

GREATER TORONTO AREA INTERGROUP  
**General Meeting Tuesday, June 26, 2007**

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The meeting opened a little after 8 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Arwen H. (Primary Purpose) read the Twelve Traditions.

**THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Active Group, Anniversary, Beaches, Bramalea Care & Share, Bramalea, Church Street, City Central, Credit Valley, Danforth, Erin Mills, Friendly, Glenholme, Golden Mile, Hill, Keep It Simple (Scarborough), Kingsway, Kipling, Lakeshore, Mount Dennis, Orleta (Polish), Primary Purpose, Recovery, Responsibility, Richmond Hill, Rox Glen Traditional, Royal York, Shepherd, Silverbirch, Spiritual Progress, St. Clements, Stepping Stones Disc., Streetsville Action, Sunday Northwestern, Sunnyside, Thornhill, Thursday East End, Tuesday Night Disc., U of T, Unionville, Welcome, Westmoreland. **District Liaisons:** Districts 02, 06, 12, 18, and 22. **Subcommittee Chairs:** Corrections, Treatment, Twelfth Step, Public Information, Newsletter, Access Ability, ORC 2008, and Self-Support.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES – APRIL 2007**

MOTION to adopt Minutes as presented moved by Joe B. (Danforth) and seconded by Wayne O. (Anniversary). MOTION IS CARRIED.
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**CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS – Stephanie L. (Erin Mills)**

Stephanie welcomed those present, and requested that all reports be kept brief.

There was a **collection of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition**, which totaled **\$125.93** after coffee expenses.

**FINANCE REPORT – Chris H. (Friendly), Finance member**

*Referring to the Bar Graph for May 2007 (copy attached to hard copy Minutes, Chris shared:*

“The first thing I’ll do is draw your attention to the Bar Graph...it’s a nice report to deliver. **Income for the month of May** was \$26,982. Our **Expenses** were \$17,903. So we’re a just a little over \$9,000. For **the year-to-date**, we’re actually up \$1,599; as compared to last year [when] we were down five and a half thousand dollars, so this is very, very good. And that, of course, is thanks to the ORC [and donations].”

“The **sales of literature** continue to be very strong. As of May 31, total owed [Accounts Receivable] was \$18,215. The bulk of this was for 30 days or less. So, **what we’re doing is that we’re continuing with our policy that, when you call the literature department to order literature, if you owe for a previous order, you have to clear up that old [outstanding] bill before we’ll fill a new order for you.** If that doesn’t work...then we would have to go to a C.O.D. system. That’s how we deal with New York [GSO]; we pay for the books that we get. But for right now, we’ll leave it with the present system.”

“The Finance Subcommittee has been operating one member short for a number of months now. In December, two other members will be rotating out. That leaves us in a position of **desperately needing new people to step in to the Finance Subcommittee.** You don’t have to be an accountant; it helps to have some kind of accounting or business background, but just good common sense also helps...if you can think of someone that might be good for this, please approach them and ask them if they would be willing to step forward.” Chris explained that 5 years of continuous sobriety is recommended for this service position.

At this time, Stephanie presented **Executive Secretary, Carole Keenan**, with a gift and card in appreciation for her **25 years of service for GTA Intergroup**. She said: “On behalf of the Operating Committee and the intergroup reps, we would like to present you with this gift, and to thank you very much for 25 years of service.” Carole received applause and a standing ovation from Floor members. Carole shared the following: “I’m overwhelmed. I’m speechless because this is a nice surprise. I’d like to thank each and every one of you. I’ve enjoyed working for AA; it’s been very pleasurable. I’m going to be around for a while, but it’s nice to be remembered. Thank you again.”

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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### **ORC 2008** – Rene T. (Silverbirch), 2008 Event Chair

The upcoming event will be held March 14, 15, and 16, 2008 at the Royal York. The theme is 'Happy, Joyous, and Free'. The committee hopes to add some new entertainment features to the event. The committee is **looking for submission of graphics for the event**. The person with the winning design will receive one night at the Conference, registration and a banquet ticket, plus an acknowledgement of "Graphics by..." on all Conference materials. **Deadline for submissions is Wed., August 15, 2007**. E-mail submissions to [reneorc2008@hotmail.com](mailto:reneorc2008@hotmail.com).

### **Ad hoc Recommendation Subcommittee** – Lynn B. (City Central), facilitator

Lynn reported that the "previous phase" of this committee has been brought to a halt. At Lynn's request, the Floor acknowledged the previous *ad hoc* members present at this meeting for all their service. In an effort to "focus on an ongoing dialogue" between this subcommittee and the groups, Lynn is requesting members to approach individuals from their home group and ask them if they are interested in participating in this ongoing endeavour. He is also asking for members from the professional community (i.e. legal, fundraising, etc.) to participate. Lynn will facilitate the meetings until September. **Next meeting:** Thurs., July 5 at 6:30 p.m. at 234.

### **Access Ability** – Donna MacQ. (Sunnyside), Chairperson

Donna reported that the 'People in Motion' event, in which Access Ability participated with CPC, was "well-received". **ASL interpreters:** Donna asked that any members requesting this service for their group is to contact CONNECT or go through the Ontario Interpreter Service. *Call 234 for more contact information*. **Next meeting:** Sun., July 15 at 11 a.m. at 234.

### **Newsletter** – Marv W. (Streetsville Action), Chairperson

Marv reported that the July issue of Better Times is out; the June issue (including the GTAI Subcommittees / Intergroup Rep info sheet) is now online. He asked that members pick up a Literature / Group Librarian info package for their groups. **Next meeting:** Wed., July 25 at 7 p.m. at 234.

**Archives** – no report. **Next meeting:** Fri., July 13 at 7 p.m. at 234.

### **Correctional Facilities** – Niels B. (Hill), incoming Chairperson

*Niels gave the following report (hard copy on file):*

I am the new 'old' Chairperson of the Intergroup Correctional Facilities Subcommittee, which is a clearinghouse for all correctional activities in the GTA. It is administrative in nature. The work is done at the local level by AA members through the District structure.

The **next Corrections meeting** will be on **Labour Day: Mon., Sept. 4 at 7 p.m.** We hope to have all the District C.F. Chairs attend. We will have a former inmate talk about how AA Corrections Prerelease Contact information a.k.a. 'Bridging the Gap' helped him when he was released from jail.

The new video filmed here in Toronto for AA world-wide last spring, [entitled] '*It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell*' will be screened. It is about four members of Alcoholics Anonymous who were in prison because of alcohol-related crimes. In straightforward, plain language, each tells his or her story of what life used to be like, why they are in prison...and how it is now that they are sober.

We invite all members to come that are interested and want to get active in correctional AA service work.

There will be no meetings in July or August. During the summer, I will contact all the members that have sent e-mails to Intergroup.

We have a limited supply of copies of new pamphlets:

- F-162: AA Corrections Prerelease Information – for AAs on the Outside
- F-163: Corrections Prerelease Information – for AAs on the Inside
- Corrections Correspondence: A Special Kind of AA Service

The above pamphlets are free, and Intergroup will have a new supply on hand very shortly.

**CPC** – no report. Stephanie announced that there is a new Chairperson (*more details later*). CPC will not meet in July or August.

**Grapevine** – no report. **Next meeting:** Thurs., July 12 at 7 p.m. at 234.

**Information AA Day** – no report. There will be no meetings in July or August.

**Public Information** – Tom S. (Saturday Morning Disc.), Chairperson

This committee is still continuing with the folder/holder initiative, and was responsible for the CPC display at Pride Day recently. There will be no meetings in July or August. As Tom will be rotating out, **a new P.I. Chair is needed**. *Send resumes to the Operating Committee c/o 234.*

**Reception Centre** – Charlie C. (Silverbirch), Operating Committee member

Charlie reported that 8 districts, 7 subcommittee chairs, 34 group reps, and 12 alternates were present tonight, for a total of 60 members.

**Self-Support** – John P. (Welcome), Chairperson

5 members were present at the last meeting. He asked members to create an Agenda for this meeting. John also reminded members about Gratitude, and asked that members send in **updated group lists** for the database. **Next meeting:** Wed., July 4 at 7 p.m. at 234.

**Treatment Facilities** – Dominic A. (Tuesday Night Disc.), alternate Chairperson

This subcommittee has held regular monthly meetings, and the table was pleased that an Operating Committee liaison was present at the last meeting. Dominic requested **more District support** at the table (for instance: Dist.06, 14, and 18), as there is “a lot of stuff happening” with requests for meetings in facilities, etc. **Next meeting:** Thurs., July 19 at 7 p.m. at 234.

**Twelfth Step** – Mike K. (Yorkville), Chairperson

As it is the summer, **spare phone greeters are needed**. The subcommittee’s goal is to get 10 – 12 greeters in the next month. The July **phone training session** will be held Sun., July 15 at 1:30 p.m. at 234 (buzzer code: 202). **Next meeting:** Fri., July 27 at 6:30 p.m. at 234.

**Website** – Arwen H. (Primary Purpose), Operating Committee liaison

The new site will be up by July 31. This subcommittee **still needs volunteers** for data entry (typing), and particularly welcomes members with computer experience. *Please contact 234 if you are interested in helping out.* **Next meeting:** Sat., July 14 at 1 p.m. at 234.

**Winter Season Open House** – no report. Meetings resume in September. **A Chairperson is needed** for the 2007 event. *Please forward resumes to the Operating Committee c/o 234.*

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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**Re: this MOTION** (for discussion with groups):

**MOTION** brought forth by Doug R. (St. Clements), seconded by Wayne O. (Anniversary):  
Due to the rapid turnover of the membership of the Operating Committee, various problems continually arise. Projects are not completed within the terms of office, and retraining of the executive must be repeated on an ongoing basis.

Therefore, in accordance with the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee [formed] to address these concerns, we moved that...

**Any member of the Operating Committee may run for a second term of office, provided:**

- a) That they choose to do so;
- b) That they are voted in by the Intergroup Meeting Floor;
- c) That accumulated time on the executive level of the Operating Committee not to exceed two years.

Lynn B., *Ad Hoc* Subcommittee facilitator, **withdrew the Motion**, “with apologies”. **MOTION WITHDRAWN.**

## NEW BUSINESS

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**John** (Thornhill) shared the following concern: “It’s interesting that we made a Motion at the last meeting that we put the monthly Subcommittee meeting times in our Meeting Guide, and we have several of the Subcommittees that will not be meeting over the summer...”

**Carole** shared that the new Meeting Guide has published the monthly Subcommittee meeting times on the back of the book; it has gone to print, so we can’t change it. Also, there is a notation on the listing that states members should check with 234 to inquire about schedule changes.

**Niels B.** (Hill), CF Chair, said: “Don’t forget that e-mails will be received. If there’s a problem, I will be at the Correctional Meeting myself for July and August, the first Monday of the month, if anybody comes [to the meeting]. All e-mails and information will be answered.”

**Tom S.** (Saturday Morning Disc.), Public Information Chair, commented: “The Public Information Committee – when we met, we got a group conscience as to whether to meet over the summer. It was discussed [that we will] stay in contact, and we have our projects that we have already initiated in the springtime, and we will be following through...”

**Lynn B.** (City Central): “According to the Procedures & Guidelines, Subcommittees are not required to meet more than six times a year, minimum.”

**MOTION** moved by John (Thornhill), **requiring one member of every Subcommittee to sit through** [attend] **every month of service**, so that there is a representative that can be reached at the times [for the Subcommittees] that are listed. Motion is seconded by Shelley N. (Brampton Recovery).

**Harold Y.** (Port Credit), Senior Operating Committee member: “What we really need to do is how we’re publishing when these meetings are; this is the issue we need to take a look at. This is just a suggestion. I don’t think we want to change the Procedures & Guidelines at this particular time; your Motion indicates that [action].”

Stephanie requested that **members take this Motion back to their groups for discussion.**

**Motion to close the meeting** moved by Joe B. (Danforth) and seconded by Wayne O. (Anniversary). **MOTION IS CARRIED.**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** Tuesday, July 31 at 8 p.m. at Glebe Rd. United Church.