

# District 1 DCM Report

## Nova Scotia Service Weekend

12 June 2020

Hello everyone, my name is Steve and I am an alcoholic. I have the privilege of serving the groups in District 1 in A.A. general service as their DCM, and to represent these groups on the Area 82 Committee. My home group is the Acceptance Group in Halifax. We meet online every Saturday morning at 10:00 am.

District 1 covers an area which encompasses the southwest one third of Halifax Regional Municipality. Towns or cities with A.A. meetings in District 1 include Hubbards, Upper Tantallon, Tantallon, Timberlea, Halifax, Bedford, Middle Sackville, Beaver Bank, and Mount Uniacke.

Twelve of the 28 groups in District 1 have an active GSR. Of these 12 active GSRs, seven participated in the Area 82 Assembly held last October in Sydney. District 1 is also home to five meetings which are not listed with GSO. After the suspension of face-to-face meetings in March, a total of 24 of the 33 groups and meetings in District 1 established an online presence using the Zoom videoconferencing platform. These 24 groups and meetings are now conducting a total of 33 online A.A. meetings per week.

As DCM, I chair the monthly District 1 General Service Committee meetings, currently being held on Zoom the last Sunday of every month. I have been keeping all District 1 GSRs up to date on notices and information provided by GSO, and by the Area 82 Delegate, Kirk S. I prepared and exhibited a District 1 General Service Committee display table at the A.A. Committee Fair hosted by the Districts 1 & 2 Central Service Committee at Club 24 in Dartmouth on January 11<sup>th</sup>. During the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Roundup held in Halifax in February, I had the honour of thanking a very inspiring Saturday night banquet speaker, Doug M. from Canton, Georgia.

### **District 1 Activities**

- During our February monthly meeting, District 1 voted to support forwarding a proposal from the Fresh Start Group for inclusion on the agenda of this Nova Scotia Service Weekend, as well as the Area 82 Assembly in October. The proposal recommends that during their respective Service Weekends, each province in Area 82 would elect co-chairpersons for the five Area 82 committees for which the Area 82 Alternate Delegate is chairperson. These five committees are Cooperation with the Professional Community, Public Information, Treatment, Corrections, and the A.A. Grapevine.

The District 1 Committee spent part of its monthly meeting in May discussing the three other new business agenda items for this Nova Scotia Service Weekend. Many good points were made, and quite a few GSRs had discussed the agenda items with their

groups during their own business meetings.

- Districts 1 and 2 were planning to hold a joint 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Service Conference pre-conference meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Sackville Heights Community Centre. The Area 82 Panel 67 Delegate, Tim M., was lined up to facilitate the pre-conference meeting, and an agenda was prepared and circulated. This in-person pre-conference meeting was cancelled when the Community Centre was closed due to COVID-19 protocols. When it became clear that the in-person 70<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference would not be going ahead, all planning ceased for holding the Districts 1 & 2 Pre-Conference Meeting using online meeting technology.

Kirk S., the Area 82 Delegate, participated in the April District 1 monthly Zoom meeting. District 1 Committee members in attendance were provided with an opportunity to individually ask Kirk questions, including about how the now online 70<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference would work, and this was greatly appreciated by all.

- The 2020 Nova Scotia Provincial Roundup, to be co-hosted by Districts 1 & 2, was to be a one-day Founders Day event held on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Nova Scotia Provincial Roundup Committee unanimously agreed, on March 29<sup>th</sup>, to cancel this event entirely (i.e., it was not rescheduled for a later date in 2020).
- Workshops are held in District 1 every other month and are organized by the Alternate DCM, Lisa N. The next District 1 workshop will be held by online Zoom videoconferencing on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The workshop topic is: *Contributions and Self-Support: Understanding the Seventh Tradition*.
- District 1 is considering the idea of proposing to Area 82 that CERAASA 2023 be hosted somewhere in Nova Scotia from February 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The acronym CERAASA stands for Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. Researching this idea is in the very early stages and going forward, input from the other 10 districts in Nova Scotia will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson, for providing me with the opportunity to give this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Peace and love in service,

Steve A.

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District 1, Area 82