanking you all for allowing me this honour and privilege to serve as your Delegate to the 67th General Service Conference. To think this journey started when I was elected Alt. G.S.R. of the Harbours group in 2005.

There were many highlights at the General Service Conference too many to mention, but I will touch on a few during the power point presentation.

We are asked to share with you what we saw, what we heard, and what we felt.

I saw 130 or so dedicated people who loved Alcoholics Anonymous with their heart and souls. I got to see Bill W. and Dr. Bob's faith in the Fellowship at work. I got to see and hear first hand the Group voice in action, just as Bill and Dr. Bob had envisioned. I heard that we still have a great deal of work to carry the message to the still suffering Alcoholic. I heard that although we don't like change we have to change if we want to effectively carry the message in today's world. I felt Bill and Bobs presence with us all week along with many Higher Powers mine included. I felt the all inclusiveness of our fellowship, allowing me a construction worker from Porters Lake to be equal, what a great feeling. I also felt out of sorts when nearly all the other Delegates came to the mike and said, "my area feels this way on this particular agenda item". I feel as an area we have to strive to have an united Group Conscience at the 68th G.S.C. and those to follow. It was a gruelling week of work, Presentations, workshops, banquets, and discussions filled with love and respect, with the hope that the work done this week would help someone find A.A. and the freedoms we enjoy today.

Hope you enjoy the PowerPoint presentation.

Tim M.
P67 Delegate
Area 82 NS/NL
Policy/Admissions

March 13, 2017

Area 82

There have been some encouraging developments in remote AA communities in Area 82 in the last little while. Our Area covers Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador on the east coast of Canada, an area which faces severe challenges due to climate, weather, and distance. In October 2015, our Remote Communities Committee made it possible for a member from the Lab City/Wabush area to attend our Area Assembly and to meet with Area committee members. This goes a long way towards helping these areas to feel a part of the bigger AA community.

Then in October 2016, another member from that region was brought out to Nova Scotia to attend the Area Assembly in Dartmouth. More recently, in February 2017, Martine T gave a presentation at the CERAASA pre-conference meeting for Remote Communities in Moncton, NB. Establishing these connections has greatly enhanced the quality of AA in Labrador. This particular District which, until recently, was considered a dark District is coming into it's own and District 16 is being rejuvenated. It is so encouraging to see the work that is being done by some very dedicated members in that District.

This same District has also done some PR work with Mental Health and Addictions in another attempt to help the suffering alcoholic. As in any small community, sponsorship and anonymity are major hurdles. Trying to put on meetings with the same people all the time brings its own challenges. Topics tend to get stale and interest wanes. In an attempt to overcome some of these issues, there is a small group in Lab West who Skypes with a group in Corner Brook on Thursday nights. The current topic is a study of the Traditions.

There is another group in the Area who have a teleconference meeting every second Friday for several months of the year. This group has been on-going for several years now. It includes members from Cartwright, Battle Harbor, Rigolet, St. John's, Corner Brook and Florida. The attendance is good and the topics are always interesting.

It is my hope that I will be able to visit many of these remote communities this summer on a road trip through northern Newfoundland and into Labrador. I look forward to meeting many of these people whom I have only met by phone and Skype. I will make contact with the different communities before I visit to ascertain their needs and to see if there are specific things they would like me to do.

Yours in Service, Jane B.

Chair, Area 82 Remote Communities

Hello, my name is Jim P. and I am an alcoholic. I am the archivist for Newfoundland and Labrador. In February, I renewed our rental arrangement for the year with U-Haul self-storage. This agreement cost \$1172.28. There was an overbilling on record there for \$155.18 but I spoke to the manager and we rectified this issue. At the same time, I updated the signatures on the account, removing Ross W. and Tony D. so that any correspondence would be either directed to myself, Gerry W. or Dwayne M. This will ensure all correspondence comes to the appropriate people.

In recent years, there have been discussions with respect to digitizing our archives. Through conversations with Gerry W. we decided to source out a rental space so that we could get this process moving. Unfortunately, this did not work out.

We were asked by Intergoup to have the archives on display at our spring convention. I updated our presentation with some new material. I also attended the Round Up and I am pleased to say that the response was very positive.

In closing, I would like to request that if anyone has any archival material they would like to pass along please do so.

It is great to be here this weekend to share in the fellowship, see some old friends and to meet some new ones.

Thank you,

Jim P.

District 11 Report

Hi everyone,

My name is Herb and I am an Alcoholic. Before I came out here we didn't have a DCM and our District was not organized. We held a District meeting and Mark B. was elected DCM, I am the Alternate DCM. Wayne L. is the Treasurer and Mike Y. is the Secretary.

Mark started a new job and could not attend this weekend so you got me. We have 6 active groups with better attendance these past few months. Our Tuesday night group meets at the United Church at 8 pm and has 5 members. Wednesday day meeting at 2 pm, Thursday in Codroy Valley. Friday, we have 2 groups that meet. Sunday, we have 1 meeting.

We have a prison meeting that is well attended. People call me looking for meetings all over this province. I would like to ask for someone to get a list of the groups all over NL for me to be able to better help people.

Thanks for letting me share,

Herb S. Alt. DCM

Area 82

District 12
Corner Brook, Deer Lake and Area

Service Weekend Report
May 19-21, 2017

Hello my Name is Alfred S, I am an alcoholic and I am DCM for District 12, and I'm a member of the First things First group them meets every Saturday night at All Saints Church, Clarence Street in Corner Brook.

District 12 takes in the geographic area of Corner Brook, Bay of Islands, Deer Lake and north to the south coast of Labrador. There are 11 groups active with meetings seven nights a week, along with a Sunday morning group, Wednesday noon group and a Women's meeting on Saturday mornings.

Our District has active Treatment Facility Committee, a Public Information Committee and CPC, and our District has monthly meetings that are very well attended. Our Treatment Facility Committee hosts meetings at the Humberwood Facility, located in Corner Brook, two nights a week, Tuesday and Thursday, for clients at the facility who have problems with alcohol.

The 2016 Service meeting was hosted by our District, and the results were very positive. We are looking forward hosting the 2018 Assembly in Corner Brook and will soon be getting a committee together to make the arrangements.

District 12 was scheduled to host the AACYPAA Conference in May of this year. We had a committee of younger members of AA, along with a number of others who met regularly to make plans for this Conference. We provided flyers and notices to Districts and Groups with all the necessary information. However, the committee met three weeks ago and due to very low interest and sales of registration tickets, it was felt the most prudent option to cancel the Conference.

In February of this year, I was fortunate to have been given the opportunity to attend the CERAASA meetings in Moncton, NB. Given the fact that this was my first CERAASA, it was very much a learning experience. However, the information I received, and the experience I had was unforgettable.

I am very grateful for this opportunity to humbly serve District 12.

In Service and Fellowship,

Alfred S

AREA 82 - DISTRICT 13 - Central Newfoundland & Labrador

19 MAY 2017

This District has three communities which hold meetings, they are Gander, Grand Falls/Windsor and Glovertown. Over the past year we have tried to reincarnate the meetings in Lewisporte and Gambo but to date we have failed to find a person or persons to undertake this task.

Glovertown has two meetings a week and they seemed to be steady with attendance varying from 5 to 10 people each meeting. This is good for the size of the town and the inability to ensure anonymity.

Gander Share and Care group continues to be most active group in the District with well attended meetings. They are considered the most resourceful group with many long term members who continue to be "guiding lights" when the "ism" sneaks back into any of our meetings. Meetings in Gander are held on Sunday, Tuesday and twice on Friday.

Exploits Valley Group is doing well with meetings held on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays. A second group called the Unity Group holds meetings on Tuesday in the Windsor part of Grand Falls, to date and to the best of my knowledge this meeting has not yet been registered but we are working on it. Ed D., Alternate D.C.M., has made several attempts to have this done and hopefully we will have this meeting registered soon.

Al-Anon has a scheduled meeting in Glovertown on Monday mornings, this meeting does not have a regular attendance but remains posted as a community resource. Gander has Al-Anon holds regular meetings on Monday evenings.

This District is made up of small communities where the stigma of alcoholism is still considered as a morale failing. This belief is gradually changing as more media attention is given to addiction problems. People will better understand alcoholism when they understand addictions.

Earl R

**District 14 D.C.M. Report:
NL. Service Weekend May 2017
Gander, NL.**

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

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

District 14 has 13 active groups with-in our district. District 14 Meeting list have been revised and updated on our area 82 web page. There has been a couple of meeting time change in our district. New Horizons Group in Carbonear now meets at 8:00pm and Brigus Group also now meets at 8:00pm instead of 8:30pm

This past Christmas our district held its 6th Annual Christmas Party, it was our first year instead of serving turkey dinners the district decided on having it catered. This worked well, It was A great evening with great food, fellowship, and 2 awesome speakers which shared their experience, strength and hope in both A.A. and Al/anon. Then we closed off the night with some Christmas carols, music and even had the mummies drop by. I like to give a huge thank-you to the committee who organized the Christmas Party.

District 14 did start planning its annual AA day. This year our AA Day will be on Saturday, July 15, and instead of potluck we are having Hot Roast Beef Suppers. Tickets are only \$20.00 for the day including a BBQ at Lunch and A Hot Roast Beef Supper.

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

Yours in recovery and service;

Tom G

District 15 Report
May 19 - 21, 2017

District 15 comprises 34 groups, of which twenty-eight are either within or in close proximity to metropolitan St John's. Six outlying groups are thinly scattered along the Southern Shore and Conception Bay. Two of the Groups in St John's are kept open by support from other groups nearby. One registered group is located within the local penitentiary while an unregistered meeting is held weekly within the local Recovery center. Both of these are overseen by our Institutions Committee. There is one dedicated Speaker meeting (Sunday morning) while two other groups conduct a monthly Speakers meeting. Our District meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month and are attended by an average of twelve GSRs. Thanks to Trudy for lighting a fire under me to get the Group information up to date.

All District positions have been filled (DCM, Alternate DCM, Treasurer and Secretary). We get a regular monthly activity report from CPC / PI Committee as well. District 15 has very active CPC / PI / Institutions Committees which reports to District 15 and to the local St John's Intergroup. Funding to support the literature and activities of these committees comes jointly from District 15 and Intergroup through Group contributions.

District 15 has been conducting monthly two hour Sharing Sessions / Workshops on topics which are pertinent to current issues within the local AA community. These are usually attended by an average of fifteen members. The last one focused on the structure and responsibilities of the AA Group plus the Interaction between AA and Al-Anon as detailed by our Guidelines. Our next one will be conducted jointly with our local Intergroup to explain to our membership where the District 15 and Intergroup roles overlap and diverge.

Jim P (our current Provincial Archivist) has agreed to take on the responsibility of looking after the upcoming Assembly in October. The venue has been booked and preliminary arrangements have been confirmed. Jim appears to have it well in hand.

District 15 is active and dynamic. We have problems which crop up from time to time as can be expected from a group of recovering alcoholics but the principle of Loving Kindness and solid advice from our more experienced members have allowed us to serve our membership to the best of our ability One Day at a Time.

Gerry W.
DCM, District 15

Area 82

District 16
Labrador

May 19-21, 2017

Service Weekend Report

Hello my Name is Janice R, I am an alcoholic and I am representative for District 16, and I'm a member of the 12 Step Recovery group them meets every Monday night at the hospital for Labrador Health .

District 16 takes in all of Labrador, including Labrador West that entails Labrador City and Wabush extending to Happy Valley-Goose Bay then along the coast of Labrador, that encompasses the coastal indigenous communities.

The District 16 involvement in Area 82 has been reestablished in this past year, and we have had representation in last years Service Weekend in Corner Brook, the Assembly in Dartmouth and were very fortunate to be represented at the CERAASA in Moncton this past February. This participation has contributed to increased awareness of the service structure in Labrador West, with more members expressing interest, and the group holding more group conscience meetings. Our participation in the CERAASA assembly was especially rewarding due to meeting others involved in Remote Communities in the northern areas of Ontario and Quebec.

We are very grateful to have a member from Sheshatsiu, an indigenous community close to Goose bay attend this Service weekend. We can only hope this may plant a seed in this area and help AA make more inroads in this community and area.

We are very grateful for the assistance provided to our District, our Group and our members to become involved with Service in the Area, and we humbly thank you all for reaching out.

Yours in Service and Fellowship,

Janice R

Area 82 Inventory Questionnaire

GROUPS / DISTRICTS

1. How can we better convey the importance of the principle of participation in Area 82 General Service by our respective Groups and Districts?
2. What can we do to make our Groups, Districts, and Area more attractive?
3. Is the business of Area 82 seen as a result of a year-round process by its Groups and Districts? How well do our groups understand the General Service Structure?
4. Considering Concept I, "the final responsibility and the ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship", (the A.A. groups today hold ultimate responsibility and final authority ...), do the groups in Area 82 have everything they need to carry out this responsibility? If not, how could Area 82 support and provide what they need?

INDIVIDUAL / PARTICIPATION / ATTENDANCE

1. Who are the underrepresented alcoholics in Area 82? What can be done to overcome difficulties in attracting these people?
2. What can the Area do to help members of the Area Assembly be better prepared as we come to participate?
3. Do we effectively integrate new people into the Area Assembly?
4. Are we attracting new people to participate in the Area 82 service structure? What could we do to improve?

COMMITTEES / COMMITTEE CHAIRS

1. **www.area82aa.org** is the Area's website, its purpose to communicate service information among trusted servants, groups, districts and the area committee. How effective is the website in serving this purpose? What can be done to improve its effectiveness?
2. How can we improve the methods of encouraging and selecting effective leaders as well as nurturing leadership qualities in our trusted servants?
3. Considering that the 2011 Membership Survey indicates that most A.A. members are introduced to A.A. by sources other than A.A. members, what might the Area 82 Committees do to support the Districts in carrying the A.A. message to these sources?
4. How are Committee Chairs communicating with their District counterparts? What could be done better?

AREA ASSEMBLY

1. Is the Area Assembly effective in communicating information within the General Service structure?
2. How are the Steps, Traditions, and concepts guiding our decisions and actions when we conduct business at assemblies?
3. Does the current format and scheduling effectively address communication and the business to be conducted? How can Area 82 more effectively conduct its business? Do you think we need workshop(s) at Service Weekends and/or assemblies on the General Service Structure Conference?
4. What keeps groups from attending Area Assembly? What could be done to remove these barriers?

AREA 82 NS/NS EXCESS FUNDS GUIDELINE

When Area 82 is fortunate enough that funds available for the following year's budget exceeds the amount of that budget at the time of the Area 82 Assembly, the following procedure shall be followed:

With the approval of the new budget, any funds in the Area 82 Operational Funds Bank Account that exceed (a) the remaining amount budgeted for the current year, and (b) the amount of the newly set budget will be:

A. Transferred to the prudent reserve.

B. If the prudent reserve exceeds $\frac{1}{2}$ (one-half) the greater amount of the upcoming year's budget, or the current budget, then excess funds will be contributed to GSO.

Funds received following that contribution to GSO will be reserved until the next Assembly.