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## Evolution of Toronto Intergroup Pt.1

**As** Alcoholics Anonymous grew; we acquired the same challenges any other organization would as a result of rapid growth. We desperately required a method of handling our administration that would ensure our members could interact with one another. Since alcoholics, by our very nature, tend to be emotional, we required a realistic approach.

Our founders were very much aware of this issue and provided A.A. with the methodology through the establishment of the Twelve Traditions.

The Toronto Central Committee, later known as Intergroup, is typical of the formation of such a body. However, most A.A. members are no different from any other societal segment, only about five percent participate in the mundane “Service” tasks.

On January 28, 1944, A.A.

members in Toronto moved into a Club House and office at 1170 Yonge St. It soon became known across the continent simply as “1170” and its location was described as “across from the liquor store.” When “1170” was established, a committee, which changed every three months, was created to handle its affairs.

In 1947 there were ten groups and the first Central Committee was formed with procedures drawn up by Glen G. Some of these continue to be used until today. The Committee had a method in place which changed three of nine sitting members every six months.

On August 16, 1948, an office separate from “1170” was opened at 331 Bay St. This new office had a permanent secretary, Marg M. This location remained active until 1955 when it moved to 77 York St. In 1960, a great deal of

emotional upheaval was caused with the closure of “1170.” The reason was simple. It had become too difficult to handle administration within A.A. The 77 York St. location was also closed and A.A. moved its combined offices to 2 Gerrard St. on the second floor. The new location, the North-West corner of Yonge and Gerrard, was convenient for most. This new office afforded space for meetings, interviews and clerical functions. In 1975, the location was moved to 272 Eglinton Ave. W. with the twist of being a store front. The space was primarily what 2 Gerrard had been, but with the added feature of a basement, which turned out to be too damp to be useful”.

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Maire O'B, GTA AA, Archivist

## The History of the Kingsway Group

**T**he Kingsway Group opened at its new location Wednesday, November 14th at the Humber Valley United Church at 76 Anglesey Blvd. in Etobicoke. The move marked 61 years of progress and growth.

In 1946, three AA members Tom E., Goody G. and Doug S. had been getting together in Tom’s office, and often met in a restaurant on King Street. As Tom’s office at the Temple Building (Bay and Adelaide) and the restaurant on King Street were not the places to meet, they decided to form a group. Their first meetings were held in the Parish House at the north end of St. James Cathedral in downtown Toronto. Meetings were held here continually until 1947 and about twenty to twenty-five members attended each meeting

As the three original members

lived in the Kingsway area, they approached Father Greg Kelly, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church on Bloor Street hoping for the use of the Church for regular weekly meetings. He was very receptive to having an AA group in his Church. On Friday, June 20, 1947, the first meeting was held in Our Lady of Sorrows Church hall and due to the location and residency of the three original members, they decided to name it “The Kingsway Group”. About twenty-five members attended the first meeting at their new location.

Tom G. came up with the idea of AA medallions; the size, shape and design are his inspiration. They are still used today.

The group wanted to hold separate meetings to discuss the Twelve Steps for members only, but a second night was not avail-

able. The Kingsway Group had met at Our Lady of Sorrows for seventeen years and had changed the meeting night to Wednesday so members could go to their cottages early on Friday evening.

In 1964, the members approached St. Georges Church on the Hill to see if two nights were available for their Wednesday night Open Meeting and Monday night Discussion Meeting. The group members and Church officials came to an agreement and have enjoyed forty-three successful years at St. George on the Hill. On May 8, 1996, the Group celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Kingsway Group. There were over 360 registered group members at that time.

*Thanks to Joe O'R. who kept a diary of our Group's early beginnings.*

Submitted by Ted S. Kingsway Group

# History of the ORC

## PART 1

On Thursday December 16, 1943 – with no organization – just hope and desire – 80 people (mostly members of AA and a few friends of Alcoholics Anonymous) met at the Royal York Hotel for a dinner. This was seven years prior to the formation of the AA Conference in 1950, later to be known as the Ontario Regional Conference. The purpose was to celebrate the anniversary of the commencement of AA in Toronto, Ontario Canada.

1944 A celebration was held to open 1170 Yonge St. At the time, “1170” was the office, clubhouse and whatever AA needed.

1945 “1170” was used for the annual celebration

1946 -

1947 The celebration was moved to the Knights of Columbus Hall on Sherbourne St.

1948 The conference moved to Central Technical School and the Tivoli Theatre. Bill and Lois were in attendance

1949 The conference moved back to the Knights of Columbus Hall

1950 The AA conference was held at the Royal York Hotel. The committee had a chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer, registrar, ticket clerk, publicity, clerks and 62 greeters (11 women) A long way from seven years earlier with no organization – just hope and desire.

1951 Bill W. attended the regional conference to gather support for the General Service Conference taking place later that year.

1952 The Ontario AA Conference

1953 The Ontario Regional Conference (Final name change)

1956 The first AI-Anon speaker participates.

1957 The first public announcements for the conference on major, local radio stations. A few old timers were anonymously interviewed about journeys on CFRB and CKEY.

1959 The 10th Ontario Regional Conference (The first numbered conference program)

1961 The ORC extended invitations to the Mayor of Toronto and the heads of churches, which afforded a new confidence in AA.

1962 The first talk-a-thon for the Friday night and a dance for Saturday night.

1963 The first open speaker meeting to be held on the Friday night.

1964 The first AA convention theme in Ontario – Sobriety in Motion.

1965 The ORC was cancelled, but was replaced with the 13th International Convention held at Maple Leaf Gardens

## Tribute to the late Tommy H. First GTA Archivist

We are taught not to put people on pedestals. Helping others is the way this thing works, we are instructed, and putting your faith in another person in the program is unwise. So we don't idolize anyone – but surely we are allowed to have heroes.

Personally I will always regard my first sponsor, Bob D. as a “special” person. Another who has a treasured position in my memory is the late Tommy H. Lacking a more eloquent description, it is accurate to say that Tommy was unique.

I recall a warm, early summer evening in a quiet neighborhood in Willowdale.

Tom, a long time member of the Unionville Group, was dropping me, a fairly new member, off at my home. I had lost my licence – again. Despite attending meetings for two months, I was having little success putting any length of sobriety together. Tom apparently felt it was time for truth.

“You simply don't think you're an alcoholic” Tom stated quietly.

“Well I'm not sure that I belong. I didn't get into as much trouble as you folks” I whined.

“So the fact that your third wife is leaving you, you've lost your licence again, you are drowning in debt and your job is hanging by a thread means you are a normal drinker.” Tom said, his voice growing louder with each word.

“You want to know if you are an alcoholic – I'm here to tell you – you are definitely an alcoholic!!” Tom screamed.

“But, you told me that no one but me could call myself an alcoholic”.

“I know,” Tom explained “but I'm tired of waiting for you to wake up”.

In a nutshell, that explains Tommy H. He was driving me home, when of course he didn't have to, and he was prepared to tell me the truth when others treated me with kid gloves. His approach varied with the individual. No one could be more patient and persistent with people than Tom. But on the other hand, he never considered a friendship more important than the truth.

A proud, ex-army guy, Tom frankly lost out on an excellent career in government

service because of his drinking. Over 40 years of AA managed to keep his job and pension for him, but he never progressed as he would have, had the drinking excesses never occurred. He had a tough time with that. Being passed over as others less qualified advanced hurt him. Yet he refused to feed resentments about this and devoted much of his time to helping government employees with their addictions. He used his positioning and contacts within the Provincial Government to push for improvements in employee assistance programs. He made certain the Ministry of Health was well informed about the disease of alcoholism and treatment options and was instrumental in having the Minister of Health speak at an Ontario Regional Conference. He took the program to the Donwood Clinic when it and its founder Dr. Bell were pioneers in the treatment of addiction.

Tommy believed in the Legacy of Service. He held every job there was at the group level and went on to General Service, eventually serving as Delegate to New York.

He organized, chaired and spoke at many Conferences including the Ontario Regional event. His passion was service to others on an individual level as well as that beyond the group. Veterans at Toronto Intergroup came to rely on Tom for sensible, sober and experienced guidance. The 12 Traditions were his “bible”. All proposed changes and ideas had to stand the test of those dozen principles. Personally he struggled vainly with his daughter's addiction. It was the great tragedy of his life that, while he helped legions of others, he couldn't save his beloved girl from an early death.

One of the many areas for which Tom provided leadership was in the creation of the Toronto Archives Committee. In fact, when it began, it seemed Archives were being used to collect, sort and record the history of our Fellowship for much of Canada and particularly Ontario. Without his guidance, much of the material that we now treasure would have been lost forever. One could not hope to capture the essence and contributions of Tommy H. in a few short paragraphs. However, it must be obvious why he is one of my heroes. Perhaps he should be one of yours.

John G. Unionville Group

## The Gift of Losses

Where is my prize for staying sober?  
I thought my life would change.  
Where are the loves, the money, the jobs?  
The outcomes, God, seem strange.

Where is the reward for letting go?  
I surrendered to Your will  
Where is the payoff, after being so good?  
I prayed and I was still.

You've got a sense of humour, God  
Things desperately wanted, slipped away  
The things I feared, you gave to me.

I fell to my knees to pray.  
I hunted and lost men and jobs  
Taught driving and got hit.

I wanted appreciation;  
Employers had a 'hissy' fit.  
My first sponsor said:  
"No pain, no gain"  
This made no sense to me.

In trying to control things all around  
I got tangled, instead of free.  
The Serenity Prayer became my mantra.

Have faith and forge ahead;  
Miracles happen all the time  
But why did I see red?

I've been so tired over the years  
Waiting for a rest;  
You gave me barriers, also grief,  
That brought out the very best.

Now looking back,  
I see Your plan  
Surrender was the key.  
An easy life would not have worked;  
I'd have died from complacency.

The greatest gift you gave to me.  
Not flashy cars that impress,  
But coming home to be myself.  
With forgiveness I was blessed.

A suicidal drunk no more.  
I'm grateful to the end.  
Success is not an outside show  
It's becoming my own best friend.

*Jane R. (former member of the Erin Mills Group; now living in Calgary) November 8th, 2007 on the occasion of my 19th year of sobriety.*

## HAVE YOU HEARD?

### Recent Medallions:

Ron R.	10	Meadowvale South	Nov 19
Susan L	5	King City	Nov 19
Barb M	20	Aurora	Nov 20
Clara McQ	40	Welcome	Nov 25
Amir	5	Armour Heights	Nov 26
Glenna R	10	Thornhill	Dec 3
Sandy T	10	Thornhill	Dec 5
Valie L	25	Sunday Northwestern	Dec 9
Milton B	15	East York	Dec 11
Amanda Y	1	Thornhill Group	Dec 17

### Upcoming Medallions:

Tony G	20	Aurora	Dec 20
Richard G.	1	Westmoreland	Dec 25
Bill S	35	Anniversary	Dec 26
Tom W	15	Aurora	Dec 30
Rich E.	1	Golden Mile	Jan 2
Ainsley G.	1	Twelve Steps	Jan 2
Paul T.	35	Erin Mills	Jan 7
Moe D.	35	Erin Mills	Jan 7
Grace C.	5	King City	Jan 7
Spud S.	20	East York	Jan 8
Ron McV.	1	Golden Mile	Jan 9
Debbie T.	5	Golden Mile	Jan 9
Coleen B.	1	New Anchor	Jan 10
John C.	20	Twelve Steps	Jan 16
Joe K.	25	Golden Mile	Jan 16
Kate B.	1	New Anchor	Jan 17
Jim H.	35	Islington	Jan 20
Karen K.	5	Twelve Steps	Jan 23
Gord S.	15	East York	Jan 29

### Things we cannot change:

**Sandy W.**, from the Sanctuary passed away Dec. 8.

### Meeting Changes:

**Milliken Group**, called the Markham Village Group as of Jan. 1.

**Promises Group**, Ajax, Closed Meeting now meets Wed., 8 pm

### Events:

**Winter Season Open House** Emmanuel Howard Park Church, 214 Wright Ave., off Roncesvalles. Dec. 25 from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. Call 416-487-5591 for more info.

**30th Annual Spiritual New Year's Eve, Dance & Buffet.**

Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 356 St. Clair Ave. W. at Spadina W subway. AA meeting starts at 8. Dance at 10! \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. The best way to bring in the New Year!

**Erin Mills Group** celebrates 30 yrs, Jan. 7  
**Streetsville Group** will be celebrating 50 years of carrying the message on Tuesday Jan. 15 at 8:30 pm at the Meadowvale Church Centre in Mississauga  
**Scarborough Centenary Group** - celebrates 25 years as a group, and 30 years as a service meeting Jan. 17

**16th Annual Toronto Winter Roundup** with Clancy I. from Venice CA. Sat. Jan. 26, 2008 from 9 am to 9 pm. York Reception Centre (location of Toronto Sunday Morning Men's Meeting). \$50 - includes dinner & coffee breaks. Pre-registration by Jan. 19, 2008. Speaker Tapes/Cds will be available onsite. Visa and Mastercard accepted. For more info. or tickets please contact Rodney S at 647-588-7751 or 905-398-1404. Online payment: www.torontowinterroundup.com

**Ontario Regional Conference** Mar. 14, 15 & 16 2008 at Fairmont Royal York Hotel. 3 Day registration \$30, Early Bird Registration Draw Monthly. For Tickets and Information please contact www.aatoronto.org or email: orc@aatoronto.org or phone 416-487-2677

### Meetings OPEN during the holidays

**Bloordale Group** meetings are on over the holidays, Sundays, Mondays & Wednesdays

**King City** will hold its regular mtg. on New Year's Eve: Dec. 31  
**Midtown Group (Central)** Dec. 25 & Jan. 1

**Shepherd Group (North)** Dec. 25th

**Streetsville Meetings** Dec. 25 and Jan. 1

**Third Tradition Service Meeting** will be open Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve

**Westmoreland Group** will be open on both Dec. 25 and Jan. 1

**Wexford Group (Northeast)** Dec. 25 and Jan. 1

### Meetings CLOSED during the holidays

**The Step 11 Meditation** mtg. on Delisle will be CLOSED Dec. 25 and Jan. 1

**Heron Park Noon** mtg. CLOSED Dec. 26 & Jan. 2

**Tues Noon Meeting (east)** Main and Danforth

CANCELLED Dec. 25

**Gift of Life Service Meeting (Northwest)**

CANCELLED Dec. 25 & Jan 1

**King City Group** will not be having its regular Open mtg. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

### Literature Dept. @ 234 CLOSED Dec. 21 - Jan. 2

### Candlelight meetings and other seasonals during the holidays

**The Anniversary Group** Candlelight Meeting Dec. 19

**Golden Mile Group** Dec. 19

**Danforth Group** Dec. 20

**Markland Wood Group (West)** - Season Greeting Meeting Dec. 20, Dinner 7 Meeting 8 pm

**Thursday East End Group (East)** - Candlelight Meeting Dec. 20

**Beverly Hills Group** Candlelight Mtg. Dec. 21, 8pm

**No Longer Alone Meeting (Central)** - Christmas Party and Potluck Fri. Dec. 21

**Restoration & Recovery Group** - Dec. 21

**Lansing Group (North)** - Christmas Party Dec. 22

**Church Street Group** Christmas Party Dec. 22

**Trillium Group (Queensway Hspl.)** 11 am Sunday Morning Service Mtg Dec. 23

**Milliken Group** Dec. 24

**Wexford Group (Northeast)** - Christmas Meeting Dec. 25

### GREATER TORONTO AREA INTERGROUP

#### MONTHLY BOARDROOM BOOKINGS FOR SUB-COMMITTEES

\*Subcommittees meet at the Intergroup Office (234 Eglinton Ave E, Suite 202)

#### CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES:

Every first Monday of the month at 7 pm

#### SELF-SUPPORT:

Every first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm

#### GRAPEVINE:

Every second Thursday of the month at 7 pm

#### ARCHIVES:

Every second Friday of the month at 7:00 pm

#### WEBSITE:

Every second Saturday of the month at 1 pm

#### COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC):

Every second Monday of the month at 7 pm

#### ACCESS ABILITY:

Every third Sunday of the month at 11 am

#### PHONE TRAINING SESSION:

Every third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Every third Monday of the month at 7:30 pm

#### TREATMENT FACILITIES:

Every third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm

INFORMATION AA DAY: Starting Sept. 2007,

Every last Monday at 7:30 pm

#### TWELFTH STEP:

Every last Friday of the month at 6:30 pm

#### FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE\*:

Second-last Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm

(\*non-committee members: attendance by appointment only)

#### OPERATING COMMITTEE\*:

Second-last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm

(\*non-committee members: attendance by appointment only)

#### Better Times NEWSLETTER:

Last Wednesday of the month before the Intergroup meeting, 7:30 pm

THE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING of GTA INTERGROUP is held on the last Tuesday of the month at 8 pm at the Glebe Road United Church - 20 Glebe Rd E, off Yonge St. (near Davisville subway)

Some meetings are cancelled or moved for the holidays. Please call 416-487-5591 for updated info.

## Evolution of Toronto Intergroup – Pt.2

“On February 1, 1987 a final move took place to 234 Eglinton Ave. East, fifth floor, where our facilities reside today. The 234 Eglinton Ave. East offices provide an Archives Room, a Meeting Room, space and telephones for service, a Literature Room and offices.

Through all these years our secretaries have changed only four times, Marg M. retired in 1973 after 25 years. Velma R. 1973-1978 resigned to take over as Secretary-Treasurer of Ontario General Service. Bern B. replaced Velma in 1978 and retired in March 1985. Bern's replacement would be a first: Carol Keenan, a non-alcoholic, was hired and she continues to perform admirably to this date.

Over the years, A.A. business has been conducted with occasional controversy. The Traditions are essential, change does not occur easily. Our Fellowship as a whole does not accept change, required or not, which has made it imperative to always refer to princi-

ples before personalities. As an example, when A.A. moved from 272 Eglinton to 234 Eglinton East, a security system at the new location required all A.A. members to sign in. This left many members feeling their anonymity was threatened. The procedure was changed to computerized check-in which requires pushing buttons on a key-pad to have the door unlocked. This solution left many unhappy; feeling no drunk in need of help could work the system.

The Central Committee was started in 1947. With the founders' encouragement, central committees - also called intergroups - began to appear and flourish locally, but it became evident to A.A. headquarters in New York that it was going to require more than local organizations as the A.A. fellowship flourished on a worldwide scale. In 1951, Bill Wilson, with the assistance of a non-alcoholic lawyer named Bernard Smith, who was a member of the Alcoholic Foundation, the forerunner of the current General Service Board, initiated the General Service Conference. It has become the forum for the annual A.A. business meeting for both the

## OVERHEARD AT A MEETING!



USA and Canada and usually occurs on or about the third week of April.

However, the General Service Conference/Meeting began in 1951, a few years after the creation of the Central Committee in Toronto in 1947. As a result, many members were inclined to consider the new process as upstart. Over the years this attitude has per-

sisted. A.A. being what it is with its diverse membership continues to generate these negative feelings. The members, because of anonymity and the joy of recovery, resist any change with a passion.”

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*Maire O'B, GTA AA, Archivist*

## November '07 Intergroup Report

**Chairperson's Opening Remarks – Arwen H.** (Primary Purpose). Outlined previous workshops; this time we will have the ad hoc subcommittee Chair, Lynn B., take those present through the P & G document. “I am happy to see the attendance keep growing at GTAI; thanks for being here.” Seventh Tradition Collected: \$176.25, after coffee expenses.

**FINANCE REPORT – Jackie D.** (Anniversary), **Finance Member** Jackie provided report. If you look at the Bar Graph, October 2007 income was \$24,097; expenses were \$14,623 with a difference of +\$9,474, as compared to the difference for 2006, which was +\$20,636. The reason for the \$11,000 difference is because we sent the gratitude envelopes out earlier, which resulted in a higher income for September, as shown by the Bar Graph. For the year to date, income is \$169,637; expenses are \$159,119, with a difference of +\$10,518, as compared to the difference for 2006, which was +\$4,710. So, we are still doing better now than we were in 2006 (likely due to the \$16,000 we received from the 2007 ORC).

Literature Sales are doing well, as are all overall donations (both are better than was budgeted).

Regarding the monies owed to your Intergroup for literature, medallions, chips, etc. by individual groups is gradually decreasing, and most of the monies owed is 30 days or less. Your Intergroup will be continuing with the policy that when you call the Literature Department to place an order, if your group owes money for a previous order, you will need to pay that outstanding bill before we'll fill a new order for you. We're happy to take Visa, MasterCard, cheque, or cash. We hope that this will continue to resolve the amount owed; otherwise, we'll need

to go to COD orders only. Intergroup pays up front to the General Service Office in New York for goods ordered.

**The Finance Subcommittee still desperately needs 2 more members, as two members are rotating out at the end of the year.** You don't need to be an accountant, but some business sense would be helpful. Five years of continuous sobriety is recommended for this service position. I've been on the subcommittee for almost two years, and I've found it to be very informative and rewarding. If you or someone you know is interested, please submit resumes to the Chair of the Operating Committee c/o the Intergroup Office at 234.

**MOTION to Suspend Regular Business to facilitate Workshop** moved by Alex H. (Welcome); seconded by Peter (Isabella Crosstown). MOTION CARRIED.

**WORKSHOP – Reviewing Procedures & Guidelines document – Lynn B., ad hoc Chairperson, assisted by Fran H (Kingsway), Website Chair and Arwen H.** (Primary Purpose) -this document is divided into two sections: Procedures & Guidelines. -Guidelines: rules of thumb to guide specific procedures -Core of Document: Operating Committee – been in existence since 1947; lots of changes since then, but OC has remained constant

**Questions from Floor members were entertained throughout the presentation.**

Section 1: **object of document:** “All of this is yours” - observes AA Tradition -name & purpose: Mandate -composition of GTAI -Operating Committee “Service Arm” of partnership; **Sections 2-5: representation of groups outlined (Group Reps)** -will of Intergroup Reps/discussion and interest b/w GTAI & groups -Reps as ‘Trusted Servants’ (12 Concepts/Right of Decision) -Intergroup Alt Reps position -Intergroup Reps provide names to Exec. Secretary for point of contact -privileges of Reps -privileges of Operating Committee members; **Section 6:**

**meetings of GTAI** -semi-annual meetings (This has changed as of Apr 2006– Motions to change Procedures can happen anytime except June July Dec) -Workshop Meetings (biannual) -Special Meetings (at Operating Committee's discretion) -Notice of Meetings as per Exec. Secretary -rules of order at meetings -Minutes of Meetings -yearly donations to Intergroup; **Section 7: the Operating Committee** -composition (9 voting members; 1 non-voting member, Treasurer) -qualifications of Operating Committee -office of Treasurer (Finance Committee Chair) -terms of office -Operating Chair as ‘Executive Officer’ -also 1st vice, 2nd vice, etc. -election process at semi-annual meetings -vacancies in Operating Committee; **Section 8: Meetings of OC** -schedule and Minutes -availability of Minutes to AA members -quorum for Operating Committee meetings; **Section 9: Subcommittee structure (diagram from ad hoc committee used)** -Intergroup offices across N. America average: 3 to 4; we have 18(!) -perceived ‘overlap’ of responsibilities b/w Intergroup and the districts -proposed ad hoc structure to facilitate discussion -Minutes of subcommittees; meetings of subcommittees -Subcommittee Chairs requirements and responsibilities -terms of office for subcommittees; also review of Chair positions -Operating Committee members as liaisons to subcommittees -mandates/functions of subcommittees -Finance subcommittee responsibilities & composition; **Section 10: Employees** -employer/employee relations -Exec. Secretary responsibilities; **Section 11: Amendments to Procedures** -procedures to amend Procedures -making Motions -procedures for Referendum -Notice of Motion procedures

### Closing Remarks

-Winter Season Open House Event reminder; “thanks for coming out!”