

**Area 82 NS Service Weekend  
June 1st,2nd,3rd, 2018  
Truro, NS  
“Supporting Our Future”**

**Friday, June 1st,2018 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 Kathy S.C. (Archivist), Kirk S. (Alt. GSD), Boyd B. (Chair), Tim M. (GSD), Dwayne MacD. (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, Donald C. (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 Dwayne MacD.

Minutes from 2017 Archives meeting were read by Trudy D. Motion to adopt the minutes made by Samaira G. Seconded by Matt M. Everyone was in favor and the minutes were adopted.

Kathy S.C. gave the Archivist report. It is attached at the end of the minutes. **Question:** What things would you be asking people to give to the Archives? **Answer:** We would love to get Round-Up Programs, Souvenir Flyers, and Minutes. There is nothing trivial in AA History. Motion to accept the report made by Kathy S.C. Seconded by Monique M. Everyone was in favor and the report was accepted. Motion to adjourn was entertained and the meeting closed at 7:30pm.

**7:30 pm Workshop** Mark and Barry from the valley facilitated the workshop on “What keeps us here”- Steps, Traditions and Concepts. It was very informative, and a good time was had by all. Thank you to both.

**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.

12 Traditions read by Kirk S.

**Introductions Area Officers and NS DCMs**

Kirk S. (Alt. GSD), Boyd B. (Chair), Tim M. (GSD), Dwayne MacD. (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, Donald C. (DCM) District 8, Malcolm C. (DCM) District 9, Bill A. (DCM) District 10, Monique M. (DCM) District 17, many observers.

2017 minutes were read by Trudy D. **Questions:** Samaria asked: Clarification of how an item ends up on the Agenda. Individuals to the group, group to the district, district to the area, so does that mean there are three people that can ask for something to be placed on the agenda or does the individual go to the group and the group decides, the group then brings it to the district and the decides and the one district brings it to area or is three separate people. **Answer:** No, its just one. It goes from a person to their group, group to District and then the District decides to ask for it to go on the agenda at a Service weekend or Assembly **Question:** Malcolm asked: He thought this was a topic that was supposed to be

brought up with the group and the group would say nay or yeah for it to be brought to the district, the GSR would bring it to the district, so it comes out of the group conscience first? Samaria responded to the question by saying yes and recapped that it was the GSR who brings it to district. Motion to accept the minutes made by Malcolm M. Seconded by Samaria G. All in favor and the minutes were adopted.

**Treasurer Report:** attached

Dwayne MacD. gave his report. Dwayne tried to incorporate as many suggestions as possible, but if yours didn't make it in its not because he's ignoring you it's because he couldn't for some reason. He did go back through the minutes and try to put everyone's suggestions in. If you go back and look I did include the actual expenses as was requested last year, unfortunately expenses are kind of fluid. When I wrote this report, we had just travelled to NL so everybody's expenses came in after that, so I didn't do a completely new report so at the service week. I will have a better update it's just not in the written report. Opening balance at the start of the year \$18,956.15 Less outstanding cheque and Prudent Reserve top up = \$9177.85. Income to date = \$28,134.00 Expenses total \$19,596.25 Operational ledger balance = \$8,537.75 including Cash on hand = \$200.00. Prudent Reserve = \$15,437.54.10. Amount on hand over and above 2017 budget for 2018 year is \$7,302.92. **Question:** So, we have over spent our GSO conference allocation why? **Answer:** GSO just shortly after the assembly last year sent a letter to our delegate asking for an increase in contribution to cover the following year. So, we gave an extra \$240. The Canadian dollar went down from the time we sent the money to the time it was received. **Question:** Could you explain what the other funds account is? **Answer:** This is where all other funds from this year came over and above where our operational budget was for this year. **Question:** When did we change the name from prudent reserve to other account so that we could keep more money in the other account? **Answer:** The answer Dwayne gave was that we now have an other funds account instead a prudent reserve account. So, clarification question when did we decide to change the way we are accounting, we only ever had two accounts? **Question:** Why have you added more to prudent account that was unauthorized? **Answer:** It was decided in NL that it is easier to see what we have left to spend on this year's budget if we pooled the contributions and the prudent money together. The prudent reserve was pretty well drained last year. Last year at this meeting people said it was too confusing to have money coming into the operational account and out of the operational account that it should be separate account. All the money coming into the account was going into the operational account and the prudent reserve was kept separate, so once the prudent reserve was topped up. I was told it was too confusing last year, so I should do it the other way, so I did it the other way. **Question:** Funds that were spent on this service weekend last year, \$400 and some dollars that had to be paid extra what happened why wasn't that told to us? **Answer:** It happened because the numbers didn't meet what was needed to what we owed Dal at the end of the weekend. **Question:** We knew that more group contributions money needed to be sent in to area. Has any of that been sent to the area? **Answer:** We received quite a bit of money in contributions. We still need around \$8,000.00 to be at where we need to be to pass the same budget as last year. **Question:** In January of every year we write cheques, my thoughts that are we are going to give people a budgeted amount for the year. By the time people get to this level of service they are pretty well back on track and have a credit card, so disperse it as needed. I can't see the point that if I'm an area officer and you give me a cheque for \$2000, and I get run over by a truck going home are you going to come to my house and ask my widow for the money? **Answer:** That has absolutely nothing to do with my report. if that is something we would want to change that is something we would bring to the floor to change it.

Motion to accept the report made by Dwayne MacD. seconded by Don B. All in favour

**Roll Call:** Active Groups

District 1- (25), District 2- (14), District 3- (11), District 4- (7), District 5- (6), District 6- (9), District 7 (14), District 8 (12), District 9 (22), District 10 (7), District 17 (7). Total Active Groups: (133).

Boyd B. reviewed the Service Weekend agenda. **New Business Item 1- Dwayne's Proposal-** That the prudent account was changed to other funds account to offer more options. **Item 2- Alfred's proposal** That any DCM past or present can present can run for a position in area. **Item 3- Tim's proposal. Item 4- Rotation of provincial roundup** - It was discussed who was willing to go on the rotation and who wasn't. Samaria asked: As Area we want to know one if you want to go and do the provincial roundup, two do you want it to be on a rotational basis, each member was able to be a minority voice and a decision was that each group back one. **Question:** Trudy asked so we are going to see what groups want to participate in the rotations? And tomorrow we let the groups know this who wants to participate, and we are going to have a rotation? **Answer:** We are going to see what districts want to be in the rotation. Districts 1&2 would be one rotation, districts 3&17 would be one rotation and districts 6&9 do not want to participate. **Item 5- Assembly Rotation-** just so everyone is aware that our Assembly rotation is ending in 2020. We will have a new rotation to vote on at the Assembly this year. **Item 6- Video fed to Labrador:** This was discussed to allow them to be a part of the meeting. It will be a closed meeting only open to AA. **Item 7** – to remove the Sunday morning speaker meeting on Sunday morning to allow more time for discussion and the ask it basket  
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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

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

12 Traditions read by John Hugh G

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

Kirk S. (Alt. GSD), Boyd B. (Chair), Tim M. (GSD), Dwayne MacD. (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, Donald C. (DCM) District 8, Malcolm C. (DCM) District 9, Bill A. (DCM) District 10, Monique M. (DCM) District 17

**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.

Minutes from the 2017 Area 82 NS Service Weekend were read by Trudy D. 1 error noted Item 1 NS Archivist Kathy S.C. was voted in as the new Archivist at the 2017 Service weekend and it is not in the minutes. Minutes were adopted as amended. Cyril moved, and Basil seconded.

**Boyd B. reviewed the agenda with changes:**

New business changed- New Business **Item 4** - To have on a rotational basis provincial round up. **Item 5-** Has to do with assembly rotation. **Item 6-** video fed to Labrador. **Item 7-** Remove AA speaker from service weekend to allow for more time for discussion. Before approval of the agenda: ample time for discussion needed for item 4. Also, it would be great if we could have the agendas out in March or April to give the groups ample time to discuss the items. **Answer-** the agenda was put out in April. If you did

not receive it this is the job of your DCM to make sure that you get it. Lisa asked about adding a new agenda item about the NS Service weekend bank account. Discussion was had at the last assembly in Oct. It was agreed that we would report about the costs and revenue for the NS Service weekend in the report given at this years Assembly. Bob M motioned the approval of the agenda and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave C. All in favor, agenda approved.

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

### **Coffee Break**

#### **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 Donald 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:** Marilyn R- Service work sharing with new people. Wonderful experience. Carry on working with new people in service

Sonny S- Welcome to the service structure. Very interested to see the area is going well. He is still learning to pass it on to other people.

Bill C- Patience and Tolerance. Thick skin. Agree to disagree. We program we need to rely on service sponsors and others.

#### **Treasurer Report:** attached

Dwayne MacD. gave his report. Opening balance at the start of the year \$18,956.15. Less outstanding cheque \$2,200 and other funds top up = \$9,177.85. Operational balance is \$28,134.00. Income to date = \$14,436.22. Expenses total \$19,596.25. Operational balance = \$10,757.35. Other Funds = \$23,736.07. Amount on hand over and above 2018 budget for 2019 year is \$9,681.07. If we pass a budget equal to last year's we still need approximately \$18,428.93 to come in this year. **Question:** Cathy M. asked about the column on page 2 we have under other funds we had unused funds expense return is \$3000. I would like to suggest that is not very responsible for our trusted servants. their expenses should have been in before the final report. I don't think there was a lot of travel being done in December and if there was I would love to hear about it. The majority of our expenses with the assembly in October, so the only business that gets conducted after that is our delegate from group visits. **Answer:** They were being used until then the year ends December 31st. This is not the time for this it is to be brought up at a different place and time. **Comment** from Pat R. to Dwayne. She wanted to thank Dwayne for taking into account the suggestions made at last years service weekend. Column 1 on the first page really helps her to better understand the report. A motion was made by Dwayne M. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim S. to accept the report. Minority voice spoke- Blair from Downtown Dartmouth. This is confusing that way it laid out compared to a normal financial report that I'm used to reading for one why would only report to the middle of the month, wouldn't it be easier to report to the end of a month. It hard to see where we are a financial quarter where we are today for the year for any decisions that must be made. going forward for our expenses we don't how the year is going to end up but we know where we are today because of contributions. it seems it's all focused on our cash on hand rather our expenses our budget and the amount we put into it this year, and why we are putting our money into surplus fund or other

fund is also confusing to me. Wouldn't we want to try and balance the year before we try to pay back our prudent reserve that we've drawn from? So that we can see how much money we have at the end of the year, so we can put it back to the Prudent Reserve. If can't manage our expenses from year to year then how are we ever going to pay back our prudent reserve because, we do not know where we are on a daily basis compared to what we brought in through the year to what actually are expecting to spend. After the minority voice Boyd asked if anyone in the majority wished to change their vote. No one wanted to change their vote, so the 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:** available upon request

**Question:** Would it be a disservice to do nothing for Labrador? Are we talking about sharing the assembly just that or other events throughout the year? **Answer:** Let's start with the assembly. They will see things from New York they will see their new delegate get elected. Tim said he did not put this motion together to make a commotion he put it together make it an option. Everyone was in favor of the video conference to Labrador.

**AACYPAA report-** Boyd reported that there was no report at this time. There will be an AACYPAA component to the Assembly in October in Corner Brook.

**Remote Communities Report:** attached

Kirk S. read a report written by Jane B.

**Archivist Report:** attached

Kathy S.C. gave the Archivist report. It is attached at the end of the minutes. **Question:** What things would you be asking people to give to the Archives? **Answer:** We would love to get Round-Up Programs, Souvenir Flyers, and Minutes. There is nothing trivial in AA History.

**Webmaster Report:** attached by Matt D

**Eastern Canadian Regional Forum Report:**

Tim M. gave a short regional forum report. Tim read from the Service Manual what a regional forum is. The next regional forum is in Victoriaville, PQ, from July 20-22, 2018. Boyd mentioned that 10 years ago that is where he first met Trudy. Kirk says he has learned a lot of good things about service and its structure. We are not in the line up until 2028 to hold a Regional Forum but we will be in the line up to host a CERAASA in 2023.

Motion to accept all reports was made by Bob M. Seconded by Evan M. All in favor, all reports accepted.

Motion was made by Trudy D about the rotation schedule for the NS provincial roundup

**Roll Call:**

Trudy D. conducted the Roll Call of the group's attendance with the following results:  
District 1- 10 out of 25, District 2- 5 out of 14, District 3- 8 out of 11, District 4- 3 out of 7,

District 5- 0 out of 6, District 6- 5 out of 9, District 7- 8 out of 14, District 8- 3 out of 12, District 9- 7 out of 22, District 10- 7 out of 7, District 17- 5 out of 7.

Total Groups- 133. GSRs present- 61, 4 Area Officers, 11 DCMS = 76 Votes. 50 is 2/3 for voting.

## Coffee Break

### New Business:

1. Dwayne's Proposal – Dwayne presented his proposal. Withdrew proposal as it would not work for election years.
2. Alfred's Proposal – Alfred's proposal to allow all DCMs past or present to let their name stand unless they have already held a position in area to let their names stand to area officer positions. **Question:** Is it an individual proposal or is coming from the DCM's through the proper channels as it was explained last night? **Answer:** Alfred is a DCM from district 12 unanimous from his district. **Question:** We are given a proposal here can you explain how it currently sits and what part is he looking to change? **Answer:** Currently you cannot hold another position in area once you have been all except for chair. After that you cannot hold a position in area. If we adopt this proposal now it would be open to past DCMs. **Question:** What would change in the guidelines? The service manual is AA. Every decision that was made in area 82 before was made by the service manual. It was only sitting area people and current DCMs who could run for positions and only the delegate could run for chair if they hadn't done it before. We through that all out the window when we put that clause on the bottom and that's why that last gentleman was able to stand up at the last election and let his name stand. So what else have we gone to the weigh side with my putting that little clause on the bottom? **Answer:** Because you haven't been around it was voted at the last assembly to have that clause taken out, so that is no longer in our guidelines. **Question:** I have a problem with this I do not like when people are trying to change everything. I don't think that before the guidelines really came out that we were broken. So, we brought in a bunch of guidelines and I know they were worked on hard, I know a lot of people put a lot of hours into them, but my concern is that when we put that little clause on the bottom, it says that we can no longer supersede the service manual. Area 82 is autonomous right? The service manual is AA, when we write that down there with every decision that was made in Area 82 prior to that day has gone out the window. Because we are no longer autonomous and this why this come up because I don't know back in the 70s and 80s whenever it came up that that decision was made that it was only the sitting DCMS and officers could let their names stand, it was voted in the past that the delegate could not run for any other position other then the chair person if they hadn't done it before. What else have we gone to the weigh side with, by throwing that clause on the bottom. **Answer:** Because you haven't been around, at the last assembly in NL it was voted to take that clause out, so that is no longer in our guidelines. **Question:** I think it was very interesting and I think the clause is very interesting, as a past DCM when after 35 years of service I did not run for an Area position. I could change my mind and say maybe I would like to run for the area chair, for the treasury so I am having a problem with this too because I am sure there may be other people that were DCMs that may want to do something like this. I'm not saying go ahead and do it I am just saying what if I change my mind and I would like to run. It is a proposal and that's all. There is a

lot of change and I know alcoholics hate change. **Answer:** If that option was open you may get more people showing up for the elections. More participation is always better. **Question:** First of all, I do not like change which most alcoholics don't that I don't like that our service manuals are now being replaced by guidelines, so everything in our service manual is changing so if we decide in 3 years time we are going to change what the heck are we going to have here. Maybe I'm old school but, I believe our service manual is what works, because of the guidelines I knew this would happen 5 years ago some was going to say I want to do this let's do it today.

**Question:** What are we voting on. The vote will be done at the assembly does it not? **Answer:** We are just discussing it.

3. Tim's Proposal- located at the back of these minutes. These 2 proposals are not the same. Comment from Malcolm. He believes that when we work our way through the different positions in Service we learn the things that we need to make that next step up into a different position. When we stay in the rotation of positions to long we risk of becoming a bleeding deacon. Dwayne brought up the idea that we may want to change the date that this proposal would happen. If we vote and agree to adopt this proposal to allow past DCMs to stand for any of the positions, then we should allow people the chance to see if it will pass before they spend any of their own money to come and let their names stand. If they come this year with the intention of letting their names stand and then we do not pass it, they will have spent a lot of money for no reason. We should also decide on a length of time that a past DCM can be out of service before they can reoffer. If they have been out of Service for 35 years and have not been in the loop of what has been happening, this could be a bad thing for the Area.
4. Nova Scotia Provincial Round-up- To be on a rotational basis with all the groups that want to participate. There were two districts that did not want to participate districts 6 & 9. Districts 1 & 2 and Districts 3 & 17 want to do it together. Dwayne put the numbers of the districts who wish to participate in a random generator to decide the order. If a District can not hold the roundup when it is their turn we can go to the next in line and so on until someone can do it. The rotation would work like this- 2019- district 5, 2020- district 1, 2021- district 3 & 17, 2022- district 8, 2023- district 7, 2024- district 5 and the rotation starts again.
5. Area Rotation Schedule- This is just a point of order to let the districts know that our current list is over in 2020. Trudy will put together the new rotation for vote at the Assembly. We do not need a motion for this as it is just the same list that we had before.

## Supper

6. Video feed to Labrador – Tim spoke about his trip to Labrador. He showed the same conference report that he showed today. They were amazed at the vastness of AA. It costs a lot for travel. This would help them feel like a part of the Area. Closed meeting. AA only. Video feed to secure location. **Question:** It would be a disservice to do nothing. We should do this to help them in passing the message. International women's video was fed into jails and generated a lot of interest. People wondered if there a cost? Answer- it would be minimal if any at all. This was passed unanimously.

## **Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

Boyd opened the meeting at 10 am with a moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer for those who wished. He said he is a little sad that this would be his last time in Truro and thanked everyone for their support over the years.

### **Ask it Basket:**

1. **Meeting Guide App?** - Discussion: If you use this app it will tell where the meetings are within a certain area and it even shows you a map. It doesn't matter where you go it will show you where there are meetings. You can download it on Android and Apple its called meeting guide. When you press it, it gives you your closest meeting. It is a great tool for visitors.
2. **Are we doing enough to carry the message?** - Discussion: The numbers of the groups in the area had dropped from 137 in 2017 to 133 in 2108, so just wondering if we are doing enough to carry the message. The numbers of attendance went from 90 memebers-60 members. Why are we declining? Are up or are we down? We need to do something to keep this from continuing to happen.
3. **What about accounting for the NS Service Weekend finances?** Discussion: That will be done at the assembly.
4. **How does the structure of this weekend coincides with our Primary Purpose?** Discussion: Tim M states he struggled with that for a lot of years. There are certain things that because of our unique geography we have to meet two times because we are sort of a unique area. We have to meet in NL and in NS. The purpose of the weekend is for people to get to find out what GSO is doing through the delegate and their report back after the Conference. Do we work together on ways we can carry that message? We do not have committees at the area level on these things. These weekends we could do more of working together. We are teaching the alternates this is a good place for the alternates to be to listen, because maybe when they take over as GSR they will be able to better understand what is going on quicker. We have to educate the ones that are coming up. By being at these weekends we learn what is right, what's good and what's bad. We forget about the idea of loving service and we are here to educate groups like it's a form of sponsorship. The idea is staying sober one day at a time and giving it back to new people that come through the door. Its about one alcoholic helping another. What are we really trying to accomplish here, have an agenda and maybe making it a little bit better. The love thing and carrying the message is the most important part of it. Being able to take something back to the group that was transcribed, through communication would be helpful. Our primary purpose is to carry the message. Communication and how it is sent around would be helpful. Maybe break off into groups like forensics, corrections and PI or whatever people are into.
5. **How does a group know when to close its doors?** Discussion: When you have three members in a group and they all have health problems then you have no choice but to close your doors. It's not a matter of wanting to close, it's a matter of having to. We have to know our limits. 29 years ago, I joined the Hantsport group. I have seen that group go from 20 members to 2 members to 12 members to 5 members up back and down. If you stick to your own group and you don't run, you will learn from your own group. If we close a group we close a message, to that small area, every time we lose a group are we losing a message. They close their doors when they have tried everything, and that group cannot be financially self supporting. There

comes a point when the group has no choice. When it gets down to a few people, but we can only do so much.

6. **We should do workshops Saturday night?** Discussion: we need to spend more time on the service.
7. **Why did the Trustees withdraw the Manuscript Litigation?** Discussion: The fellowship voted, and the trustees heard. The legal advice GSO got and the board got was that this was going to be a simple litigation. There was a large support to get this manuscript back. The fellowship found out that the manuscript was being sold for millions of dollars, when they felt that we had the right to that. Don't think that they anticipated it was going to end up on CNN.
8. **Who has the right to vote at a District meeting? What happens if one group has more than one member in service?** Discussion: If there are more than one member in service, then the GSR would vote for the group the rest would vote their individual decision not necessarily the same as the group. If you have people that are willing to do service stop beating them up, if they are willing to keep the doors open then let them have a say.
9. **Why were the groups in the NS not involved in changing the account to "others" Why is it not used as PR?** Discussion: That this was discussed in NL among the area committee. It was suggested in NL that we just call it the other funds which was the prudent reserve and the reserved funds for next years operational reserve.
10. **What is the 1728 meeting?** Discussion: three times the steps, traditions and concepts. What AA is and what is going on.
11. **Why don't all districts report to GSD before the conference? Not just for delegates. Why not for districts for this report?** Discussion: Be sure that the delegates are heard for all districts. We could ask all districts to send in their reports before the conference to help to make it easier, so that the delegate can be sure he has heard from all districts. What if there was a form that people could check off about what is going on in their district. If you could send something the delegate to the before it would be helpful.
12. **Is there anything we can do about a service member who is running down a district or a meeting on social media?** Discussion: Love and Tolerance is our code. Pray for him and block him. They are breaking the traditions.

The Service part of our weekend closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

AGENDA

NS SERVICE WEEKEND – JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>-3<sup>RD</sup>, 2018

TRURO, NS

“AA – A SOLUTION FOR ALL GENERATIONS”

FRIDAY; 7:00 PM ARCHIVES MEETING  
7:30 PM D.C.M./AREA OFFICERS MEETING  
7:30 PM G.S.R. WORKSHOP – “WHAT KEEPS US HERE”  
(STEPS, TRADITIONS, CONCEPTS)

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM OPENING REMARKS/INTRODUCTIONS/  
12 TRADITIONS/ SYMPATHIES  
9:15 AM MISSION STATEMENT  
9:20 AM APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
9:25 AM 2017 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

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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  
2:00 PM CERRASA REPORT  
2:10 PM ACCEPT ALL REPORTS  
2:10 PM ROLL CALL  
2:45 PM BREAK  
3:00PM NEW BUSINESS: 1) DWAYNE’S PROPOSAL, 2) ALFRED’S PROPOSAL, 3) TIM’S PROPOSAL, (DETAILS OF THESE FIRST THREE PROPOSALS ATTACHED) 4) PROPOSAL TO HAVE NS PROVINCIAL ROUNDUP HELD ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS FOR ALL DISTRICTS

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 2018 SERVICE WEEKEND



#### **Mission Statement**

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

#### **We Believe:**

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

#### **Action Plan:**

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

Dwayne's proposal:

Service Weekend/Assembly Agenda Item: I suggest discussion and a possible motion to change the fiscal year end of Area 82 to Oct. 15 from Dec. 31. This, in my humble opinion, would simplify reporting, and create more clarity for members, groups, and the Area.

Instead of having two sets of figures to consider (remainder of this year and all of next year) at assembly budget discussions, we would solely be dealing with the upcoming 12 months, and all funds available at that time would be available for the 12 months immediately following the assembly. Keep it Simpler.

Alfred's proposal:

Proposal to amend Area82 guidelines, to allow all D.C.M.s past or present, unless they have held the position previously, to let their names stand for election to Area Officer positions.

Tim's proposal:

I propose starting with the elections held at the 2018 Area Assembly in Corner Brook NL that we elect our Area officers in the following manner.

We elect our Delegate and Alternate Delegate from the sitting Area Officers and Sitting D.C.M.'s (must have held D.C.M. Position for at least six months).

We elect the following Area Officers from sitting D.C.M.'s (must have held D.C.M. Position for at least six months) who let their name stand, and accept nominations from the floor. Those nominees will be past D.C.M.'s and past Area officers who have not held the position previously. (Past Delegates May not stand for any position). Those nominees will give a brief update on the Service Activities since their time in Service to Area.

We will use the Third Legacy Procedure for our elections.

Again this does not take the place of Alfred's motion.

## DCM Report, District 1 June 2018

Hello, I'm Samaira, I have the honour and responsibility of serving District 1 as the DCM.

Our area is the HRM, from Halifax to Hubbards and all places in between. We have 24 registered groups and one meeting.

District 1 has decided to have our Workshop, every other month before our District 1 regular business meeting that will hold at the end of each month.

We have new, very active, enthusiastic Workshop Committee, which creates fliers for upcoming Workshops and only posts on our website and also the Area Website. All are welcome. Please visit our website at [aahalifax.org](http://aahalifax.org) for more information.

This year we had a pre-conference which was greatly appreciated at our District. Was wonderful to hear others thoughts on the agenda item that we were voting on. Looking forward to next years. Hoping for bigger and better.

District 1 and 2 are able to support a Central Service Committee, which service both Districts. I will share on a few of those Committees.

**Phone Committee:** We have a phone that is answered 24/7 by members of our District. Three shifts include, 9am to 6pm, 6pm to 11pm, and 11pm to 9 am. The weekend phone is answered by groups. Our number is 902-461-1119. We do receive calls from about the country, looking for groups or contacts for places outside of the HRM. This is why is it very important to have your information on the Area Website correct and up-to-date.

**Webmaster:** Our website receives roughly 5000 visits a month, if you haven't visited, please do so. Many events happening in our Districts.

**Cooperation with Professional Community:** The committee has roughly 5 or so members. The Co-Chair came up with a great idea for membership. CPC is going to have a kiosk set up at the upcoming round-up to see we can drum up some interest in joining. Perfect way to help explain what the committee is and how important they role is in community.

**Public Information:** They meet every month on the first Sat of the month at 45 Connelly Road. If you would like to see what it's all about, please feel free to call our Chair, number is on our website. They contacted many clinics in the area to place AA literature. They also have signs on busses in the Halifax area.

**Treatment:** Holds three different types of meetings. One at Detox in Dartmouth, twice a week, one at the Forensic Unit, once a week, and one at the Marguarite House, a long term facility for women. Corrections: We hold two meetings a week at the Provincial facility in Dartmouth. One for men and one for women. We have a schedule of 10 men and 10 women who are approved by the Corrections Facility. I believe they are in need on two more men at the committee, District 1 and 2, please bring that back to our groups.

**Entertainment:** We have a very exciting Committee for the past 1 and ½ with this Committee, many dancing, outings, picnics, and camping at Dollar Lake Provincial Park, which is free to camp. Please, again, check out our website for update on coming events.

Thank you for your time,  
Yours in Service, Samaira

District 2  
General Service Committee  
June 2, 2018  
Report to Area 82

My name is Cathy, and I am an alcoholic. I am also the Committee Member from District 2 and I bring you greetings from the fourteen registered groups in that District. We also have three unregistered meetings in District 2. Of those fourteen groups, nine have active GSRs and the other five have a contact person and very small memberships. We have a total of 26 meetings per week within the District.

Since our last NS Service Weekend, we have had a number of things take place within District 2. Last summer we spent much time formalizing the move of the four committees we shared with District 1 to our shared Central Service Committee. As a result, we spent many more months working on the changes that had to be made to our District 2 Guidelines. This year we have had more time available that allowed us to study the Service Manual, discuss all items coming to the General Conference in New York, as well as discuss all items on the agenda for this weekend. We are also searching out members to replace GSRs and District positions at our upcoming elections in September. We have also put on workshops within District 2 - two on the Concepts, two on the Traditions, and one on Safety. For each of these we asked former DCMs to conduct the sessions. We have also made more time available to have round-table discussions that cover problems encountered within groups, to share our experience within our own groups and to offer support to each other.

I am also going to report on the other five committees of our Districts 1 and 2 Central Service:

Hospital Visitation Committee: this is chaired by Sue C. She and a few volunteers visit members in the Halifax area hospitals as required.

Literature Committee: is chaired by Trudy D. she has a cochair available to assist her. This committee provides approved AA literature for sale to groups at cost.

Newsletter Committee: Rob A is the editor of our District 1 and 2 newsletter called the Bluenose Bulletin. There is also an assistant editor. This Bulletin is distributed to all groups in hard copy every month and is also available on-line through our website.

Mid-Winter Roundup Committee: This huge committee is chaired by Shawn M. and its sole purpose is to put on the Districts roundup every February. They have one more position to fill and are busy planning the details for next year.

I hope I have not bored you too much and thanks for listening to my report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yours in Service,

Cathy M, DCM District 2

District 03 DCM Report  
Nova Scotia Service Weekend  
June 1, 2018 to June 3, 2018

Hello, My name Polly, and I am a grateful alcoholic. I serve as DCM for District 3, in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia. My home group is Cambridge Fellowship Group. We meet Thursday nights. If you are ever in the Valley come and visit any of the active 11 groups or any of the two meetings.

Good day to the GDS, Alt GDS, Area Committee 82, DCMS, GSRS, and all my friends in recovery.

District 3 is doing well, with 11 groups and two meetings per week. The area covers from Annapolis Royal to Gaspereau.

District 3 monthly meetings are held every 3rd Sunday of the month from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

We also have a monthly workshop at 1 p.m. prior to the district meeting. Everyone is welcome. We have well attended District meetings on a continuous basis usually 10 out of 11 groups representing. Committee representative are usually in attendance during our monthly meeting.

We have adopted guidelines for our district committee.

CPC/PI is making more connections with the community and they are doing great service for AA like all our committed trusted servants.

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

We provide institutional meetings at Crosbie Center on Tuesdays at 8 pm in New Minas and Middleton Detox on Wednesdays at 8 pm. Both are running smoothly. Oakhill and Ledgehill recovery houses continue to invite our member into their facilities to speak with their clients.

In closing, I am proud to say that District 3 is functioning well and with God's grace, may we continue to grow in service, unity, and service.

## District 4 DCM Report June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2018 Truro N.S.

Good morning everyone:

My name is Don B and I am an alcoholic. ✓

Through the spirituality of the program, and good supportive friends

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, regretfully for my last year.

**Group updates:** District 4 has 7 active AA groups in Digby, Meteghan, Clare, Yarmouth and Amiraault's Hill with a total of approx 60 members, which is a drop from 90 in the past.

Meetings in Yarmouth are held 7 days per week. Steps and traditions meetings are held in Yarmouth every Friday and Sunday night, District 4 no longer hosts a meeting at the Yarmouth Hospital Detox Unit on Wednesday evening, This is due to the new change of no longer having in-patients, It is now been converted to a daily first come basis, and clients return to their homes at night. I understand this is working out better with more people attending meetings outside the hospital.

*Digby Hospital now has a Detox Program every Friday*  
In the past few months, low attendance had been a problem for most of the groups in our District, Hopefully, as of our last GSR meeting, I was advised that all meetings are picking up with new people as well as older members returning. They all are financially stable. It seems that all groups with exception of one have their GSRs plus other positions among the groups. Clare group at the University will be celebrating 44 years at the end of October 2018.

Institutional meetings have now began at The Yarmouth Correctional Center every other Tuesday and is working well, Hopefully this will soon be once per week.

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

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Lighthouse Round Up will take place in Yarmouth on November 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 and the flyers printed state Sandra W. From GSO, whom *we spoke of US* had the pleasure of meeting in St. Johns NL last fall. However she sent an e-mail with regret she is unable to make it and hopefully she has a chance to be invited again to NS. or NL The new name for banquet speaker is Aaryn Z. From Oregon 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 myself during this weekend.

It has been my pleasure to serve as District 4 DCM for the last 3+ years.

Yours in Service.....Don Blinn

## District 5 DCM report

Hi everyone,

My name is Stan E. and I am an alcoholic. I am also a member of Junction Group in Springhill. I have the privilege to be the DCM for District 5.

In District 5 we have 7 groups which hold 11 meetings a week. We also hold 2 meetings a week at the detox at All Saints Hospital in Springhill. Attendance is steady at most groups. We hold our Roundup in September and Christmas party in December.

We hold a District meeting in Amherst once a month at the parish hall. In closing I would like to thank everyone in District 5 for their support.

Respectfully,  
Stan E

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Hi I'm Matt M I'm an alcoholic. DCM for district 6 we have 9 groups in Colchester County one in Tatamagouche, one in Shubenacadie and the rest being in the Truro area. Hubtown Group has been helping host detox meetings at the Pictou county detox, many groups support it by meeting up and carpooling over. We also host our mid summer Round-up every year in the last part of July and it's always a good weekend as the weather is usually nice. The Shubenacadie recovery group is still putting on their meeting at the Eagles nest recovery house in Indian Brook. Our meetings are on hold at the Nova institute for women as they are having staffing issues and there has been no contact between our members and them. I would also like to thank Wayne, Rod and Sharon for their service at the registration desk for the past years. Be sure to welcome our new members who graciously stepped in.

Yours in Service Matt M

June 2, 2018

Good Morning,

My name is John Hugh [REDACTED] and I am privileged to be the D.C.M 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 26 meetings weekly.

The District GSR meeting is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. After each meeting, the host group conducts a workshop.

The position of P1/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 doctor's office and hotels and our local radio Station, CJFX, is airing A.A. public service announcements on a regular basis.

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 A.A. members attending each week. The Correctional Staff and inmates of the institution have responded favorably to the meetings. Clark G. has A.A. literature designed specifically for inmates. There are 8 to 12 inmates attending the meetings each week.

Rod H. is liaison for Pictou Detox. There is an information meeting held each Sunday afternoon at 2:30 pm at Pictou Detox, which is conducted by groups in District 7. The Hill Group from District 6 also participates in hosting the detox meeting. Rod H. has A.A. literature and meeting cards available for patients.

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

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

Last April, I took part in a Restorative Justice session where the Justice Department helps someone who commits a crime while under the influence of alcohol. The session involves the person who committed the crime, the Justice Department, the RCMP, John Howard Society and a member of AA.

On a closing note, the 2018 Provincial A.A. roundup will be held in District 7, June 8,9,10. My service sponsor told me the provincial roundup is A.A.'s showcase for the province. It is important that it is supported, and it is important that it continues. Hope to see you all next weekend.

A.A. is alive and well in District 7. Thank you and God Bless!

John Hugh [REDACTED]

D.M.C., District 7

## District 8 Report to the 2018 N.S. Service Weekend

Good Morning, Friends. My name is Donald C. I'm an alcoholic.

I am honored to serve District 8 as the DCM for this term. District 8 includes the Cape Breton Island counties of Inverness, Richmond, and Victoria.

Our District meeting takes place the third Sunday of the month between 2PM and 4PM.

As a travel sharing arrangement, we rotate these monthly meeting locations between Port Hawkesbury and Margaree. District 8 starts the meeting with a service study workshop, followed by the business meeting.

The study workshop usually covers one of AAs 12 traditions, or twelve concepts from the service manual. Recently, we have been studying the AA Service Manual. Each month a district member volunteers to prepare and teach the designated service manual topic. Next meeting we are studying the AA Service Manual Chapter 5 – The Area Committee. Next meeting is June 16 in Port Hawkesbury.

This is my second year as District 8 DCM. I started as Alternate DCM and had to assume the DCM responsibility because our DCM had to discontinue due to family and work commitments. I Thank our alternate DCM Gerard MacP and the entire District 8 committee for your support and for maintaining our service commitment throughout the winter months in my absence. We are blessed with a dedicated core group of district members that keep the positions filled so that District operations run smoothly and creates a spirit of service that is supported by the local members and groups.

District 8 currently has 12 active groups. The Baddeck Bay group is closed until further notice due to a limited membership of one person. This meeting is not currently listed as one of our 12 active groups. I have been advised that 2 of our groups are no longer registered at the GSO. I will be contacting these 2 groups to ensure they submit their registration to the GSO.

District 8 encourages all groups to visit other groups in their district, especially to support some of the very small groups in remote areas.

District 8 supports the Strait-Richmond Hospital Detox. Until recently, district 8 groups rotated the responsibility of chairing open speaker meetings put on for the overnight detox patients. Hospital policy has changed and now offers only day programs for alcoholics, now locally nicknamed the "Day-tox". As such the Monday night service meetings are stopped as there are no patients staying overnight.

District 8 members may also sign up for "Bridging the Gap", a personal sharing session in a more intimate discussion setting with only the daytime detox program participants. The detox residents are encouraged to ask questions and to be more interactive with the AA member.

I am happy to report that the membership at the District 8 table consists of members from the majority of our 12 groups. We encourage all group members to attend the service meetings, even those not currently elected to a service position.

Yours in Service,  
Donald C.  
DCM, District 8

## **DCM Report District 9 May 2018.**

Good Afternoon Guy's & Gals. As you District Committee Member for District #9 I bring you greetings from Beautiful Cape Breton Island.

District 9 has active committees and District Meetings are usually held 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. Reports from the various committee chairperson are given with discussion on the reports follows with input and suggestions from all the GSR's in attendance.

The membership in the District appears to be on the rise and recently a new Big Book Study meeting opened its doors on Tuesday night across from the Highland Village in Iona. All groups and meeting are important to the still suffering Alcoholic and the efforts by these groups to keep the doors open is greatly appreciated, 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 23 Active Groups with meetings every day of the week.

Our Mid-Winter Round- Up for 2018 was held in March and this year the committee chose a new Venue that was larger than our previous site. The Round -up committee worked diligently to ensure the event went off without a hitch. Members from most groups in the District offered their service and a shout out goes to the Chairperson and all who helped in any way through their service. Once again, we extend our 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 C. DCM District 9

## **June 2, 2018 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 south shore of N.S. which covers the area between Hubbards and Barrington. Presently there are 7 active Groups and 1 inactive Group since 2009, that is in the process of joining us. The Barrington Group held their first meeting May 28<sup>th</sup> 2018. Other meetings in District 10 include a Back To Basics and 3 Women's Meetings – The Hubbards Step Sisters, Our Primary Purpose Women's Meeting in Lunenburg and The Set Aside Sisters Meeting in Bridgewater. These women continue to grow in numbers, strength in sobriety, sponsorship and service.

I value the support of a groups, GSR's and district servants with both experience in serving our fellowship and newcomers to service with fresh ideas.

Kathy S.C. archivist continues to sprinkle us with interesting nuggets of our past events and the people Who started the flame for our sober lives?

Our District 10 meetings are well attended, lively, interesting, and controversial (as required). Workshop and discussions were conducted on Traditions Check List, Safety In AA, review of District 10 Guidelines, Format for Group Reports, as well as our assignment for our Delegate in preparation for the April Conference in New York, in which all groups participated.

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, as well as information packages for P.I. and C.P.C.

P. I. & C.P.C. committee is active. 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.

Mayday 2018 with 201 attending was a success. Thanks to all for your support. The committee will meet soon 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 our "Responsibility Pledge" and "Primary Purpose" are ready for those who follow us.

Yours In Fellowship, Love and Service,

Bill Andrews / DCM Dist. 10

## **District 17 DCM Report for the NS Service Weekend June 1st-3rd/18.**

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. After the last few years, we can no longer call ourselves a new district and we are still going strong. There are 12 meetings per week in our district with approximately 80 members, within a 25-minute drive. 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, also there have been some talk of another meeting joining our District. The Hantsport and St. Croix groups hold two meetings per week at their locations.

Along with District 3, we continue to put meetings on at Crosbie House in New Minas on Tuesday nights. We are looking at our options as some groups no longer feel the need for them to put meetings on at Middleton Detox in the evening, as it is now a Day Program. 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 also the chairperson of our Telephone Answering Service committee. On average we receive about two calls per month. Our phone number is 902-790-6066. Diane L. is our Secretary and is familiarizing herself with the PI/CPC information as she will be taking over this position. Gary O. our Treasurer and is doing a great job; Paul B. is our Institutions Representative and fills this role very well. Jo MS. is our Newsletter Editor; she is very efficient with the information for the Newsletter and distributes the Newsletter in a timely manner. Jeannette G. is the Webmaster; she tries very hard to keep the information as up-to-date as possible; on average we receive two to six calls per month. Pete L. and Diane L. take care of our meeting cards and update at least once a year. The District 17 Inter-District Insurance Program is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year and has its own committee; members are Pete L., Gary O., Jim H., and Bob M. In 2016 when it was formed, we had 10 groups; 6 from District 17, 1 from District 3 and 3 from District 10. The basic cost per group was \$145.00 for the policy and \$55.00 for the deductible. 2017 groups joined the policy 6 from District 17, 4 from District 3, 3 from District 10 and 3 from District 7. The basic cost per group was \$100.00 for the policy and \$50.00 towards the deductible, for any new groups signing on. The basic cost per group in 2018 was \$63.00 for the policy and \$50.00 for the deductible, for any new groups signing on. We now have a Prudent Reserve of \$2000.00, to cover 2 deductibles at \$1000.00 each. In 2017 a \$4.00 fee was added to the policy to cover bank charges, postage, and printing cost. If you have any questions, please see Pete or Gary, as they are both here this week-end. Our District holds a district meeting every month, with a workshop every two months. We have had 1 workshop this year; broken down into two sessions "How to chair a meeting".

In August we will be holding the 54th Windsor and Area Mini Round-up. We are still finalizing the last-minute details, so come on out and have some fun. There will be lots of meetings, music, food, friends and archives. Unfortunately, JNB Treasures are no longer in operation, so there will not be any trinkets. However, we hope to see you there.

Upon closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank District 17, for helping me on this journey. Through this process, I am finding, "the more I learn, the less I know". So, I will have to keep trudging the road to a Happy Destiny.

Yours in Love of Service  
Monique M.  
DCM District 17

## Archivist Report

Hi everyone,

My name is Kathy S.C, I am an alcoholic. It has been my privilege to serve you as your Area 82 NS Archivists for the past year, and I cannot believe a year has gone by since I was elected at last year's service weekend.

For this, the DCM meeting, I have included my financial report and an inventory report of items we have recently received and not included on your last inventory list. One of my goals, now that most of the major work has been completed, is to do another complete inventory making sure everything has been included.

As I mentioned earlier most of the major work has been completed. A lot of hours were spent sifting and sorting, drying musty papers, categorizing and repairing - to bring the archives to where they are today, and we are proud of the job we have done - but this was a labor of love for me and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the committees of the roundups and events who have invited us to bring the archives, so they could be a part of their events. We try to attend as many of these events as we can and are willing to work with the committees to make this possible. Believe me, nothing does my heart more good then to see members coming up to the displays and enjoying and learning from the displays provided.

I will relate this one story to you that makes all the sweat and tears we have gone through all worthwhile. It happened at the Midwinter Roundup this year, I saw a lady browsing through the archives and as she slowly came up to a old photo album, she opened up the pages slowly and then I saw her gasp a tiny breath and a tear came to her eye, for in that photo album she had seen a picture of her father, who was a AA member for years. She came over and gave me a big hug and thanked me for allowing her father to be a part of the AA display and indeed a part of AA history in the Area. It has been moments like that when I have forgotten all about the many hours spent in our basement and reminded how grateful I am to be privileged to bring these moments, these memories alive for AA members to enjoy.

So, donations are still trickling in to the archives and again I would like to ensure members these are treated as treasures to me and are carefully handled and stored. In saying this I would sometime in the near future like to consider taking the archives out of our make shift AA Archives room, which some of you have seen, and I hope enjoyed, to a secure, dry and close storage facility. I would invite any member who has something they would like to donate to the archives to get a hold of myself, or Gary, or see us at the many events we attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people who have helped me over this past year. Pat R., who has helped me with the financial reports and Michelle P, who has been a tremendous help to me in compiling books on AA history, which by the way, are her on display out in the cafeteria, along with the Service weekend minutes and Assembly minutes. Please, I invite you to take a moment to get lost in the history of AA. And finally, I would like to thank Gary for all his love and support throughout this part of my journey of service to AA.

Again, thank you for the privilege to serve you as your Area82 NS Archivist. I look forward to seeing all of you soon and to bringing the displays to events where we all can enjoy the history of AA. As we have said right from the get go, over 6 years ago, these are YOUR archives, this is YOUR history, we are but the KEEPERS.

Yours in Service. Kathy S.C, Area 82 NS Archivist

## March 2018 Remote Communities Committee Area 82

Area 82 continues to take part in a teleconference every second Friday and we will soon be including the Muskrat Falls camps in this project. Currently we are averaging about 12 – 15 members at a meeting connecting people from Florida to the northern coast of Labrador. We are making plans to visit some of these areas this spring to put off some public meetings.

In early December our Area Delegate went to Lab City/ Wabush after he was contacted by a member looking for support and a little guidance. While he was there he attended a couple of meetings and spent Saturday afternoon giving reports and participating in a sharing session. It was agreed that the Area should video feed one of the Service Weekends to Labrador as they do have access to an awesome facility and would love to see and take part in the bigger picture. I am not sure if this is taking place. Tim also met the new G.S.R. from the Lab City Groups who is looking into attending the Service Weekend in St John's. It was a great weekend of fellowship and service. A.A. is alive and well in Lab City and Wabush.

Early in the new year a group of 12 members from District 12 in our Area traveled to Baie Verte to put off a public meeting. Three people from that area showed up. Since then meetings are being held on Tuesday evenings at the school and they now have 6 people attending.

On May 12 members from District 12 in Corner Brook traveled to Plum Point to put off a public meeting at the request of a member from Bartlett's Hbr. Fliers were sent out to many communities on both sides of the Peninsula. Two members from the Northern Peninsula attended the meeting. There was discussion about starting a group in the Plum Point area and these members seemed quite enthusiastic about this idea. They will decide on the time and look into finding an appropriate location. We left them with some AA literature and offered to stay in touch and perhaps make another visit later in the summer. I have since heard back from Bill M. In Bartlett's Harbor and they have secured a meeting place and will holding regular meetings on Fridays at 8 pm at the St. Barbe Development Association Office. On the way back down the coast our group stopped in to visit with an elderly member who was once very active in the program and will be well remembered by many of our members both in NL and Nova Scotia. Wallace sends his regards to everyone. He was in great spirits and very happy to see us and to reminisce about the many wonderful Round-ups in Hawkes Bay.

In April Patrick Claymore, Coordinator for Accessibilities, Elder and Remote Community Chairs, shared some activity from the Conference, GSO, and Local Committees in this important service area. The working committee for Remote Communities, which encompasses all of Canada and Alaska, received a request from a member in the Military some months ago. The Coordinator and his staff were able to tell us that they are currently asking that AA members, who are also veterans or active duty members of the Armed Services, please share how the AA message was effectively carried to them and tell what barriers they faced in receiving the AA message. These shares can be sent to Patrick Claymore at [access@aa.org](mailto:access@aa.org)

Patrick also provided an update on the project to produce new American Sign Language (ASL) translations of our books *Alcoholics Anonymous and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. The expressed need for these materials to be updated was heard and the decision was made to include members from the deaf community in the project.

It is important to be mindful of those people in our communities who once kept the doors open for us and now find themselves isolated and removed from their home groups because of age or infirmity. They are often among the suffering alcoholics who now are lonely and in need of help. By helping them we can also help ourselves and our groups by listening to the wisdom and experience that these individuals have to share. I would challenge all of us when we return to our home groups to check our group lists and see if there is anyone who hasn't been able to attend a meeting for a while. Quite often these individuals just quietly slip away, and we tend to forget about them. Maybe plan a visit. This is just another type of 12 step call.

Jane Broadbent District 12, Area 82

Area 82 Webmaster Report  
Newfoundland Service Weekend  
May 18 – 20, 2018

In opening I would like to thank Hal M for his fantastic training on the website prior to me taking it over. He did an excellent job of passing his experience along which allowed it to be a relatively trouble-free handover. I've only had to call him once!

Also, I would like to thank all of the district members for your patience, understanding and cheery emails as I get used to the job. Here are some updates on how the site is going so far in 2018:

#### Web Hosting Services

- Site domain name and hosting fees were paid for three years in 2016.
- Domain name fee is paid until October 20, 2019. 2016 rate was \$12.95 USD. No expense needed for 2018.
- Hosting fee is paid until November 20, 2019. 2016 rate was \$178.92 USD. No expense needed for 2018.

#### Website Visit Statistics

- 2018 Statistics (Jan – Apr): Average of 14,967 visits per month from 4,323 unique visitors.
- 2017 Statistics (Jan – Dec): Average of 9,936 visits per month from 5,879 unique visitors.

#### Website Setup and Content

- In February of 2018, Trudy (Secretary) passed on several requests from Area for changes updates and revisions to the site. These revisions have been completed.
- All content on site is current.
- Heading section added for information from GSO that will be updated as information is received.

Over 200 emails have been sent and received through the webmaster inbox so far this year.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or changes to the content or display of your district's information. Any requests for changes of the content or display of the overall site can be sent to Area representatives or me and I will forward it to Area for consideration.

Thanks again for the opportunity to be of service. Take care,

Matt D.

ALT. G.S.D. REPORT  
Service Weekend 2018

Hello everyone my name is Kirk S. and I am an Alcoholic. I have the honor and privilege to serve as your ALT. GSD. in Area 82. I am a member of the Port Hawkesbury Group in N.S.

We started off 2018 by welcoming our new Webmaster Matt D. The transmission seemed to go quite well, as Hal [our past webmaster] helped Matt to step right in. Thanks Hal. Matt has been doing an excellent job of keeping the area 82 web page updated. thanks Matt.

All Districts seem to very active in Public Information and Corrections. The forwarding of there District minutes to me every month helps me to stay informed. Thank You.

G.S.O. is working on developing a new pamphlet focusing on the long-term incarcerated alcoholic who is soon to be released. They have also proposed to the 2018 Conference Committee, using the pamphlet

"The God Word" which is used in the United Kingdom for the Atheist/Agnostic. Also, a new pamphlet on The Three Legacies was proposed. Therefore, we have lots to watch for in the future.

Local P.I. committees also can go to AA.org. to link broadcasters to a page where all current videos and PSA's can be downloaded in HD broadcast quality without cost. Lots of radio adds are all around Area 82. Great job being done by all.

I would encourage everyone to sign up at GVDQ via email to receive a grapevine daily quote. It is a great way to start your day. Also, you can submit your AA story to [www.aagrapevine.org/gvr](http://www.aagrapevine.org/gvr) [1]. The Grapevine is always looking for new stories.

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## [AA Grapevine](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

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Grapevine News. Here's what's new for April/May. Subscription Challenge: follow your state's progress ; Visit AAGRAPEVINE'S New Online Store; Introducing Grapevine's New Books

## Area 82 Financial Report Jan 1 -May 17, 2018

Operational Account				
Opening Operational Ledger Balance Jan 1/18			\$	18,956.15
(Plus) Transfer from Prudent Reserve (Budget Top-up & Return Overpayment)			\$	9,177.85
Starting Operational Ledger Balance			\$	28,134.00
EXPENSES				
	Budgeted Amount (\$28,110.00)	Amount Distributed Against Budget	Actual Expenses Will Be Updated after Service Weekends	
GSO Conference	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,340.00	
GSD Expenses	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 1,001.09	
Alt. GSD Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,024.00	\$ 438.00	
Area Chair Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 646.04	
Secretary Expenses	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00		
Treasurer Expenses	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 657.91	
NL Archive Upkeep & Storage	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 416.00	
NL Archive Travel Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		
NS Archive Upkeep & Storage	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 165.36	
NS Archive Travel Expenses	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00		
Webmaster Assembly Travel	\$ 1,000.00			
NS/NL Area Active Committees	\$ 3,500.00			
GSO Guest	\$ 1,500.00			
Regional Forums/CERASSA	\$ 1,500.00			
Assembly Seed Money	\$ 1,000.00			
Misc	\$ 250.00			
Bank Charges	\$ 60.00	\$ 32.25	\$ 32.25	
Total	\$ 28,050.00			
(MINUS) Total Disbursed Funds		\$ 19,596.25		\$ 19,596.25
OPERATIONAL LEDGER BALANCE (May 17)				
(Starting Operational Ledger Balance minus Total Disbursed Funds)				\$ 8,537.75
OPERATIONAL LEDGER BALANCE BREAKDOWN				
Operational Account Balance (May 17)			\$	10,737.75
(PLUS) Cash on Hand (May 17)			\$	-
(MINUS) Outstanding Cheques (May 17)			\$	2,200.00
Total			\$	8,537.75

**Area 82 Financial Report Jan 1 -May 17, 2018 (cont'd)**

<b>Prudent Reserve Account</b>				
Opening Prudent Reserve Account Balance Jan. 1				\$ 15,437.54
(PLUS) Group Contributions Jan. 1 to May 17				\$ 14,436.22
(PLUS) Area Officer Unused Expense Advance Returns				\$ 3,030.23
(PLUS) Interest				\$ 9.93
(MINUS) Transfer to Operational Account (Budget Top Up)				\$ 9,177.85
<b>Prudent Reserve Account Balance May 17</b>				<b>\$ 23,736.07</b>
<b>Operational Account Cheque Ledger</b>				
REASON FOR CHEQUE	WRITTEN TO	DATE	Number	Amount
Conference Contribution	GSO	07-Jan	1	\$ 2,100.00
GSD Expense Advance	GSD	07-Jan	2	\$ 4,300.00
Alt GSD Expense Advance	Alt GSD	07-Jan	3	\$ 2,000.00
Area Secretary Expense Advance	Area Secretary	07-Jan	4	\$ 2,300.00
Area Treasurer Expense Advance	Area Treasurer	07-Jan	5	\$ 2,100.00
NL Archives Upkeep and Expense Advance	NL Archives	07-Jan	6	\$ 2,200.00
NS Archives Upkeep and Expense Advance	NS Archives	07-Jan	7	\$ 2,300.00
Area Chair Expense Advance	Area Chair	07-Jan	8	\$ 2,000.00
2017 Advance Return Overpayment	Alt. GSD	22-Jan	9	\$ 24.00
Additional Conference Contribution	GSO	22-Jan	10	\$ 240.00
<b>Total of Cheques Written</b>				<b>\$ 19,564.00</b>
<b>Bank Fees</b>				<b>\$ 32.25</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>				<b>\$ 19,596.25</b>

Account Balances - AREA 82 NS/NL

18 May 2018

	USD	CAD
Chequing/Savings		
Operational		10,737.75
Prudent Reserve		23,736.07
<b>Total:</b>		<b>34,473.82</b>

Yours in Service,

  
**Dwayne MacD.**  
 Treasurer, Area 82, NS/NL