

MALTON DISTRICT 02

Groups:

Action Group*
 Living & Learning Group
 Bad Boys Big Book Group
 Mens Monday / Wednesday Group*
 Bramalea Group
 New Beginnings*
 Brampton New Life Group
 One Day At A Time Group
 Brampton Recovery Group
 Royal York Group
 Brampton United Group
 Spiritual Progress Group
 Care & Share Group
 Sunday Night Serenity Group
 Get A Grip Service Meeting*
 The Nothing Else Worked Group
 Gift of Life Meeting*
 Weston Group
 Keep It Simple Group
 Woodbridge Group
 Last Chance Group

* Indicates a Correctional / Treatment Facilities Meeting

History: It is a part of Area 83 Service Zone #1. It was the last District to go through redistricting. The groups that make up Humber District 04 originated from Malton District 02. It is an active district with both Correctional and Treatment Facilities meetings. Two Correctional Institutes; Metro West Detention Centre and Ontario Correctional Institute. Having multiple meetings and days to service the residence. Also it will be home to the future Roy McMurtry Youth Centre. Three Treatment Facilities; Peel Out of the Cold Shelter, Gift Of Life, and Peel Chemical Withdrawl Centre. Their CPC and PI committees actively supply holder's and folder's to doctors offices and schools, and are stocking the libraries with 12 & 12's and big books. Archives is working at gathering group's history in the district.

District Structure: DCM, Alt. DCM, Registrar, Treasurer, and Secretary
 Committees: CPC, Treatment, PI, Self Support, and Literature, Archives and Intergroup Liaisons.

Open Committee Chair and Alternate

Positions: Accessibility, Alt. Accessibility,

Grapevine, Alt. Grapevine, & Alt. PI Chair

Monthly Meetings: Second Sunday of every month, St. Paul the Apostle Church, 2182 Kipling Ave. 7:00pm (except for Mother's Day and Thanksgiving it is the first Sunday of the month)

Contact Information: DCM – Deirdre B., email: rbgandy@aol.com

Upcoming Events: Information AA Day May 31st

District Thoughts and Ideas: We would like to see all members of AA active in some type of service. Freely have we received freely shall we give back.

TORONTO CITY EAST DISTRICT 18

District meeting: Second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 Wilmar Heights United Church, 963 Pharmacy Ave. (Golden Mile) (East side of Pharmacy between Lawrence and Eglinton)

2007-08 Officers:

DCM John M. Danforth

Alt. DCM Jm A. Leslie

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Treasurer John S. Unionville

Secretary Diana M. Danforth

Registrar Diana M. Danforth

2007-08 Chairs:

AccessAbility Tom P. Leslie

Corrections Fac. Vince M. Leslie

Treatment Fac. Patrick F. Danforth

CPC Richard G. East York

PI Murray O. East York

Archives Milton B. Markham Village

GTAAL Liaison Larry R. Unionville

Grapevine VACANT

Self Support VACANT

Groups:

All Hope

Danforth

Don Valley

East York

Half Century

Leslie

Markham Tuesday

Markham Village

Midday Serenity

Open Mind Discussion

St. A.M. Mens (Unionville)

Steps to Serenity

Third Tradition

Chartwell

Don Mills

Dry On Danforth

Golden Mile

Joy in Sobriety

Markham Triangle

Markham Village

Newcomers

S.O.S.

St. Andrews

Stouffville

Thorncliffe Park

Thursday East End

Tuesday Night Discussion Unionville

DISTRICT 06

Groups:

Bloordale Oakville
 Credit Valley Oakville North
 Crossroads Open Hands
 Daily Reflections Park Royal
 Fifth Tradition Port Credit
 Fifth Wheel Restoration & Recovery
 Islington Six Points
 Kingsway Start of Today
 Kipling Streetsville
 Lakeshore Streetsville Action
 Long Branch Strength & Recovery
 Markland Woods Trial & Error
 Meadowvale Fellowship Vision of Hope
 Meadowvale South Start Today
 Westminster Discussion
 Melrose Erin Mills
 Mississauga New Life

Location: We meet at the Port Credit Arena on Stavebank in Mississauga
 Monthly Meetings: We hold monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 8:00 pm

Service Structure: District Committee Member (DCM), Alternate DCM, Secretary/Treasurer, and Registrar
Committees: AccessAbility, Archives, Cooperation with The Professional Community (CPC), Corrections, Grapevine, Public Information (PI), Treatment, Self Support and Intergroup Liaison

Contact Information: DCM, Kim SS kimsimko@sympatico.ca

District Thoughts: I would like to see all groups attending the District meeting.

Since the groups are in charge it is important that each group is represented. Their vote counts.

Upcoming events: Mississauga Fall Roundup Saturday October 4th S. Mary's Ukrainian Church Cawthra Road (south of burnahmthorpe) 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Find our General Service and District Volunteer Form on www.aatoronto.org Better Times Committee Page

A Beginner's Guide to General Service

June 2008

The Better Times Committee has prepared this insert to help orient AA members reps to the inner workings of the districts and their subcommittees. We hope that you find it helpful and encourage any feedback you think would be helpful to keep us all on the same page(s)!

And to every member of AA in the GTA, you don't have to be a G.S.R. to join one of the subcommittees, anyone can!

“Our Twelfth Step – carrying the message – is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

Hence, an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer – ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself for a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action.

The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service.

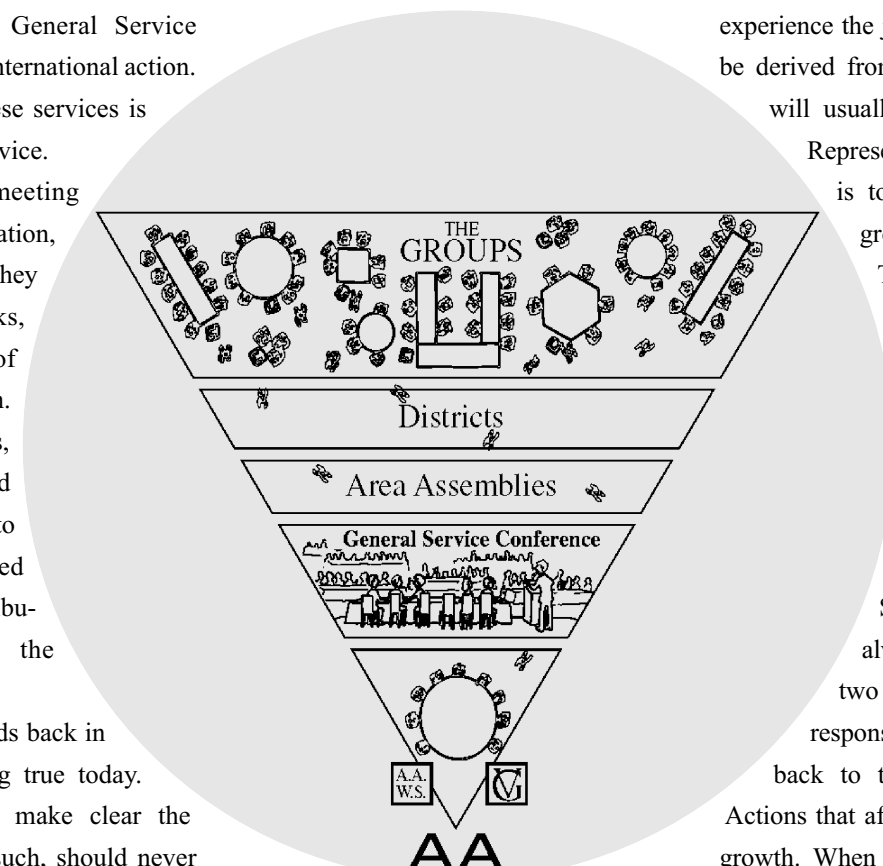
Services include meeting places, hospital cooperation, and intergroup offices; they mean pamphlets, books, and good publicity of almost every description. They call for committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences. And, not to be forgotten, they need voluntary money contributions from within the Fellowship.”

Bill W. wrote these words back in 1951 and they still ring true today.

The Twelve Traditions make clear the principle that A.A., as such, should never be organized, that there are no bosses and no government in A.A. Yet at the same time, the Traditions recognize the need for some kind of organization to carry the message in ways that are impossible for the local groups – such as publication of a uniform literature and public information resources, helping new groups get started,

publishing an international magazine and carrying the message in other languages into other countries.

Alcoholics Anonymous has, what we have called, an upside-down organizational structure because, as the chart shows, the groups are on the top and the trustees are on the bottom. Concept I states “The A.A. groups today hold ultimate responsibility and final authority for our world services....” So this is where General Service begins, in the home group.



The Home Group

In The A.A. Service Manual Combined with the Twelve Concepts for World Service (Service Manual), it is explained that the home group is one of the keys to continuing sobriety. For most A.A. members, the home group is where they accept

service responsibilities and learn to sustain friendships. The home group affords individual A.A.s the privilege of voting on issues that affect the Fellowship as a whole; it is the very basis of the service structure. When A.A.s are active members of a home group, they attend the groups business meeting and cast their vote as part of the group conscience of the Fellowship as a whole.

Being of service in the home group - from coffee maker to secretary, treasurer or librarian is usually the way members first experience the joy and the growth that can be derived from A.A. service. The group will usually elect a General Service Representative (GSR) whose job it

is to be the link between the group and A.A. as a whole. The GSR represents the voice of the group conscience, reporting the group's thoughts to the District Committee Member (DCM) and the Delegate, who passes them on to the General Service Conference. As always, communication is a two way street and it is the responsibility of the GSR to bring

back to the group the Conference Actions that affect A.A. unity, health, and growth. When the GSR keeps the group informed, the General Service Conference can truly act for A.A. as a whole. The duties of the GSR are set out in the Service Manual. Generally, the GSR is responsible for attending the groups' business meeting, District meetings and area assemblies. These meetings are vital in the two way communication link between the members

of A.A. and the General Service Conference. After these meetings, the GSR reports back to the group so that the link is complete. The GSR also supplies the DCM with up-to-date group information which is sent to the General Service Office for inclusion in the A.A. directories. The pamphlet “GSR – Maybe the most important job in A.A.” is a great place to find more information about this.

The District

In the Service Manual, a district is defined as “a geographical unit containing the right number of groups – right in terms of the committee member’s ability to keep in frequent touch with them, to learn their problem, and to find ways to contribute to their growth and well-being”.

The District Committee Member (DCM) is the leader of the district committee which is comprised of all of the GSR’s in the district. The DCM is exposed to the group conscience of that district. As a member of the area committee, he or she is able to pass on the district’s thinking to the delegate and the committee. The DCM is responsible for holding regular district meetings of all GSR’s in the district and there to keep the GSR’s informed about Conference activities. The pamphlet “Your DCM” provides outlines the duties and responsibilities of the District Committee Member.

Most districts elect, from the GSR’s sub-committee chairs for the various service entities such as Treatment Facilities, Correctional Facilities, Grapevine and more. These sub-committees help to manage these services in the district. As well, they interact with other districts to share experience and to create solutions to common problems. In the Toronto area, the nine Greater Toronto Area districts coordinate these committees.

The Area Committee

The DCM is a member of the Area Committee which, as the district is made up of all the GSR’s in the district, is made up of all of the DCM’s in our the area, Area 83 – Eastern Ontario International. Area committee meetings are held throughout the year and are attended by the DCM’s and their alternates as well as the Area Officers and sub-committee chairs. Here, the DCM will bring the collective conscience of the districts to discuss and vote on matters affecting A.A. in the area and, by association, matters affecting A.A. as a whole. The Area Delegate will then take the collective group conscience of the area which includes the districts and the groups to the General Service Conference in New York. There, the 93 delegates from all over North America, the Trustees and staff of the General Service office will discuss, share and vote on issues that affect A.A. as a whole. It is the DCM’s responsibility to bring back to the GSR’s at the district information about what is happening in the Area and at the General Service Conference.

HUMBER DISTRICT 04

Groups:

Beverly Hills Group
Sobriety Plus Group
KF Group
Sunday Northwestern Group
Mount Dennis Group
Tuesday Night Discussion
Reaching Out Group
West York Group
Rexdale United Group(x)
Courage to Change

x - indicates a treatment facilities’ meeting
History: Humber District 04 is part of the Area 83 service zone #1. Groups that compose Humber 04 originated from the Malton 02. Humber 04 was recognized as a district in the fall of 1998. There was originally six groups at district table and at present we have nine groups. Of the

original groups there are only five left in existence. The G.O.D. group no longer has its the doors open, closing about seven years ago. Humber 04 also works with a treatment facility, The Downsview Dells (Courage to Change), putting on a AA meeting every Wednesday evening. This is working well for all involved.

District Structure: DCM, Alt. DCM, Registrar/Secretary, Treasurer
Committees: Grapevine, Self-Support/Literature, P.I., Intergroup Liaison, Access Ability, Treatment Open Committee Chair and Alternate Positions: C.P.C. and all alternate positions

Monthly Meetings: Second Sunday of each month at Mount Dennis United Church, 71 Guestville Avenue (no meetings during the months of July and August)

Contact Information: Thomas MacP., Email: dewworm1@yahoo.com or District Secretary, Terri MacN., Email: Terrimacneil2006@aol.com
Upcoming Events:

District Thoughts and Ideas: We would like to see new faces at the District table filling committee chair positions. I am responsible. When anyone anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there and for that I am responsible.

TORONTO SOUTH CENTRAL – DISTRICT 10

Groups:

Active Group	Noon Rap Group
Church Street	Responsibility
Downtown 5:15	Roxglen Traditional
Deer Park	City Central
Eventide	St. Patrick’s
Frontrunners Group	12th Tradition
Isabella Crosstown	Welcome
Miracle	Yorkville
Mt. Royal/York	Stained Glass Group
Primary Purpose	Oak Group
Rainbow	St. Clements

District Service Meeting: New Hope Meeting (CAMH)

District Structure: DCM, Alt. DCM, Registrar/Secretary, Treasurer

Sub-Committees: Public Information, Correctional Facilities, Archives, Grapevine, Self-Support, AccessAbility, C.P.C., and Treatment Facilities

Alternate Positions: Intergroup Liaison and all sub-committee positions

Monthly Meetings: Meetings are held during the last week of the month and alternate between Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

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TORONTO NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT 14

Groups	
A Place to Share	Aurora
Black River	Free Spirit
Lansing	Love in Action
Newmarket	Pefferlaw Action
River Drive Park	Traditional
Amazing Grace	Back to Basics
By Pass	Glenview
Lawrence Plaza	Miami Beach
North Toronto	Recovery
Shepherd	Willowdale
Armour Heights	Bayview
Eglinton Park	King City
Living Sober	Maple
Mount Albert	Pathfinders
Richmond Hill	Thornhill

District Committee positions

DCM – John McF john@firstchoicepersonnel.com

Alt-DCM – Rodney S Rodney@ficomputers.com

Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer

Active Subcommittees (all positions filled)

Archive, Self Support, Corrections, Grapevine, PI/CPC, Accessibility Treatment

Business meetings are well attended and are held the second Monday of each month from 8 - 9:30 at

M.L. McConaghy Seniors’ Centre
10100 Yonge Street
Richmond Hill, ON L4C 1T8.

The district is currently creating guidelines for the smooth operation of our business meetings and now that we have

something to fall back on it seems we never need to use them. We have adopted things like 3rd legacy procedures in our voting process, right of the minority etc. We have an active Corrections and Self Support committee in our district. We supply pamphlets to all York Region and OPP police stations in York Region. They are maintained and kept full. We are a big book supplier to a nearby correctional facility for use by the inmates.

Upcoming events

Our district will be holding a Service Workshop day on November 15th to teach interested persons in our district, outsiders are welcome, about the various levels of service, the traditions and the home group. We expect about 50 or so people to attend and it will be free of charge with a possible 7th to cover coffee costs.

DISTRICT 16

Groups and Addresses

Nueva Esperanza (New Hope) 761 Jane St. suite 204 Tel : 416 762 28002.

Unidad (Unity) 1049 Weston Rd. Tel : 416 769 89653..

Amor y Paz (Peace and Love) 1070 Dovercourt Rd Tel: 416 535 70334.

Amistad (Friendship) 1560 Dupont St. Tel : 416 760 03385.

Sendero de vida (Path Of Life)
1830 Finch Ave. W Room 3

Tel: 416 736 07276.

Viviendo Sobrio (Living Sober)
1740 Jane St. Toronto 7.

Vendita Sobriedad (Holy Sobriety)
1280 Finch Ave. W Room 2048

28 De Diciembre (December 28)

Saint Mary’s Church 66 Main St. South Brampton

History: District # 16 was created in 1996. The Spanish District is an ethnic District for the reason that it is so. Groups are located in different areas of Metro Toronto and they hold meetings of two hours long every day, 365 days a year. We have a Spanish Intergroup also.

District Structure: DCM, Alt. DCM, , Treasurer, and Secretary

Committees: CPC, PI, and La vina.

Monthly Meetings: last Saturday of every month, 1049 Weston Rd. at 5:00 p m

Contact Information: DCM – Victor M. email: mvict@rogers.com

Upcoming Events: Information AA Day May 31st

District Thoughts and Ideas: We would like to see all members of AA active in some type of service. Freely have we received freely shall we give back.

DISTRICT 22

Groups:

Agincourt Acorn	Pine Hills
Principles Before Personalities	
As Bill Sees it	Scarborough Group
Beaches	Rouge Valley Centenary
Bellamy	Silverbirch Group
Fellowship	Sunday Scarborough Group
Fifth Tradition	Twelve Steps
Kennedy Park Group	Twelve Traditions
Keep It Simple	Wanstead
Lighthouse	Woodbine
New Anchor	Anniversary Group

Saturday Morning Discussion Group

Turning Point Group

District Structure:

DCM, Alt DCM, Secretary /Treasurer, Alt Secretary/Treasurer, Registrar

Committees:

Access Ability, Archives, CPC, Correctional Facilities, Grapevine, Intergroup Liaison, Literature, Public Information, Self Support, Treatment Facilities

District Information:

There are many service opportunities at both the group and district level. Each group is autonomous and have common, and unique service positions. Please contact any group, they would be pleased to help you get into service. At the district level, there are also a number of service positions available. Elections for most positions are in November, every two years, The next elections are in November 2008 for the Committee chairs and alternates. District 22, Scarborough meets on the second Sunday of every month at 1-3. (summer times may vary due to facility availability) We meet in the Seniors room at the Don Montgomery Community Centre, located at Midland & Eglinton. Visitors are welcome to attend.