

GREATER TORONTO AREA INTERGROUP
General Meeting Tuesday, September 5, 2007

The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Brad H. (Bayview) read the Twelve Traditions.

THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT: Amazing Grace, Aurora, Beaches, Bellamy, Bramalea Care & Share, Bramalea, City Central, Credit Valley, East York, Glenholme, Golden Mile, Half Century, High Park, Hill, Isabella Crosstown, Keep It Simple (Scarborough), King City, Kingsway, Kipling, Leslie, Living Sober, Midtown, Mount Dennis, Newmarket, North Toronto, Oakville, Orleta (Polish), Parkway, Port Credit, Primary Purpose, Reaching Out, Richmond Hill, Rox Glen Traditional, Royal York, Shepherd, Silverbirch, Spiritual Progress, St. Clements, Sunday Northwestern, Sunnyside, Thornhill, Thursday East End, Twelve Steps, U of T, Unionville, Welcome, Weston, Woodbine, Woodbridge, Yorkville. **District Liaisons:** Districts 02, 12, 14, 18, and 22. **Subcommittee Chairs:** *ad hoc*, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Public Information, Newsletter, Access Ability, ORC 2008, Self-Support, Website.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – August 2007

CORRECTION: under the Archives report, the upcoming Archives Breakfast is to be held **Nov.4;** not Oct.4 as written. *With this change noted,*

MOTION to adopt Minutes as amended moved by rep from Isabella Crosstown, and seconded by James from the Shepherd Group. MOTION IS CARRIED.

CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS: Stephanie L. (Erin Mills), Operating Chair

‘We’ve had record meetings for the summer, and I’d really like to wrap up this meeting by 9 p.m. – that’s going to be the goal tonight. There’s a lot of stuff to go through, but I know we can do it! So, please keep your reports brief; that would be wonderful.’

There was a **collection of the 7th Tradition**, which totaled approximately \$143.00, after coffee expenses.

Finance: Chris H. (Friendly), Finance member

Bar Graph for the **month of August** shows an Income of \$13,935.00 and Expenses of \$18,978.00 for a difference of (-\$5,043.00). Year to date Income is \$115,057.00 and YTD Expenses of \$127,425.00 with a difference of (-\$12,368.00). Sales of Literature were down a little bit. The Literature Accounts Receivables are just under \$13,000.00; most of this is current or under 30 days. Chris thanked all groups for their prompt payment in this regard. **2 new Finance Committee members are needed by the end of this year.** These service positions require a suggested five years of continuous sobriety; some business/accounting background would be beneficial. Please submit resumes to Carole at 234. Chris had a clarification regarding the **revised July Bar Graph:** the Income was reported at around \$99,000; there was an error in on the computer, so the actual Income figure is \$11,394.

Ad Hoc Committee: Lynn B. (City Central), Chairperson

The *ad hoc* Position paper will be condensed from 12 pages to one. This subcommittee is looking to make people aware of issues identified in this report by sending volunteers out to meetings and talking to the membership at large. Next month, a report will be presented to the IG Floor showing the current structure of committees between Intergroup and District. **Next meeting:** Thurs. Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at 234.

Access Ability: Donna MacQ. (Sunnyside), Chairperson

Access Ability is still looking for a Secretary. The committee attended District 22 Service Day (Sept.15). All is well. **Next meeting:** Sun. Oct.21 at 11 a.m. at 234.

Better Times Newsletter: Marv W. (Streetsville Action), Chairperson

Marv clarified a previous question from the Floor regarding why we don’t have access on-line to printable BT editions. Up until March of this year, the current edition was never on-line. The committee decided to put it on-line: you can save it to your computer or e-mail it to a friend for printing. The October issue is out, featuring Gratitude time. The

Page 3 'Have You Heard' section is now handled by Cliff V. Subsequent editions will feature Holiday Meeting openings/cancellations, and Candlelight Celebrations. **Deadline for submissions/announcements:** 10th of every month. **Next meeting:** Wed. Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. at 234.

Access Ability: Donna MacQ. (Sunnyside), Chairperson

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Archives: Roy R. (Trial & Error), Chairperson

The Archives Breakfast is on Nov 4, 2007 at the Oasis Convention Centre on the Lakeshore. Tickets are for sale at \$25 each. **Next meeting:** Fri. Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. at 234.

Corrections: Niels B. (Hill), Chairperson

(Hard copy of this report on file) Good attendance at last Meeting on Sept 4. Currently taking inventory of all programs and will have a detailed list later this fall of all AA activities in our Correctional Facilities.

Looking for new volunteers to attend **next C.F. meeting this coming Oct 1, 2007 at 7:00 PM at 234** to show video developed to encourage more AA members to participate in carrying the AA message in Correctional Facilities.

CPC: Courtney V. (Living Sober/Newmarket), Dist.14 CPC Chair

PSA (Public Service Announcement) called '*Force of Nature*' has been received from GSO, and discussions are being held with Area 83 on the employment strategy for this announcement. CPC will be meeting with the Dalton Group (groups of counselors and therapists) at some point for a presentation and a Q & A period. **Next meeting:** Mon. Oct.8 at 7 p.m. at 234.

Grapevine: no report. **Next Meeting:** Thurs. Oct.11 at 7 p.m. at 234.

Information AA Day: no report. **Next meeting:** Mon. Oct.29 at 7:30 p.m. at 234.

ORC 2008: Rene T. (Silverbirch), ORC 2008 Event Chair

Have been to Hotel about six times and want to utilize some of the empty rooms. Graphics with the printer is expected to be ready by the **next ORC meeting on Oct 3**. Pre-Registration is looking to set up an e-mail for the conference and a phone answering device for fielding questions for Conference. ***This subcommittee is currently looking for Captains and volunteers for the upcoming event.***

Public Information: Tom S. (Saturday Morning Discussion), Chairperson

This subcommittee continues its objective of putting out pamphlets to various places in the GTA. Tom (current Chair) will be stepping down. **Public Information is looking for new chair person.** Please submit resumes to the Operating Committee c/o Carole at 234. **Next meeting:** Mon. Oct.15 at 7:30 p.m. at 234

Reception: Charlie C. (Silverbirch), Operating Committee member

5 Districts, 4 Subcommittee Chairs, 49 Group reps, and 12 Alternates were represented this evening, for a total of 70.

Self-Support: John P. (Welcome), Chairperson

The next meeting is on Wed Sept 5 at 7 p.m. at 234. **Self-Support is looking for secretary and treasurer.** Group lists are needed, and/or member email addresses. Gratitude month is happening!

Website: Fran H. (Kingsway), committee member

This subcommittee is hoping to have the Website close to being finished by Thanksgiving. The Membership list is currently being worked on and possibly ready. A new IT volunteer is helping out, with possibly one more to assist. **Next meeting:** Sat. Oct.13 at 1 p.m. at 234.

WSOH: *Still needs a chair*, but possible candidate for next month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fran H. (Kingsway) reread the following to Floor members:

MOTION from Fran H. (Kingsway): The Kingsway Group moves that:

1. Section 4.5 (Terms of Office of Intergroup Representatives) of the Guidelines Sections of the Procedures & Guidelines of GTA Intergroup outlining the quadrangle division of GTA and the biannual rotation selection method of new reps **be removed entirely from the Procedures & Guidelines**, as this has been made non-applicable due to changes made to the rep selection process, passed by the Fellowship in the last Referendum (*August 2006; see Referendum Results Attachment*).
2. Section 6.3 (Workshop Meetings) of the Guidelines Section of the Procedures & Guidelines of GTA Intergroup be amended to read:

'The sole function of the biannual Workshop Meetings [would] be to thoroughly orient the intergroup reps and the Operating Committee to the Procedures & Guidelines, the GTA Intergroup structure, and the general functioning of the Office/Literature Department. All the attending OC members and reps will be given written histories and summaries of the Subcommittees off GTA Intergroup.'

Fran then asked Lynn B., *ad hoc* Chairperson, to clarify this Motion. ***Questions/comments were fielded from various Floor members.***

Motion presented by Fran H of the Kingsway Group re: Section 4.5: MOTION IS PASSED.
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Motion presented by Fran H of the Kingsway Group re: Section 6.3: MOTION IS PASSED.
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NEW BUSINESS:

a) *Autumn is Gratitude Month!* Any donations members/group would like to make, please send to Intergroup. Gratitude envelopes were made available for reps to take back to their groups.

b) Two members rotating out of the OC executive. ***Elections will be held next month*** for Junior OC members and Chairperson.

CLOSING REMARKS: Stephanie L.

Regarding her tenure as Operating Committee Chair, Stephanie stated: "It's been a wonderful experience; I've learned a lot. It's been a real honour and a privilege to serve on this Operating Committee. I definitely look forward to the future of Toronto Intergroup, especially over the next year or so. There are going to be a lot of changes that are up and coming, and I'm excited about them. I really hope we can recruit some enthusiastic people for the next Operating Committee. Thank you very much!"

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, October 30 at 8 p.m. at Glebe Rd. United.