

**Area 82 NS Service Weekend
June 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 2017
Truro, NS
“Supporting Our Future”**

Friday, June 2nd, 2017 NS 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 Gary C. (Archivist), Kirk S. (Alt. GSD), Boyd B. (Chair), Tim M. (GSD), Dwayne M. (Treasurer), Trudy D. (Sec/Registrar), Samaira G. (DCM) District 1, Cathy M. (DCM) District 2, Polly H. (DCM) District 3, Don B. (DCM) District 4, Stan E. (DCM) District 5, Matt M. (DCM) District 6, John Hugh G. (DCM) District 7, Donnie m. (DCM) District 8, Malcolm C. (DCM) District 9, Bill A. (DCM) District 10, Monique M. (DCM) District 17, many observers.

12 Traditions was read by Donnie M.

Minutes from 2016 Archives meeting were read by Trudy D. Motion to adopt the minutes made by Malcolm C. Seconded by Monique M. Everyone was in favor and the minutes were adopted.

Gary C. gave the Archivist report. It is attached at the end of the minutes. **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:** You have \$1389.00 in the bank? **Answer:** Yes. District 10 always had an Archives bank account, before this year Archives never got a cheque at the start of the year. We used the District 10 bank account and had to send expenses in and wait for a cheque. If the new Archivist is from a different District, the funds sent from Area would be returned minus the expenses to date for 2017. The remaining monies in the account would be turned back over to the District 10 body. Motion to accept the report made by Gary C. Seconded by Kirk S. Everyone was in favor and the report was accepted. The meeting closed at 7:30pm.

7:30 pm Workshop

Area 82 Inventory Questionnaire put on by Albert D. A lot was learned by the GSRs. Thank you to Albert for facilitating this Workshop.

Call to Order/Welcome 7:40pm. Area Officers/NS 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 NS DCMs

Kirk S. (Alt. GSD), Boyd B. (Chair), Tim M. (GSD), Dwayne M. (Treasurer), Trudy D. (Sec/Registrar), Samaira G. (DCM) District 1, Cathy M. (DCM) District 2, Polly H. (DCM) District 3, Don B. (DCM) District 4, Stan E. (DCM) District 5, Matt M. (DCM) District 6, John Hugh G. (DCM) District 7, Donnie M. (DCM) District 8, Malcolm C. (DCM) District 9, Bill A. (DCM) District 10, Monique M. (DCM) District 17, many observers.

12 Traditions read by Malcolm C.

2016 minutes were read by Trudy D. Motion to accept the minutes made by Samaira G. Seconded by Matt M. 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 = \$3,088.50. Expenses total \$26,362.66. Operational ledger balance = \$11,620.26 including Cash on hand = \$200.00. Prudent Reserve = \$15,431.10. Amount on hand over and above 2017 budget for 2018 year is \$7,302.92.

Question: Transfer to top up Prudent Reserve, was that approved at the table? **Answer:** It was voted at the Assembly that the Prudent Reserve be automatically be topped up every year to 50% of the budgeted amount. **Question:** When will last years stuff be on the table? There was a question about all the expenses being broke down. **Answer:** Last years final numbers just came to the Treasurer in the last 2 days. He will get it out as soon as he can to the DCMs. **Question:** What are we spending the money on for Remote Communities? Has all the money been spent on people travelling down to things and none been on going to Labrador? **Answer:** The money was spent on bringing a person down to the CERASSA to speak on Remote Communities, Bringing 2 people down to the NL Service weekend. Nothing yet to travel there as Jane is away. **Question:** Can you explain the difference in Operational Ledger balance and Operational Account balance? **Answer:** Operational Account Balance is what is actually in the account, and the Operational Account Ledger Balance is the amount available for us to use after outstanding cheques are accounted for. A motion was made by Dwayne M. and 2nd by Malcolm C. to accept the report. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call: Active Groups

District 1- (24), District 2- (15), District 3- (12), District 4- (7), District 5- (7), District 6- (9), District 7 (14), District 8 (13), District 9 (22), District 10 (7), District 17 (7). Total Active Groups: (137).

Boyd B. reviewed the Service Weekend agenda. **New Business Item 1- Election for NS Archivist- Item 2- Pre- Conference Assembly Report-** Tim gave some background on the committee and explained to everyone what this is about. **Item 3-** Area Inventory- Albert explained this at the Friday night Workshop. We will ask if there are any questions tomorrow. **Item 4-** Host MCYPAA 2018 **Item 5- Host for the NS Provincial Round-Up 2018-** looking for a District who will do the 2018 Provincial to give us time to deal with item 6. **Item 6-** Proposal to have the NS Provincial Round-Up held on a Rotational Basis for all districts- Matt explained what this item is about. This proposal will be voted on at the Assembly. Much discussion and a decision to let it be discussed on the floor tomorrow. **Item 7-** Excess funds- Dwayne explained this proposal. A lot of confusion surrounding this proposal. Questions about if we can simplify this by just saying anything above prudent goes directly to GSO. Could we use the extra money for other things in the Area? We could up our budget in some areas and then we would not have excess funds, also we would top up our Prudent Reserve to 50%. Our Area is not sitting on a balanced budget for next year. If our amount is the same as next year we have a deficit of \$23,000 towards next years budget. **Item 8 - 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. **Question:** Last year we changed the Guidelines last year without asking the whole group conscience. Some people just like to rock the boat. What do we do to stop this type of thing from happening? **Answer:** There is really nothing we can do except hope that God's conscience prevails. We discussed whose job is it to organize the Service Weekend. As it stands now it is the Chair of our Area who looks after this, we shall keep this until then. **Question:** Cathy asked who can bring things to the floor at a Service weekend? **Answer:** Individuals to the group, group to district, district to Area. District 17 to be given time after CERASSA report to report on the

Insurance Policy that District 17 has. Motion to close the DCM meeting made by Boyd. Seconded by Don. All in favor, Boyd B. closed the meeting with the Responsibility Pledge.

Saturday June 3rd, 2017

9:00am Boyd B. opened the meeting with a few minutes of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Thank you to Wayne D. Sharon M. and Rod L. for doing the registration desk again this year.

Introductions of Area 82 NS DCMS & Area Officers:

Kirk S. (Alt. GSD), Boyd B. (Chair), Tim M. (GSD), Dwayne M. (Treasurer), Trudy D. (Sec/Registrar), Samaira G. (DCM) District 1, Cathy M. (DCM) District 2, Polly H. (DCM) District 3, Don B. (DCM) District 4, Stan E. (DCM) District 5, Matt M. (DCM) District 6, John Hugh G. (DCM) District 7, Donnie M. (DCM) District 8, Malcolm C. (DCM) District 9, Bill A. (DCM) District 10, Monique M. (DCM) District 17

12 Traditions read by David C.

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- New Business Item 1- Election for NS Archivist; Item 8- Guidelines amended. Motion to approve agenda. Bob M motioned and 2nd by Dave C. All in favor, agenda approved.

Minutes from the 2016 Area 82 NS Service Weekend were read by Trudy D. 2 errors noted- Tim noted Mark R. helped with workshop not Steve S., Pete L should be noted as contact for insurance not Gary O. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended by Lisa N. Seconded by Cyril. 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:

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| 1- attached- given by Samaira G. | 7- attached- given by John Hugh G. |
| 2- attached- given by Cathy M. | 8- attached- given by Donnie M. |
| 3-attached- given by Polly H. | 9- attached- given by Malcolm C. |
| 4- attached- given by Don B. | 10- attached- given by Bill A. |
| 5-attached- given by Stan E. | 17- attached- given by Monique M. |
| 6- attached- given by Matt M. | |

Past Delegates Address: Sonny spoke about how the DCMs reports tell that Area 82 is growing and in good hands. Stick with it because it is worth the effort. Remember "it is not what AA does for me but what I can do for AA". Boyd spoke on enjoying travelling to NS and meeting and making new friends. The mutual respect is appreciated.

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 = \$3088.50. Expenses total \$26,346.41. Operational balance = \$11,816.51 including Cash on hand = \$200.00. Prudent Reserve = \$15,431.34. Amount on hand over and above 2017 budget for 2018 year is \$7,302.92. If we pass a budget equal to last years we still need approximately \$23,000 to come in this year. **Question:** Can we break down the 1 page report into 3 pages to be more clear- reconciliation of the bank balance; budget to actual should have the advances expensed out to see how much is actually spent to date; Explanation of the carry over amount. That should make it clearer for all to see. **Answer:** Unfortunately, Dwayne does not get the expenses from the Area Officers until the end of the year. If people want that changed then just make a motion to have it changed. **Question:** Breakdown of the Active Areas Committees please? **Answer:** Everything that has been spent so far has been under the Remote Communities Committee. That amount is \$3,572.56. A motion was made by Dwayne M. and 2nd by Sharon N. to accept the report. Motion passed

Alt. General Service Delegate Report: attached

Kirk S. gave his report.

Lunch was held halfway through Tim's 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:** How many people have heard of the 4 and 4 plans? **Answer:** I have not heard of the 4 and 4 plans. I have heard of the dollar a year for every year you have been sober. **Question:** What about this 7/27 on July 27? **Answer:** The 7/27 challenge is put out to members to put \$7.27 in a special collection on July 27 and send to G.S.O. And members who can put \$8.00 to make up for members who can't. **Question:** Do they still have Birthday envelopes? **Answer:** Tim said this is our bad. We need to get those out to the Districts and groups. Groups can order them free from GSO. **Question:** What prudent reserve does GSO carry? **Answer:** They carry a 10.3-month Prudent reserve. **Question:** Do you know what changes will be made to the Too Young Pamphlet? **Answer:** No idea. The changes will be discussed at the next GSO Conference. GSO is looking for new stories. Please check on the website for what they are looking for. **Question:** Is the Grapevine available online? **Answer:** Yes, it is available online. You need to be careful with that though. If you subscribe online you can only get it online. If you subscribe to the App you can only get it on the App. You can not have 1 subscription and use it for both. **Question:** The exchange is a lot of money. Can they look at making the cost less? **Answer:** Right now, I don't know the answer to that. **Question:** The Grapevine and GSO have broken away from each other correct? **Answer:** Yes, they are 2 separate entities.

Tim had a draw for a Grapevine book and a 1935 nickel. Gilles won it.

AACYPAA report- Boyd reported that there was no substantial interest in the AACYPAA so they were forced to cancel it. Later we will discuss if there is anyone who wants to host a MCYPAA in Nova Scotia.

Remote Communities Report: attached

Kirk S. read a report written by Jane B.

Archivist Report: attached

Gary C. gave his report. He wanted to thank everyone for helping him through his 5-year term. He will be sad to rotate out but is happy to know the Archives are in better shape now than when he received them. **Question:** The Chatelaine article speaks of women alcoholism. Do you know if it talks about AA as well? **Answer:** We aren't sure but we have it with us today and you are more than welcome to take a look!

Inter-district Insurance policy: Pete L. from District 17 gave a presentation on the Insurance policy started by District 17 and now includes many groups from other districts. The information is included in our minutes.

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:

Shayne S. gave a short CERASSA report that was written by Dave A. There was a good turn out from Area 82. Thanks for attending.

Motion to accept all reports was made by Dave C. Seconded by Basil M. All in favor, all reports accepted.

Roll Call:

Trudy D. conducted the Roll Call of the group's attendance with the following results:

District 1- 9 out of 24, District 2- 6 out of 15, District 3- 9 out of 12, District 4- 0 out of 7, District 5- 0 out of 7, District 6- 5 out of 9, District 7- 8 out of 14, District 8- 2 out of 13, District 9- 6 out of 22, District 10- 7 out of 7, District 17- 6 out of 7.

Total Groups- 137. GSRs present- 58, 5 Area Officers, 11 DCMS = 74 Votes. 50 is 2/3 for voting.

Coffee Break

New Business:

1. **Pre-Conference Service Assembly Proposal-** Gary O. explained that he had been a little apprehensive about what this would mean to the groups cost wise. He ended up on the committee and then the first meeting was voted the chair of the subcommittee. The proposal is included in these minutes. 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. Some discussion ensued but it was decided that it would be talked about at the group level and then further discussion will happen at the Assembly. A motion for more discussion made by Pete, seconded by Bob. Motion was 8 for- 66 against. Motion defeated. The information will be sent out in these minutes for further discussion at the Assembly.
2. **Area Inventory-** (Attached) Workshop was done last night. Area will do this Inventory at the Assembly.
3. **Host for MCYPAA 2018-** no one offered. Some discussion about where it originated and why it's important. It will be talked about amongst people who may be interested. More to follow!!
4. **Host for the NS Provincial Round-Up 2018-** District 7 offered to host.

5. **Excess funds Guidelines Proposal**- Dwayne explained what this means. The proposal will be included with these minutes for groups to discuss and final vote will be held at the Assembly. **Question:** I wonder if you would consider putting the word Actual in where you have the word budget? **Answer:** Absolutely. A bit more discussion ensued and a motion was made by Monique to have the Area Officers put their expenses in before the Service weekends. No seconder so no motion, the Area Officers will just do this. Motion was withdrawn.
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.

Supper

After supper Albert did a mini session on the Area 82 Inventory Questionnaire for those who missed last night's Workshop. Much was discussed and the people who attended said it was very informative.

Sunday June 4th 2017

Boyd opened the meeting at 10 am with a moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer for those who wished.

Gary read a report about the Pre- Conference Assembly and also wanted everyone know that Pete L. is celebrating 55 years sober today!!! Way to go Pete!!!!

Ask it Basket:

1. **Why can't we get people in Service?** - Discussion: Sometimes we push people in before they are ready. We need to guide people and help teach them, not push.
2. **Can groups purchase Hazelton publications?** - Discussion: Each group is autonomous so each group decides what they want to purchase.
3. Dr. Bob on his deathbed to Bill W. made a statement a long time ago "Let's not louse this up" we come to AA as simple people working simple jobs not necessarily prepared for the role we may be given.
4. **Harm reduction...what can we do?** Discussion: This is an outside issue. We do what we do and they do what they do. We do not ask them to tell us what we should do and we can not give our opinion on outside issues. As an individual citizen of the province we can write the government and express how we feel, as long as we don't identify ourselves as Alcoholics.
5. **What got you interested in Service and keeps you coming back?** Discussion: Gilles talked about how it makes him feel to do Service and learn more about the structure of AA.
6. **What is the difference between a suggestion and an order in the first year?** Discussion: Not much!
7. **If you have Abstentions do they count toward the number of 2/3 majority?** Discussion: Robert's rules of order states that Abstentions are counted and noted but do not count toward the total vote. So, if there were 14 voting, 8 voted for, 3 against, with 3 Abstentions it would pass because the abstentions do not count.
8. **What do you do about people who talk during a meeting?** Discussion: Ring the bell and be a good chairperson and control the meeting.
9. **What can we do to get more to Service weekends and Assemblies?** Discussion: Education. If we educate people on the importance of the group conscience. Car pool together to decrease expenses

10. **How do we talk to a person who is dually addicted?** Discussion: Be patient and help them learn that AA is AA. Not that we can not have other issues but when in AA remember our Primary Purpose of identifying as an Alcoholic and talk about our Alcoholism.
11. **How does Service enhance Sobriety?** Discussion: Opens our mind and helps us see the bigger picture of AA. You have to want it!

The Service part of our weekend closed with the Responsibility Pledge. The closing speaker meeting will be next.

Closing AA meeting

Tim M. chaired the meeting. Opened with the Serenity Prayer. AA Preamble read by Dwight C. How it Works was read by Lisa N. The 12 Steps was read by Jo M. The 12 Traditions was read by Sharon N.

-Speaker Brent M. shared his experience, strength and hope with us all. It was a powerful message with everyone identifying. 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	D.C.M. REPORTS
	9:50 AM	PAST DELEGATES ADDRESS
	10:05 AM	BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
	10:20 AM	BREAK
	10:40 AM	TREASURERS REPORT
	11:00 AM	ALT. G.S.D. REPORT
	11:15 AM	G.S.D. REPORT
	11:30 AM	AACYPAA REPORT
	11:45 AM	REMOTE COMMUNITIES REPORT
	12:00 PM	LUNCH
	1:30 PM	ARCHIVEST REPORT
	1:45 PM	WEBMASTER REPORT
	1:50 PM	INSURANCE REPORT
	1:55 PM	BREAK
	1:55 PM	REPORT ON C.E.R.A.A.S.A.
	2:00 PM	ACCEPT ALL REPORTS
	2:10 PM	ROLL CALL
	3:00 PM	NEW BUSINESS
		*ELECTION OF ARCHIVIST
		* PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY REPORT
		* AREA INVENTORY
		* HOST: AACYPAA/MCYPAA 2017
		* HOST: N.S PROVINCIAL ROUNDUP
		* PROPOSAL TO HAVE NS PROVINCIAL ROUNDUP HELD ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS FOR ALL DISTRICTS
		* EXCESS FUNDS GUIDELINES PROPOSAL
		* GUIDELINES AMMENDMENT
	4:45 PM	SUPPER
	6:15 PM	CONTINUE WITH NEW BUSINESS ITEMS
SUNDAY:	9:00 AM	COMPLETE ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS
	10:00 AM	ASK IT BASKET
	10:30 AM	A.A. SPEAKER MEETING
	11:30 AM	CLOSING OF 2017 SERVICE WEEKEND

Area 82 Financial Report to the NS Service Weekend

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			
Group Contributions Jan. 1 to May 17			\$ 3,088.50
EXPENSES			
		Cheques Cashed Against Budget	Remaining
GSO Conference	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
GSD Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
GSD Office Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Alt. GSD Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Area Chair Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Secretary Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Secretary Office Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Treasurer Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Treasurer Office Supplies	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
NL Archive Upkeep & Storage	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
NL Archive Travel Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
NS Archive Upkeep & Storage	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
NS Archive Travel Expenses	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -
Web Host & Domain	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Webmaster Assembly Travel	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
NS/NL Area Active Committees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,572.56	\$ 1,427.44
GSO Guest	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
Regional Forums/CERASSA	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
Misc	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
Bank Charges	\$ 60.00	\$ 23.85	\$ 36.15
Total	\$ 30,860.00	\$ 26,346.41	\$ 4,513.59
OPERATIONAL LEDGER BALANCE (May 17)			\$ 11,816.51
Operational Account Balance (May 17)		\$ 11,722.34	
Cash on Hand (May 17)		\$ 200.00	
Outstanding Cheques		\$ 105.83	
Total		\$ 11,816.51	\$ 11,816.51
Amount on Hand for 2018 Budget		\$ 7,302.92	
Prudent Reserve Account Balance (May 17)		\$15,431.34	

ALT. G.S.D. REPORT

NS. SERVICE WEEKEND JUNE 2017

TRURO, NS

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
June 3rd, 2017 Truro, NS

Good morning,

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

District Committee Member - District 1
Samaira G

Hello Members and guests, I'm Samaira and I am an Alcoholic. I have the honour and responsibility of serving District 1 as the District Committee Member.

Our area is basically the HRM, Halifax to Hubbards and all places in between. We have a total of 24 registered groups. And share the responsibility with District 2, our four committees, which include; Public Information, Cooperation with Professional Community, Treatment, and Corrections.

it has been wonderful to see so many new faces around the District table this year. The Spirit of Rotation seems to be getting passed around.

We have been having some amazing and lively discussions, which helps us learn about the code of Alcoholics Anonymous, LOVE AND TOLERANCE of others.

As I said, District 1 and 2 share the responsibilities of the Four Committees, I will share on two, Public Information and Cooperation with Professional Community. District 2 will share on Treatment and Corrections.

Our amazing P.I. Committee has around 10 members in total. They have been hard at work with monthly meetings to brainstorm ideas on how best to "Carry the message". Some of the work of the Committee includes stamping and bundling A.A. materials, viewing and listening to A.A. PSA's, visiting medical clinics, studying bulletin boards in the area, writing letters, planning and taking part in meetings, making phone calls, and talking up the work of the Committee. It is also very, very important in the Committee work that when we are going on about our frustration about some piece of work, we remind ourselves of the successes that were not done before. There is a range of skills required but within the Committee it turns out we are rich in skills.

Our PI Chair was kind enough to write a report and I have handed to all DCM. They will be able to give you more information. Also, if you have questions, please feel free to ask Leah, the Co-Chair, "Leah please stand so everyone knows where you are, if they have questions."

Cooperation with Professional Community has been doing a wonderful job getting our message out. They now have a committee of 5, which is huge, since it had been a committee of one for years.

They have been creating amazing relationship with the Professional Community and have been asked back to share their message to additional classes. They have also been working closely with PI, since those two committee do seem to run hand in hand.

Thank you for your patience
Yours in Service
Samaira G

June 2-4, 2017

District 2 Report to Area Committee and Area

District 2 includes the City of Dartmouth and goes as far as Enfield and Sheet Harbour in Halifax County. We have 15 registered groups. 10-11 of the groups are actively involved in the District and most of them were hoping to be here this weekend. Eight of our groups attend the detox meetings and six of them take regular weekend shifts on the AA phones. We are trying hard to be more relevant to our groups. Our alternate DCM has visited the unregistered meetings in our district and they (I believe there are 2-3) are all happy to continue as they are. He has also put on two workshops so far this year with three more to come.

As you know Districts 1 and 2 share four committees and I have been asked to report on Treatment and Corrections. Both committees have a chairperson and cochairperson and they remind all participants mentioned below prior to their commitments and this does help tremendously.

Corrections hold two meetings per week at the provincial facility in Dartmouth. These are on Wednesday evenings – one for women and one for men. Two members attend each meeting. We have an allotment of 10 men and 10 women who are preapproved by Corrections and are scheduled on a regular basis.

Treatment looks after three separate areas. The detox meetings at the NS Hospital are held every Thursday and Sunday evening. These meetings are looked after by the groups on a regular schedule and four group members are allowed to attend. The forensic meetings are held at the Forensics Unit in Dartmouth. These meetings are looked after by individual members that are organized into teams that are regularly scheduled every Friday evening. The final area is Marguarite House, a recovery facility for women. These meetings are held the first Wednesday evening of every month and are looked after by a member of Serenity Sisters in District 1 and she takes a carload every month to put on a meeting.

Both districts also work together in our Central Service Committee which looks after the following: the districts' website, help e-mail, newsletter, telephone answering service, hospital visitation, literature, and the mid-winter roundup. I hope I have not forgotten any of these important joint efforts.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy M, DCM District 2

District 03 DCM Report

Nova Scotia Service Week End June 2- 4, 2017

District 03 is doing well with 12 active groups including a women's group. These groups are from Annapolis to Gaspereau.

Our district holds a district meeting on the third Sunday of each month. The district meeting includes two parts; an educational workshop which lasts an hour followed by an hour and a half of service work. A majority of the 12 groups sends a GSR to represent their group at these monthly district meetings. Committees representatives are also in attendance during our district meetings.

The district has worked in 2017 at developing district guidelines. These guidelines will soon be completed.

Our district continue to provide weekly support to the Detox Centre in Middleton on Wednesday night, the Crosbie House in New Minas on Tuesday night and Ledgehill on -----.

District 03 has an active CPC/PI committee in 2017.

The AA phone line number is displayed on the Kings Transit buses.

Polly H

DCM District 3

District 4 DCM Report June 2,3rd, 4th 2017

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 traditions meetings are held in Yarmouth every Friday and Sunday night, as well on Monday nights and Friday nights regularly 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 most of the groups in our District, Hopefully now that spring is in the air, this will increase.. A couple groups have yet to choose a new GSR or Alt. Plus other positions among the 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 39th Annual Lighthouse Round Up will take place in Yarmouth on November 3rd, 4th and 5th 2017 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.

District 5 DCM Report

Hi, my name is Stan E. I am an alcoholic. I am a member of Junction group in Springhill. I also have the privilege to be DCM for District 5.

In District 5 we have 7 groups which hold 11 meetings a week, we also hold 2 meetings a week plus a coffee house at detox in All Saints hospital in Springhill. We also host meetings at Springhill Institution and the same members attend meetings at Westmorland institution.

Attendance is down in most groups and we are looking for ideas on how to boost attendance. Also, we will be holding a 1 day roundup in Sept and a Christmas party in December. I will post dates on website as they are available.

We hold District meetings once a month in Amherst at the Parish hall on the third Monday of the month.

In closing I would like to thank everyone in District 5 for their support.

Respectfully,
Stan E. DCM District 5

District 6 DCM Report

District 6 has 9 groups located in the Truro, Tatamagouche, Millbrook and Shubenacadie area.

We have meetings every day of the week except Friday. We took advantage of no meetings on Friday and started fellowship Fridays, the first one went off with a hit, and we filled two lanes for bowling.

Within our area we have the Federal women's prison which members put a meeting a put on. Attendance has been a bit lower lately but the recent speaker for AACYPAA in Corner Brook had attended meetings when she was there, so we're not losing hope.

The Shubie Group is holding meetings at the Eagles Nest which is a recovery center on the Indian Brook reserve.

Hubtown group in Truro is also helping put on meetings at the Pictou detox.

We are looking forward to the mid-summer round-up this year, don't forget to bring your baseball glove for Sunday afternoon softball after the round up. Everyone had a blast last summer, so many are looking forward to getting back into the field. We are looking forward to the assembly. We're filling a vehicle and going on an adventure taking the long way, wish us luck and see you in St. Johns!!

Matt M DCM District 6

June, 2017

Good Morning,

My name is John Hugh G and I am privileged to be DCM for District 7.

District 7 consists of the County of Pictou through to the Town of Port Hawkesbury. There are 14 Groups in District 7. There are 25 meetings weekly.

The District 7 GSR meeting is held the third Sunday of each month. After each meeting, the host group conducts a workshop.

The position of PI/CPC has not currently been filled in District 7. Jim M. from the New Glasgow How Group and Blaise S. from the Antigonish Group are currently fulfilling the responsibilities. Meeting cards are being distributed to Doctors' offices and Hotels and our local radio station, CJFX, is airing AA public service announcements on a regular basis. On May 27, 2017 PI participated in the Health and Wellness Day in Sherbrooke. This event was very well received.

Clark G. from the Stellarton Discussion Group is liaison for the new jail in Pictou County. There is a meeting held every Wednesday evening with two AA members attending each week. There are nine members that are cleared to participate in the meeting, and three more are waiting for security clearance. The correctional staff and inmates of the institution have responded favourably to the meetings. Clark G. has ordered AA literature designed specifically for inmates.

Rod H. from the Pictou Harbour Group is liaison for Pictou Detox. There is an information meeting held each Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. at Pictou Detox, which is conducted by groups in District 7. The Hub Town Group from District 6 also participates in hosting the detox meetings. There are several other groups in District 6 that have expressed an interest in participating, as well. Rod H. has AA literature and meeting cards available for patients.

Hal M. from the Pictou Harbour Group is the area webmaster.

Jane M. from the Westville Easy Does It Group is Newsletter Editor for District 7.

Heather H. from the Guysborough Group is Secretary/Treasurer for the District.

On a closing note, AA is alive and well in District 7. Thank you and God Bless!

Yours in service,

John Hugh G
DCM, District 7

District 8 DCM Report

Hello everyone,

My name is Donnie Macl. and I am an alcoholic. I am serving as DCM for District 8. Our District covers Richmond, Inverness and Victoria counties. There are 13 active groups with a meeting somewhere in our District every night of the week.

We put on an information meeting at the Strait Richmond Detox on Monday night. This responsibility is share by most groups in the District on a rotational basis. We also have a Bridging the Gap program with the detox. There is a list of volunteers that go into the detox on Thursday afternoons to speak with the clients.

Although some groups are small in number we have fairly good support among the groups which helps to keep the doors open. The Baddeck Bay group is again meeting for the summer months.

The Margaree group will again be hosting the AA day in July at the Captain Allen school. Come enjoy a day of meetings, fellowship and good.

We are looking for a new PI person, Don F. is currently filling this position.
All in all, AA is doing well in District Eight.

Yours in Service,
Donnie Macl



DCM Report District 9 May 2013.

As you District Committee Member for District #9 I bring you greetings from Beautiful Cape Breton Island. I got here by the 3rd Legacy procedure of going to the Hat process as the election was close, A.A. has a way of settling matters that provide answers that don't leave resentments behind?

Our District has active committees and District Meetings take place on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The Alternate DCM opens the meeting and a Tradition is discussed prior to the core business of the meeting.

Committee reports are given by the committee chairpersons and discussion on reports follows.

The membership in the District is increasing or declining depending on the group. Support by other groups for those groups that are experiencing a decline in attendance is a way that members keep doors open, as all meetings are essential to the still suffering Alcoholic. Groups are very aware of this and express the need for support at meeting and at the District. There are 22 Active Groups with meetings every day of the week.

Our Mid-Winter Round- Up for 2018 Meeting is scheduled to begin after the District Meeting in June 2017. The committee is looking at options that include looking at the venue. Once again, we extend out thanks to all who attend our round- up and look forward to seeing old friend this year again in 2018.

All Committee Chair Persons are providing information and carrying the message of AA to the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. And for that, "we are responsible!"

Yours in Love and Service.

Malcolm Guy Campbell DCM District 9

June 2, 2017 N.S. Service Weekend – District 10 D.C.M. Report

Good morning friends, my name is Bill Andrews, I'm alcoholic and privileged to serve as DCM for Dist.10 on the N.S. south shore. At the outset, I will admit that while serving as DCM many years ago, young in sobriety, I didn't know what I didn't know and so reality is here and now; but I am blessed to have the support of a group of GSR's and district servants with both experience in serving our fellowship and newcomers to service with fresh ideas.

Thank you, past DCM Kathy S.C., [with small feet and big shoes to fill] and all who served with her for their work in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Our District 10 meetings are well attended, lively and interesting. Currently 7 groups are active as well as 2 meetings – Set Aside Sisters, and Monday Noon Meeting.

Pat R. phone committee chair continues to report monthly on the nature of calls received and outcomes. Groups rotate the phone duty each month.

Michelle P. provides Groups and members with Dist. 10 monthly Newsletter reporting AA birthdays, news and AA events, some AA history and a poem or spiritual quote.

ED J. – 49ers Literature committee continues to provide his usual service with AA books, literature etc. to our groups and members. A Newcomer Package has been implemented and provided to Dist. 10 for groups which includes several pamphlets which including a recent one "Many Pathways to Spirituality" P-84 which we believe helps dispel the inclination for "contempt before investigation" for new people.

P. I. & C.P.C. committee is active with a conscience that we cannot do everything perfectly. We strive to be consistent. Meeting cards are revised and distributed by volunteers and media as 2 or more changes are required. We continue to build relationships with friends of AA, professionals, the authorities and agencies who have contact with potential problem drinkers or alcoholics.

Another successful May Day 2017 is in the history books with 214 attending which is the average for the past 3 years. Thanks to all for your support. The committee met May 31 to close the books & distribute surplus funds to where it was needed.

In closing I wish to thank all District 10 Groups and members for your service and support to ensure that "When a need is known it is always fulfilled ". Dist. 10 maintains a healthy prudent reserve however is past the "hoarding money syndrome" addressing our expenses and responsibilities promptly if reserve funds are required.

I know I have forgotten someone or something from this report, ex. Thanks Mary Lee Alt. DCM for the excitement and enthusiasm you bring to our meetings, but if I don't start typing now I will miss the service weekend.

Yours in Love and Service,
Bill Andrews DCM Dist. 10

District 17 DCM Report for the Nova Scotia Service Week-end
June 2nd-4th, 2017.

Good morning friends; my name is Monique M. and I am an Alcoholic. I am, also the DCM for District 17, serving West Hants and Wolfville. Even though we are still a fairly new district, we are going strong. There are 12 meetings per week in our district with approximately 80 members. There are four non-registered meetings and seven registered groups in our district: Brooklyn, Hantsport, St. Croix, Three Mile Plains, Wolfville, Windsor Saturday Night, and Sisters in Sobriety. The Hantsport and St. Croix groups hold two meetings per week; the Windsor Saturday Night group changed their name from the Windsor/Brooklyn group and Sisters in Sobriety became a registered group in November 2016.

Along with District 3, we continue to put meetings on at Crosbie House in New Minas on Tuesday nights and Middleton Detox on Wednesday nights. Districts 3 and 17 continue to work very well together. This year we are putting on the 52nd Provincial Round- up, the theme is "Supporting Our Future" at the Louis Millet Centre in New Minas, with District 3. Also, we are working with Districts 3 and 4 with the posters on the Kings Transit Buses. The bus is no longer coming to Brooklyn; however, if we can help one person, it is worth it!

Jim H. is serving as our Alt. DCM and is a valued member of our committee and he is here with us today. Diane H. is our Secretary and is doing a wonderful job. Paul B. was elected as our Treasurer, however due to his work commitments hasn't been able to attend our district meetings; however, Gary O. has stepped forward to fill in the position and is doing a great job, thank-you Gary. Our Institutions Representative is Debbie F.; she is doing an excellent job. Debbie has met with the staff at Crosbie and has a great rapport with them. Once a month, with a different volunteer, they meet with the clients in Crosbie for bridging the gap. There is time afterwards for fellowship with the clients, so they can ask questions, if they have any. Also, she is in frequent contact with Sandra at Middleton Detox and Kevin S., Institutions for District 3. Melanie F. and Bruce H. had taken the position of PI/CPC; however, both had to step down due to work commitments. So, we are still looking for volunteers for this vital link to the communities within our district. Jo MS is our Newsletter Editor and is a welcomed member to our district and committee. She is very efficient with the information for the Newsletter and distributes the Newsletter in a timely manner. Jeannette G. is the Webmaster and also does our meeting cards. She tries very hard to keep the information as up-to-date as possible. John S. is the chairperson for District 17 AA Telephone Answering Service; on average, we receive two to six calls per month. Our phone number is 902-790-6066. Pete L. looks after our Insurance Policy; we have 16 groups from four districts on our policy and have formed a separate committee. Pete will elaborate on this a little later.

Our District holds a district meeting every month, with a workshop every two months. We have had two workshops; Fun in Service with Samaira G. and a mini workshop on the Concepts with Pete L. We have asked Mark R. from District 3 to put on a workshop about the Traditions and Concepts, later on in June. We have formed a KISMIF (Keep It Simple, Make It Fun) committee with tentative plans for a picnic/ bbq in September and a New Year's Eve dance.

In August, we will be holding the 53rd Windsor and Area Mini Round-up. This year's theme is "Coming Home". Things are pretty well finalized, so come on out and have some fun. There will lots of meetings, music, food, friends, archives and treasures from JNB Treasures. Hope to see you there.

Upon closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank District 17, for their patience while I get my feet under me; to do the best I can for our district.

Yours in Love of Service
Monique M.
DCM District 17

Archives Report June 2017

Hello everyone,

My name is Gary Crowell and I am definitely an alcoholic. The following is my report on the Area 82 AA Archives for June 2017. In this report, you will find my financial report, which I will go over with you shortly. Also, we have provided you with an up to date inventory list.

Over the past year we have received many donations, which are always gratefully accepted and treated with the utmost of care. They are cataloged and placed carefully in their new home in the Area 82 Archives – ready to be viewed by other AA members. As a result of these donations, we can now report to you that we have every issue of the AA Grapevine from 1969 to 2015. Also among our most prized items is a second edition of the Big Book, signed by Bill Wilson. Some of you have already had the opportunity to view and to touch this very book. Another new item to the archives is a Chatelaine magazine, dated 1956, with an article on alcoholism rising in the female population. All of these items and more are listed in your inventory list.

Our sincere thanks go out to those who have contributed to the Archives this year and in the past, and it is our privilege to bring your Archives to the different events we have been invited to attend. These are your Archives, they are meant to be seen, they are meant to be admired and they are meant to be learned from.

This weekend is bitter sweet for me, as my 5-year term as your archivists is over. Tomorrow you will choose a new archivist. It has been my privilege to serve you and the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous as your archivist, but, I would be a miss not to mention the big part my wife, Kathy, has played over this 5-year term. She has put many hours and days into getting the Archives to the displays you see today and also getting some of the digitizing done and on the computer. At this stage, roughly 50 percent has been put on computer, stored on memory sticks and safely secured. We have been a team from the get go and we both would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for allowing us to be of service.

Now here is my financial report and inventory list.

NEW ITEMS TO INVENTORY 2017

Chatelaine Magazine

dated: May 1956

Books: 1. AA Today 25- a special Grapevine Publication

1960, 2nd edition

2. World Directory, spring

1960

3. Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

1952-53, 1st edition

4. Alcoholics Anonymous

1950, 13th printing

5. A.A. Comes of Age

1957, 1st edition

6. Alcohol- It's Effects on Man, Haven Emerson, M.D.

1934

7. The Third Legacy Manual of A.A. World Service

1959, 6th printing

8. Family Relations-Guide for Men, Dr. Hereward Carrington, PhD.

1954

9. Family Relations-Guide for Women " "

1954

10. A Pageant Book Presentation, Alcoholism and You by Marty Mann

1951, August

11. The A.A. Pioneer

1956

MISC ITEMS;

Program from the eighth annual Maritime InterGroup Conference held in Sydney 1955, Oct. 8 and 9th

Copy of a Message of Hope – The First AA Clubhouse in the World

Newsletters from Three Point Club, Shadow Brook Health Foundation, Willowdale Ont., dating from August 6-1953 to April 8, 1954

Client Orientation _ Shadow Brook

Letter from The Bell Clinic to Shadow Brook, dated

1957, April 9

Misc Items Concerning the DonWood Foundation

Maritime InterGroup Bulletin No.9 (Found in Program booklet)

1955, Sept.

Pamphlet: 1. The Society of Alcoholics Anonymous, Vol.106, No.5 (pamphlet book)

1949, Nov.

2. Blood Alcohol Levels and Toxic Drinking, by R.G. Bell, M.D.

1953, Jan.

MISC. CARDS: 1. Serenity Prayer/Preamble

2. 12 Steps /12 Traditions

3. AA Preamble/Steps/Traditions/Serenity Prayer

4. Central Florida Group Card- Serenity Prayer/Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

5. Maritime InterGroup Assoc. card from Moncton, N.B. –Daily Inventory/Serenity Prayer

6. I'd Rather

PAMPHLETS:

Inside A.A., not dated

Helpful Ally in coping with Alcoholism

1959

This is A.A.

1959, 9th printing

The Bottleneck of Perfection, 90% Neutral Spirits, not dated

Is A.A. for You – Twelve Questions

1959

Second Reader for Alcoholics Anonymous, not dated

Your Third Legacy – Nov. 1950

1952

44 Questions

1960, 9th printing

How it Works

1955

Partners in AA

1959

AA Tradition, How it Developed

1959, 4th printing

The Alcoholic Wife

1959, 6th printing

Questions and Answers on Sponsorship

1959, 2nd printing

ALL OF THE ABOVE ITEMS HAVE BEEN GRACIOUSLY DONATED TO THE ARCHIVES BY THE ANNAPOLIS GROUP - THANK YOU

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN DONATED TO THE ARCHIVES BY MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE IWC IN AKRON IN 2017:

Misc pictures

The Four Absolutes, Pamphlet

The Akron Sites AA History, Pamphlet

Book Mark

Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens – Booklet

Guardian Angel, St. Vincent Hospital, Pamphlet

Akron InterGroup Map of Historical Sites

The Gate House Fact Sheet

The Meeting, seen in many meeting halls displays

Paper- How to Listen- The Technique Used by The Oxford Group

Big Book – Second edition – signed by Bill Wilson

NS AREA 82 ARCHIVISTS FINANCIAL REPORT

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	SER CHRG	TRAVEL	UP KEEP	BALANCE
Dec.29/15						\$1078.24
Jan.28/16			\$ 5.90			1072.34
Feb.28/16			3.95			1068.39
Mar.31/16			3.95			1064.44
Mar.31/16	ref. Lighthouse Rdup	\$128.11				1192.55
Apr.28/16	sale 2 50 Yr. Books	20.00				1212.55
Apr.28/16			3.95			1208.60
Mar.15/16	MidWint. Rdup			\$ 90.00		1118.60
Mar.15/16	MidWint. \$ advance	125.00				1243.60
May10/16	Label cart.(Staples)				\$157.98	1085.62
	Cheque#305					
May20/16	B'water MayDay	147.00				1232.62
	50/50 draw					
Jun.5/16	Service Weekend			279.04		953.58
	Cheque #306					
Jul.1/16	refund serv. Weekend	279.04				1232.62
	Cheque #369					
Jul.1/16	sale 50 yr. book	10.00				1242.62
May31/16			3.95			1238.67
Jun.30/16			3.95			1234.72
Jul.31/16			3.95			1230.77
Aug.31/16			3.95			1226.82
Jul.22/16	Prov. Truro			59.26		1169.56
Aug.29/16	Fire Box ,cart.				159.87	1009.69
	Cheque #307					
Sept.30/16			3.95			1005.74
Oct.9/16	refund Serv,	279.04				1284.78
Sept.28/16	Eastern Off.				107.17	1177.61
	Binder/protect.					
Sept.28/16	Staples,clips				17.22	1160.39
Sept.28/16	Sackville Days			33.00		1127.39
Oct.4/16	Printer Corner				96.77	1030.62
Oct.8/16	Assy.,reg/meals			51.42		979.20
Oct.10/16	refund Fr. Area	254.16				1233.36
	Cheque #375					
Oct.10/16	refund area	51.42				1284.78
	Cheque #376					
Oct.12/16	Sackville Days	186.00				1470.78
Oct.31/16			5.95			1464.83
Nov.15/16	Lighthouse rdup			156.08		1308.75
Nov.15/16	Eastern office				406.81	901.94
Nov.30/16			5.95			895.99
Dec.30/16			3.95			892.94
Jan.32/17			3.95			888.09
Feb.28/17			3.95			884.14
Mar.3/17	Deposit	2862.89				3747.03
	Chq389/382/381					
Mar3/17	Copy cart.				52.28	3694.75
	Cheque #310					
Mar.3/17	Serv.Wkd. meals			85.00		3609.75
	Cheque #311					
Mar.31/17			5.95			3603.80
Mar.28/17			4.00			3599.80
May20/17	3 mile Plain	100.00				3699.80
May20/17	B'water MayDay	190.00				3889.80
	50/50					

Area82 Website Report 2017

The site's domain name and hosting is provided by Jaguarpc.com.

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 hosting fee has been paid, \$178.92 USD for 3 years and is paid up until Nov 20, 2019.

Since the beginning of 2017, the website is visited an average of 10,627 times per month by an average of 6,493 unique visitors.

Over 1100 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.

In closing, the site is very active and stable, JaguarPC is a great host, with very good support.

feel free to contact me at any questions.

yours in service Hal

2017-05-27

May 2017 Update of the District 17 NS Inter-District Group Insurance Program

In mid-2015 the District 17 Committee decided to make liability insurance available to the District 17 groups and meetings including the Berwick group in District 3 for a 2016 start-up.

Five of the six groups and one meeting in District 17 and the Berwick group District 3 opted into the insurance program that started December 31, 2015

- Currently the \$1,000 premium covers up to 25 Groups with a \$1,000 deductible for up to \$2,000,000 per incident.
- Initially, 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 in the initial year was \$200.

After we provided information about the District 17 NS Inter-District group liability insurance program at the 2016 Nova Scotia Service Weekend, 3 groups in Bridgewater, District 10, joined the D17 NS Inter-District group insurance program.

For 2017 three groups from New Glasgow joined, and early in 2017 three more groups in District 3 also joined: two from Kentville and the Cambridge group for a total of 16 groups.

Looking to the future, in September 2016, we asked our insurance agent to provide premium cost information to add additional groups to our policy.

Number of Groups	Additional Premium Cost	Annual Premium	Premium & Admin Cost /Group	Deductible Contribution per Group	Total
Initial 7 groups	\$0.00	\$1,000	\$145.00	\$55	\$200
25 groups	\$0.00	\$1,000	\$40.00	The Current Deductible reserve is \$1000. The deductible reserve for subsequent years will likely increase as groups are added so as to build up an adequate deductible reserve for the possibility of more than one claim in a year.	
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		
To determine the final base cost per group per year it is necessary to add a small amount to cover monthly bank expenses plus expenses for copying, mailing, etc. The base cost to cover the premium plus bank and other expenses for 2017 is \$100. Grp's joining in 2017 pay \$150. The additional \$50 is towards the deductible reserve.					

Our Treasurer, Gary O., has prepared financial information for those groups currently participating in the District 17 NS Inter-District Group Insurance Program. Please see Gary for this information.

We invite your comments and interest in our District 17 NS Inter-District group insurance program. Please see me if you would like further information on the program and how your group can join. I will be pleased to send information about the group insurance program to you by email attachment.

In service,

Pete L. (Chair) 902-542-9710, peteandpat9@gmail.com

Jim H. 902-757-3158, Bob M. 902-538-3099, & Gary O. (Treasurer) 902-670-3947

RESUME June 2017

NAME: Kathy S C

AGE: 63

OCCUTPATION : Retired

SOBRIETY DATE : November 20, 1990

HOME GROUP : LaHave Group, Bridgewater, N.S.

DISTRICT : District 10

I have served the fellowship by holding the following positions:

Group Level: secretary, treasurer, alternate GSR, GSR

District Level : secretary, treasurer, alternate DCM, DCM

Area Level : assisted Area 82 Archivist

Since coming into the program in 1990 I have been interested in the "other" side of AA, the service side. As you can see I have held almost all of the positions you can imagine, and some you can't. I have also been involved with helping put on our local May Day's now for the past 20 years, ben involved with helping put on Provincial Roundups held in our District. I am a big believer in fellowship and have organized Christmas parties, bowling parties, and recently have been holding our local women's meetings at my home.

I would like to let my name stand for the position of Area 82 Archivist. I have been involved with the archives for the past 7 years, beginning with helping my mentors, Robie C. and his brother Warren C. They are the reason Gary and I have such a passion for the archives. History to me is important, it is important that we preserve it, it is important to display it – without history we have no beginning.

Yours in service Kathy SC

Nova Scotia Service Weekend CERAASA 2017 Final Report

I must apologize for not being able to attend your Nova Scotia Service Weekend due to unforeseen health conditions. My first visit here began 5 years ago and it was my intention to conclude this series of visits on a more personal note. Unfortunately, that will not be possible for me.

The purpose for this report is to present a final summary of CERAASA 2017. Area 82 has been strongly supportive of this event from the very beginning and because of it, I would like to graciously thank you personally for your ongoing support and encouragement. Our calculations determined that there were about 24 members from Area 82 out of the 274 registered in attendance. We feel the program was quite comprehensive. It included actual material from 12 out of 13 Conference Committees giving well rounded coverage of the 67th General Service Conference. We asked all participants to submit their presentations and reports to be posted on the CERAASA website for the fully translated, anonymity protected Final Report. The guidelines required us to have the full transcript completed and circulated within three months after the event. The final completed version was posted in French and English on the CERAASA 2017 website on May 17th and will remain accessible until the end of the year or later. The written transcript translations required an astounding total of 200 hours of volunteer work alone.

CERAASA 2017 was not just about our Third Legacy of Service, it also demonstrated the First and Second Legacy of Recovery and Unity. Besides the unique ability to be inform our members about the 67th General Service Conference and AA as a whole in the Atlantic Provinces, we had an opportunity to meet face to face as a region and beyond. The whole weekend began with an interactive Remote Communities panel including Ontario, Quebec, Labrador and two Skype presentations from Manitoba. We then moved into the opening flag ceremony and Delegate Area Highlights. All ten Delegates and their Alternates were able to be in attendance. A photo of the flag display appears in the June/July issue of the La Vigne magazine.

Besides Conference Theme topics, there were also little known non-Conference presentations on subjects concerning Bridging the Gap Programs and La Vigne Magazine. There were eight open AA meetings in total - six "Lobster Pot" meetings, an open banquet speaker meeting featuring our Canadian Trustee-at-Large Scott H. from Kamloops, B.C. The main course included delicious Yarmouth lobster, salt water taffy and a large lighthouse display featuring seven decadent flavoured cupcakes to showcase the Atlantic theme which appeared to be well received by our visitors. There was also an impromptu Young Peoples meeting after another scheduled presentation was unexpectedly canceled.

Our main goal as a committee was to be as inclusive as possible with all members throughout the service structure from A.A. member down to Trustee-at-Large for Canada. There was approximately 150 members actively engaged in our weekend program. Since Area 82 played a supportive role in this event, many of your members were asked to participate in significant roles as presenters and facilitators. We certainly appreciate all those who did support CERAASA by either attending or by encouraging a group member to attend. In doing so, we were able to show the Eastern Canadian Region that we truly have something to offer A.A. as a whole in the Atlantic provinces spirit.

Concerning the final financial status, after all our expenses were met, we did have a surplus which was distributed like as such:

CERAASA Prudent Reserve Top up \$1700		
Seed Money Top up		\$368
Projected Web Fees		\$482
Host District Contribution	\$100	
Area 81 Contribution		\$200
G.S.O. Contribution		<u>\$2634</u>
Total Surplus		\$5580

It has been a genuine pleasure to have this final report available to you today. I have thoroughly enjoyed being able to share this passion with you over the years while trying to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. On that note, I need to reflect on where would our lives be without Alcoholics Anonymous. On behalf of the Area 81 CERAASA 2017 Committee, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your service to this wonderful Fellowship. More importantly, I find hope for our future and the lives of those to come.

In Love and Service.

Dave A. CERAASA 2017 Chairperson

Pre – Conference N.S Service Week –End

Hi all, at the Assembly in Dartmouth in Oct. 2016 a Committee was formed to see if financially, the N.S. Service week end in June could be moved to an earlier date in March or April. The reason for this was the get Conference agenda items on our service week end agenda so they could be discussed with the GSR'S, DCM'S, Area Committee and the Area 82 Delegate (who is of course an Area Committee member). This would give our Delegate a more informed conscience of how we feel on the Agenda topics. That way when they are asked an opinion at the Conference on the topics they would better informed as to how Area feels on these Items.

The Committee consist of Chair Gary O, Samaria G DCM District 1, Bill A DCM District 10 and Area 82 Delegate Tim M. The Pre-Conference/Service Week - end Proposal is included to help explain the reasons why the Proposal was put forward. The committee's job was to find venues only that may be compatible to what we pay now at the N.S. Service Week-end in June. I have sent 2 venue prices to date that are compatible. It was not the intension that the committee be formed to debate the reason for or against the proposal.

I would also like to invite any District that can come up with a week-end Financial plan that is compatible with our current service week-end expenses, to send the proposal to me so the Committee can review it and take to the Assembly in St John's NFLD. in Oct 2017, to be voted on if the proposal is voted in. I would ask that you only send week –end proposals for the venue, as this is not a debating Committee as I earlier said.

Please base figures on 125 people attending the week-end. In 2016, 98 people registered for the N.S. service week-end and in 2017, 74 registered. 125 may seem a little high for a number as I am trying to be optimistic. The 2 venue's I am sending with a pre - registration date dead line for March 1st, 2018, so we can change our meal numbers and the price can be adjusted accordingly for the number of meals we need.

Thank you

In the love of AA Service

Gary O goickle345@eastlink.ca

SUPPORTING OUR FUTURE
AREA 82 NOVA SCOTIA SERVICE WEEKEND
JUNE 2ND TO 4TH, 2017
DALHOUSIE CAMPUS, BIBLE HILL, NS

Weekend Schedule

Friday 7:00 pm Archive Meeting
7:30 pm G.S.R. Workshop
7:30 pm D.C.M./Area Officers Meeting
Agenda to follow

*This is cost
for 2017 N.S.
Service WEEK-END*

Accommodations and Meal Packages:

- 1: Private Room and Meals-----\$160.00 + \$20.00 registration=\$180.00
- 2: Shared Room and Meals-----\$133.00 + \$20.00 registration=\$153.00
[must state roommate]
- 3: Meals Only[3] no breakfast included \$65.00+\$20.00 registration=\$85.00

Package # _____ Cheque, E-Transfer or amount enclosed \$ _____

Name _____ Ph# _____

Group _____ Position _____

Roommate (if applicable) _____ Ph# _____

Group _____ Position _____

Please Have Your Monies and Packages Booked By APRIL 1st. After April 1st the package deals will not be in effect. Therefore you save your group money by sending in by the deadline. Late booking will be direct with the Collage and your meals are just about double in price.

Cheques should be made payable to NS Service Weekend

Or you can e transfer to: boydbragg@nf.sympatico.ca

Return Registration Form To: Boyd Bragg
1-2430 Topsail Road
CBS, NL A1W 5R4

For more info. call Boyd at (709) 834-4970 or email: boydbragg@nf.sympatico.ca

Pre -Conference / N.S. Service Week end
Proposed sometime in April
This is to replace current N.S Service week-end

Location Three Mile Plains District 17 N.S.

Hall Rental Friday noon till Sunday noon \$175.00

Lunch Saturday Sandwiches \$475.00 (wraps and sandwiches)

Banquet Meal Saturday Roast beef/ Roast Pork or Turkey plus dessert \$13.00 a plate
125 plates \$1,625.00

Coffee/tea milk for week end \$100.00

Water based on 125 people x 3 per person 375 bottles
16 cases of 24 @ \$5.00 a case \$80.00

Accommodations:

Super 8 Windsor 902-792-8888 (66 rooms)

1 room 2 double beds 40 rooms available with double beds@ \$131.00 + tax per night (cheaper if we block rooms) also Complimentary Breakfast

Down East Motel Garlands Crossing 902-798-8374 20 rooms

1 room 2 double beds + WiFi, cable tv, bath tub with shower and mini fridge and microwave \$85.00 per night + tax better rates available for longer stays.

If we fill 20 rooms price would be \$118.00+ tax per night.

\$175.00
+475.00
+\$1625
+100.00
+ \$80.00
\$2455.00 Based on 125 people \$19.64 per person + room rate.

Service Weekend registration cost of \$20.00 would cover expenses. Other expense would be travel and room.

Pre - Conference / N.S. Service Week end
Proposed sometime in April
This is to replace current N.S. Service week end

Location Louis Millett Complex New Minas District 3 N.S.

Rental Friday noon till Sunday noon \$700.00 on 1 week end left for 2018

Lunch Saturday Sandwiches \$475.00 (wraps and sandwiches)

Banquet Meal Saturday Roast beef/Pork/Turkey choice 2 veggies + Dessert
\$13.00 per plate 125 plates \$1625.00

Coffee/tea/ milk for week end \$100.00 (Our own)

Water based on 125 people x 3 per person 375 bottles
16 cases of 24 @ \$5.00 per case \$80.00

\$700.00
+\$475.00
+\$1625.00
+\$100.00
+\$80.00
\$2980.00

\$2980.00 Based on 125 people \$23.84 per person + room rate

Service Weekend registration cost of \$25.00 would cover expenses. Other expenses would be travel and room.

Accommodations and Prices for 2017

Greensboro Inn

9016 Commercial Street, New Minas, Nova Scotia

Ph: 902-681-3201 Toll-Free: 1-800-561-3201

Check In: 2-9:30pm Office closes at 930pm so if late check-in is require must notify them.

Check Out: 11am

Upon Request Noon Check Out can be provided

6 rooms with 1 queen bed at 99.99(+tax) per night

14 rooms with 2 double beds at 109.00(+tax) per night

5 rooms with 2 queen beds at 129.00(+tax) per night

Rooms are blocked with a note of the event, NS PROVINCIAL ROUND UP. Credit Card Number is required to hold the room.

Slumber Inn

153 Greenwich Road South, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

Toll Free- 1-800-914-5005

18 Rooms with two single beds per room

20 Rooms with one queen size bed per room

The rate would be: \$104.00/night + tax for either type room. If a cot is required, the rental fee would be \$22.50/cot/night+tax

This block of rooms at the Slumber Inn (above) will be held until May 9th, 2017, on this day the computer will release any unsold space back to our general inventory or assign it to the waitlist.

Note: Rooms are very small they are only licensed to permit up to 3 occupants per room.

To get the above rates you must call them through the toll free number **1-800-914-5005**. **ONLINE**

BOOKINGS, ONLINE RATE CAN NOT BE CHANGED.

48 hour cancellation policy prior to arrival date.

Included in the price is a complimentary continental breakfast which features such items as: waffles, HB eggs, yogurt, toast, bagels, muffins, hot & cold cereals, juice, coffee and tea.

All guest rooms feature mini fridge, microwave, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board as well as WIFI.

Wickwire House B & B

183 Main Street, Kentville, Nova Scotia

Acadia Room with one Queen size bed

Scotia Room with one King size bed

per couple \$100.00 + tax

Breakfast Included.

Toll-Free: 1-877-679-1188

Wickwire House #: 1-902-365-7469

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.