

# GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024

(Hybrid Meeting)

(These Minutes Unapproved by Floor Members)

The meeting convened at 8:00 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read by Mitch G. (River Drive Park Group).

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

### INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES:

Back to Basics, Beaches, Brampton Recovery, Danforth, Fellowship of the Spirit, Friendly, Gladstone, High Park, Hill, Last Chance, Long Branch, Meadowvale Fellowship, Midtown, Mississauga, Morning Discussion, New Anchor, Newmarket, North Toronto, One Paragraph at a Time, Prince Edward, Principles Before Personalities, Queensville, River Drive Park, Rox Glen Traditional, Royal York, Six Points, St. Clements, Stepping Stones, Steps to Serenity, Streetsville St. Andrews, and Welcome.

**DISTRICT LIAISONS:** Districts 14, 18, and 22.

**OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Bruce L. (Finance Chair), David G., Eric S., Jomana A. (OC Chair), Kelly L. (OC Secretary), Kelli T. (OC Vice-Chair), Lijon G, and Sean L.

**SUBCOMMITTEES REPRESENTED:** ARCHIVES, COMMUNICATIONS, CPC/PI, FINANCE, GRAPEVINE, IT SUBCOMMITTEE, ORC 2024, AND TREATMENT.

**HOUSEKEEPING:** Jomana outlined the following: recording of the meeting.

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2024

**ERRORS/OMISSIONS:** No errors/omissions were forthcoming.

**Motion to adopt Minutes as presented** moved by Dee G. (Steps to Serenity) and seconded by Jeannine C. (Newmarket). Motion carried.

## CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS – Jomana A. (Stepping Stones), Operating Committee Chair [oc.chair@aatoronto.org](mailto:oc.chair@aatoronto.org)

- Our Office Manager, Shareena, is expecting. She is anticipated to take 52 weeks (12 months) of maternity leave, beginning the end of September 2024. She will be coming back to us roughly in September 2025. The Operating Committee has started the process of hiring a 1-year temporary replacement worker. We are hoping to find a 'good fit' candidate who will be able to manage Shareena's ongoing tasks and commitments
- Laura S. (Aurora Group) has been appointed as ORC 2026 Event Chairperson. Laura was appointed by the ORC Advisory Committee
- Zobie G. (Bloordale Group) has been appointed as Winter Season Open House 2024 Event Chairperson
- **GTA Intergroup Annual Workshop:** this will be held at the **next monthly General Meeting on Tues. April 30.** Kelli T. (Hill Group) will be presenting Floor members. The aim is to demystify the local A.A. Service Structure, and the roles and responsibilities of the Intergroup Representative. The Workshop is open to all members and everyone interested in service is welcome to attend. No Subcommittee Reports or Regular Business will be entertained. Subcommittee Chairs, however, are highly encouraged to still send in their monthly reports: [admin@aatoronto.org](mailto:admin@aatoronto.org)

At this point in the meeting, Jomana asked **Operating Committee Members to introduce themselves to the Floor.**

## Motion to Suspend Regular Business – Elections for new Operating Committee Members

Motion moved by Mike S. (Beaches) and seconded by Carolyn O. (Last Chance). Motion carried.

Jomana outlined the qualifications and service commitments for this position, and asked if any there were any nominations/volunteers from Floor members. No new Operating Committee member stepped forward for the position at this time.

**An election for 1 more OC member will be held at the April General Meeting. Please announce to your groups members!**

### COLLECTION OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> TRADITION:

- As per our literature and the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, we are self-supporting through our own contributions.
- In-person Collection: A 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket was passed; \$54.75 was collected.
- For Virtual attendees: The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition link is as follows: <https://www.aatoronto.org/about/7th-tradition/>

## FINANCE REPORT – Bruce L. (Back to Basics), Finance Chairperson

	February 2024 (1 month)						
	Actual 2024	Budget 2024	Variance	%	Actual 2023	Variance	%
Contributions	7,610	8,608	(998)	(12%)	9,644	(2,034)	(21%)
Literature Sales	10,917	11,320	(403)	(4%)	9,603	1,314	14%
= Total Revenues	18,527	19,928	(1,401)	(7%)	19,247	(720)	(4%)
- Cost of Sales	7,807	9,198	(1,391)	(15%)	5,645	2,162	38%
- Expenses	14,573	16,688	(2,115)	(13%)	14,363	210	1%
= Surplus / (Deficiency)	(3,853)	(5,958)	2,105		(761)	(3,092)	

Both contributions and literature sales are below budget for February resulting in total revenue being \$1,400 or 7% lower than expected, however revenue year to date is within 1% of the budget. Note that Literature Sales include 5% discount.

Cost of sales and expenses are also below budget for February, year to date cost of sales is on budget and expenses are 18% below budget. Committee expenses for ORC are not reflected in this chart and will show in next month's report.

Overall, the deficit is \$2,100 less than budgeted.

The Prudent Reserve is \$315k at the end of February and total discounts on literature is \$5,600 year to date. The goal for the end of 2024 is a prudent reserve of \$285k or less and we are on target to meet that.

**Previously, Bruce was asked by several subcommittees what their yearly budgets were, so he included this chart in his report:**



	Budget 2023	Budget 2024
<b>Committee Expenses</b>		
Archives	2,000	2,000
Accessibilities	600	1,000
Corrections	600	1,000
Cooperation Prof. Community	1,800	2,000
Operating	2,000	3,000
Public Information	500	2,000
Treatment	1,000	1,000
Twelfth Step	1,000	1,000
Winter Season Open House	2,500	2,500
Communications/Better Times	3,000	3,000
Info AA Day	1,500	1,500
Workshops	1,000	2,500
Grapevine	800	1,000
<b>Total Committee Expense</b>	<b>18,300</b>	<b>23,500</b>

Bruce can be reached at [financechair@aatoronto.org](mailto:financechair@aatoronto.org)

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

**ARCHIVES:** Glenn G. (East York), Chairperson

Hi Friends, I am an alcoholic, a member of the East York Group, having the honour, privilege and responsibility to serve as the Chair of the GTAI Archives Committee. My name is Glenn.

Tonight, I start with a cautionary tale. A motion was made a couple of months ago at my home group's business meeting (we call them responsibility meetings) to destroy old meeting minutes for the group. Fortunately, I was able to suggest that the group donate their meeting minutes to the GTAI Archives instead. I would appreciate all members to advise their home groups to do the same. There are many advantages to archiving group minutes: historical record, connection with history of the group, identifying similar situations that may arise and seeing how that situation was handled in the past. Tradition Four states that every group ought to be autonomous. Every group has the right to be wrong and hopefully learn from their mistakes. The General Service Office (GSO) Archives desk receives many inquiries from groups requesting solutions to situations that arise. The response is generally that GSO does not offer advice but "our experience in similar situations has shown". So, please keep sending your business meeting minutes to the Archives.

The Archives committee attended at The Ontario Regional Conference (ORC) being held March 15<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Sheraton hotel, located across the street from Toronto City Hall. Several

attendees visited us there to: view the extensive display, meet our Archivist Eddy G., Assistant Archivist David T., and our other committee members. There was much 'ooing' and 'awwing'. We sold many copies of the recently published book 80 Years of AA in Ontario.

The Area 83 Eastern Ontario International Assembly takes place at St. Lawrence College, in Kingston, Ontario April 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>. GTAI Archives will be represented with both display and attendance at the Area 83 Archives Committee meeting. Along with many other committee presentations, there is an Archives panel presentation as part of the Service Day program. Please either visit the Area 83 website or ask your Group Service Representative for details on both the events and how to attend.

Our GTAI committee and display, through invitation, will attend The East Toronto Archives Breakfast (ETAB) being held on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Qssis banquet hall, corner of Kingston and Markham Roads. Joyce S., currently serving as a Class B Trustee for the General Service Office (GSO), will be sharing her story whilst intertwining it with AA historical experience. Tickets are \$35. Please see me after tonight's meeting to purchase same.

On Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, some Archives Committee Members will be traveling to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Hamilton Archives breakfast with both display and books for sale. Please ask to join us. Information AA Day is happening on May 25<sup>th</sup> at Bloordale United Church. Tickets are \$10 and include both lunch and more AA Service information and opportunities than you can shake a stick at. We don't want to miss hearing from both our Area 83 Delegate and the General Service Office designate (psst, they're being flown in at the Information AA Day Committee's expense from New York). Yes, The GTAI Archives committee will also be there with both display and brief presentation.

The Eastern Canada Regional Forum will be held at Delta Hotels in Ottawa, Ontario August 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. A microcosm snapshot of the General Service Office will appear, as if teleported, to update attendees on world service initiatives and current details regarding all elements of committee work. Ask me for my input any time after this meeting.

I had the privilege to do an oral history with a long-time member last month. He has celebrated more than 45 years of sobriety. In a three-hour interview we captured his story and how AA was like. We will need a second session to capture extensive group history connections. We are still encouraging groups to both identify and schedule oral histories with long timers facilitated by both group members (suggesting around a year of sobriety) and a guiding member of our committee. Please contact us to get started. Thank you all for being here! Yours in loving service, Glenn G. [archives@aatoronto.org](mailto:archives@aatoronto.org)

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Ted D. (Rox Glen Traditional), Chairperson – **verbal report**

**Highlights Include:**

- Work has been accomplished on the creation of the Literature page on the site; this includes office hours, contact information, and the literature price list (downloadable PDF that can be saved to your computer, clickable/fillable and can be emailed directly to [litdept@aatoronto.org](mailto:litdept@aatoronto.org) )
- Work continues on the realization of the HelpChat feature on the site; one of the challenges is finding IT volunteers with the know-how to operate (be in the background) for this feature
- Better Times continues to publish excellent content; the May Better Times edition is available for members at tonight's meeting and online

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**INFORMATION AA DAY 2024:** Kelli T. (Hill), Operating Committee Vice-Chair:

Good evening. Please report back to your home groups that on Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>, Info AA Day will be held at Bloordale United church. This is the 45<sup>th</sup> annual GTA Info AA day, and it is a tradition that is not to

be missed. The theme this year is "Our Great Responsibility", reflecting the importance of service work that is the vital third legacy of this lifesaving program of recovery.

Our Area Delegate, James O, will have returned from New York and will be giving his report on the General Service Conference. There will also be a speaker coming from the GSO in New York to share their service journey and give us a snapshot of what happens day to day at the Central Office.

Tickets will be distributed to DCM's at the Area assembly in the first week of April and will be coming to your GSR shortly after that. To cover our costs tickets will be 10 dollars and this does include lunch.

Intergroup and Districts come together every year to put on this service day for all of our members across the GTA so please come join us and find out about the vital life of AA beyond the home group.

Gather up your sponsees, your sponsors, your grand sponsors, your service sponsors and any newcomers that may be milling around and take an AA road trip to Bloordale United Church on Saturday May 25th from 9 am to 3 pm.

We have had two members from this Intergroup meeting volunteer to act as greeters at the door on the morning of the event. Thank you for your support! If anyone else is interested in volunteering or has any questions please contact Julie at [infoaday@aatoronto.org](mailto:infoaday@aatoronto.org).

**I.T. SUBCOMMITTEE:** David T. (St. Clements), interim Chairperson

1. Meeting opened by Chair with a moment of silence and 12 Traditions
2. In Attendance: David T. Brad K, Bart B
3. Meeting discussed problem of Google Workspace for committees
4. Bart will investigate issues for next meeting
5. Meeting closed at 7:30 PM. With Responsibility Declaration [it.chair@aatoronto.org](mailto:it.chair@aatoronto.org)

**ONTARIO REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2024:** Lisa W. (Port Credit), 2024 Event Chairperson  
**Verbal Report – Highlights Include:**

- Our registration numbers were around 2800 attendees
- We are currently working on reconciling the numbers and putting in our final financial reports
- A final report will be ready for Floor members hopefully in May/June
- Any questions at this time please email Lisa at [2024orcchair@gmail.com](mailto:2024orcchair@gmail.com)

**TWELFTH STEP:** Laura V. (Mount Royal-York), Chairperson

As some of you know, I've been pretty much a lame duck chairperson for a few months due to medical reasons, but I haven't had to worry because my teammates have performed spectacularly in my absence. However, I'm so thankful that I'm able to be here tonight because I have so wanted to sing their praises for a job well done, specifically their presence at the ORC. Alexx could you please screen share the pictures here? This is the crew that manned the "Phones Booth" at the conference, as you can see, a perfect blend of seniors and kids as we call ourselves. They went to that conference with a strong intention to sign up as many phone greeters as possible, and I believe they exceeded all expectations.



Lise, our Greeter Coordinator, had set a target of 25 recruits, and I think it's safe to say they blew by that number. We don't have a final tally yet because applications are still flying in and it's only been a week, but there are conference applicants who have already been trained and put on the schedule.

Once all that work has been completed, we will be turning our attention to reorganizing the shifts to make the overnights less daunting by reducing the shift from 12 to 8 hours in duration. Next month's report will delve into this process in more detail.

As always, thank you for entrusting me with this most important committee work. I'm happy to say 'I do it for fun and for free', to quote Chuck C. Yours in Love and Service, Laura V. [12step.chair@aatoronto.org](mailto:12step.chair@aatoronto.org)

**WINTER SEASON OPEN HOUSE 2024:** No report. The committee commences meeting activities in autumn.

**WINTER SEASON VIRTUAL ALKATHON 2024:** No report. The committee commences meeting activities in autumn.

## **DISTRICT REPORTS**

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**ACCESSIBILITIES:** No Report.

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES:** David G. (Friendly), Operating Committee Liaison - **verbal report**  
**Highlights include:**

- Corrections Chair is David P. of the Unionville Group; David G. read his report. David aims to be in person next month
- All activities are going well
- Thanks to all Corrections volunteers who make this happen!
- David P. was at the ORC this year, and manned the Corrections booth at the event; a few new volunteers were obtained to help carry the message to those 'inside the walls'

[corrections@aatoronto.org](mailto:corrections@aatoronto.org)

**CPC/PI:** Dorothy A. (Credit Valley), Chairperson – **verbal report**

**Highlights include:**

- Committee members have grown to 5 in number! They are very committed members in CPC work
- A request was received from U of T; they would like a doctor (possible Dr. Mooney; one of our GSO Trustees) to speak at Oakville hospital
- D22 Chair will be endeavouring to do a library presentation for the City of Toronto
- D06 will be hosting a Peel Police Services Day (June 23 in Mississauga)

[cpc@aatoronto.org](mailto:cpc@aatoronto.org)

**GRAPEVINE:** Imran R. (Port Credit), D06 Grapevine Chair

- Meeting held on Mar 24<sup>th</sup>
- Attended by D06, D14, D02
- The Grapevine sub-committee setup the GV display at the ORC
- Currently preparing for the Area Assembly
- Would like to compile a list of all the groups with GV reps
  - if your group has a GV rep please let us know so that they can be supported
- For groups without GV reps, please encourage them to have a GV position, lots of support available now
  - Prefect for new members early in sobriety who want to get involved in service work
  - No need for the 1yr/2yr sobriety requirement
- The Grapevine sub-committee would like to participate in any upcoming events hosted by any of the other sub-committees, please let us know
  - Upcoming setup at the Archives breakfast
- If you have an upcoming medallion or anniversary in your group, please let us know, we would be delighted to attend and setup the Grapevine display for the event
- Next meeting of the sub-committee is Apr 22. Yours in Service, Imran R-GV District 06

[grapevine@aatoronto.org](mailto:grapevine@aatoronto.org)

**SELF SUPPORT:** No report.

**TREATMENT:** Brendan O. (Fellowship of the Spirit), Chairperson

## **Past Minutes**

Discussed purpose and direction of the Intergroup Treatment Committee in helping the District Treatment Committees.

Decided to participate as a committee at the Ontario Regional Conference March 15-17

Decided to participate as a committee at Information AA day May 25th

Agreed to meet monthly on the third Sunday at 4pm each month but break for July & August

**D02 Report:** No report.

## **D06 Report:**

**Jean Tweed:** new contact is not responding and not sure how to proceed, trying to find another contact through AA channels. District 06 and 18 will work together try to solidify the situation.

**Cawthra Shelter** meetings being put on GSR are stepping up to support the meeting.

**D10 Report:** Welcome to Curtis the new Treatment Chair for District 10 just getting up to speed on the position and will reach out to District 12 to work together.

## **D12 Report:**

**Women's Homestead** Wed Noon Third Thursday of the Month 7pm women only

**CAMH** new meetings started Sunday and Tuesday Night 7:30 open to all members to attend. Need to work with individual locations to get them on board.

**St Joe's Withdrawal Management** got a new contact to follow up with.

Dannah to join the D12 Treatment committee and will be working on introduction letters and emails etc. to be used by all the districts if they wish.

Discussed D12 working with D10 to help cover the many potential meetings, to discuss further.

District 10 and 12 will discuss working together to cover the Treatment meetings in both districts.

## **D14 Report:**

Met with Blue Door; there are multiple entities within the organization that Charlie will be meeting with the other locations.

Will attend the district meeting tomorrow and will pass the sign-up sheet and hope to have it fully booked.

Will be meeting with District Literature Rep about getting more literature.

**D16** Spanish: Does not attend or send reports.

## **D18 Report:**

**Michael Garron Withdrawal Management** running smoothly and going through a lot of books.

**Edward Village Hotel Shelter** is not running smoothly and attendance has not been good. Treatment to follow up with the management.

**Jean Tweed** is once a month but we have had trouble coordinating with the staff to have things run smoothly.

More groups getting involved and looking to attend more service meetings.

**D22 Treatment Committee Report** (March 10, 2024): The D22 Treatment Committee held its most recent meeting March 3, hybrid. One member has stepped down (Matt S) and another new member has joined (Tawn/Keep It Simple). The Committee members remaining are: Peter H (Fellowship), Bert J (DCM/Silverbirch), Lynn E (Fifth Tradition), Bob A, Jason L (Alt Chair) and myself (Chair/Anniversary Group). New Committee members or observers are welcome at any time! Our next Committee meeting (hybrid) has been scheduled for **May 5, 9:30 am ID 853 9263 4979; passcode 808085**. Contact the Chair to confirm your attendance and/or to get other details, especially if you plan to come in person.

**Two service meeting sites** continue. The **City of Toronto Shelter (705 Progress Ave (at Bellamy, Building F, Mondays, 7 pm)** and the **Homes First/City of Toronto Shelter (c/o the Delta Hotel, 401/Kennedy, Thursdays, 6 pm)**. Thanks to Fifth Tradition and Fellowship groups for their month of service! It's been wonderful to have the Progress meetings supported by various community AA-ers (as this site is open to anyone from the community, while the Delta site has restricted access). Going forward, we welcome your home groups' month service commitments at either site: Progress (July onwards) or Delta (June onwards).

**Literature orders** for this service period were deferred, as per the financial picture shared at the last District meeting.

There have been no **Bridging the Gap** requests for this service period. (I think this speaks to the need for us to do a 'refresher' presentation to both service meeting sites (about AA, Service meetings, resources, etc.), but thus far, they have been unable to accept our repeated invitations.) Regardless, if you are interested in being on the **Bridging the Gap list** for District 22, please contact the Chair at your earliest convenience. Scan the QR code below to learn more about this part of AA and 12<sup>th</sup> step service opportunities.

Additional **outreach tasks** related to this Committee included a visit to Place of Hope to offer collaborative support to those running this "independent" service meeting in the community. (By "independent", I mean that this meeting does not fall under Treatment Committee service work at this time.

If you know of any other **potential facilities/service locations** for reaching out to groups of still suffering alcoholics that are within District 22's boundaries, please let any member of the Committee know.

Finally, I am planning to attend the upcoming **Pre Conference Agenda Sharing Session (Treatment Accessibilities)** April 6 (11:30-12:50 am, ID 656 469 0474; passcode 714314). For anyone wishing to join this session, the full background summary is here: [https://area83aa.org/docs/assembly/2024/spring/summaries/SEC\\_DOC\\_BKG\\_PCAS\\_Trtr\\_Acc\\_2024\\_0301\\_v2.pdf](https://area83aa.org/docs/assembly/2024/spring/summaries/SEC_DOC_BKG_PCAS_Trtr_Acc_2024_0301_v2.pdf)

As always, I welcome any questions or comments about this report and can be reached at the contact info below.

**Area 83 Report:** No report.

### **GTAI Treatment Chair Report**

The ORC went very well and we got 27 volunteers to step up to help at the local Treatment committee level although half were outside the GTA but I will forward those to Area 83 and 86 accordingly.

### **Old Business**

- Dannah from District 12 is working on materials to approach the various facilities as far as letters, emails and scripts for phone calls and presentations, and she has gone through the Treatment Workbook and begun to pull them together and we will review them shortly and they will be put on a google drive. Bridging the Gap is another major effort to follow up on them.
- Meeting Target List and what to do with it. Identify every possible treatment target for current and future use and try to provide information on current and past efforts.
- Treatment Booth at the ORC 2024 ORC (March 15-17) Sheraton
- Information AA Day May 25th 2024: Treatment Presentation 10-10:15 room B. We voted that we would participate and Walter from District 12 would take the lead being supported by the rest of the committee. We can defer working out the Details

**New Business:** Our **next GTAI Treatment meeting** will be moved to Sunday Apr 21, 2024 [treatment@aatoronto.org](mailto:treatment@aatoronto.org)

**AREA 83 REPORT:** The following report was submitted by Area 83 Alt. Delegate, who could not be present for the latter part of this meeting/was present earlier:

### **Area 83, General Service-related Items: Report for March 26, 2024 GTA Intergroup meeting**

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Exciting opportunity (free of charge)!! The 2024 Eastern Canada Regional Forum will be hosted by Area 83, IN OTTAWA!! On **August 23-25, 2024** in the Delta Hotels by Marriott; this will be an In-Person Event. See flyer below and I welcome you to post it in your meeting space please.
- Forums are weekend-long sharing and informational sessions that provide unique opportunities to share and exchange valuable experience, ask questions and spark new ideas. They are also intended to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, and AA Grapevine, and G.S.O. and Grapevine



staff members stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers throughout the A.A. service structure. Regional Forums carry A.A.'s message of love and service by improving communication at all levels of our Fellowship.

- **GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE** is taking place on 14-20 April. There are a few activities around this big monthly meeting that all members of Area 83 can take part.
1. **The Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing session-** will take place on **April 6, 2024** of the Assembly weekend. We will discuss Agenda items for the 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. The full list of Agenda items with background are available on Area 83's website. [Area 83 Alcoholics Anonymous - PCAS 74 \(area83aa.org\)](http://Area 83 Alcoholics Anonymous - PCAS 74 (area83aa.org))

**2024 Pre-Conference Agenda Sharing**  
All members of Area 83 are welcome and invited to participate in this hybrid event.

8:45 – 9:00 am	Room 1	Opening
9:00 – 9:50 am	Room 1	Delegate's Plenary
10:00 – 11:20 am	Room 1	Literature Part 1
	Room 2	Finance
11:30 – 12:50 pm	Room 1	Literature Part 2
	Room 2	Treatment Accessibilities
12:50 – 1:40 pm	LUNCH	
1:40 – 3:00 pm	Room 1	Public Information
	Room 2	Archives / Agenda / Trustees / International Conventions / Regional Forums / Policy & Admissions / Report & Charter
3:10 – 4:30 pm	Room 1	Corrections Grapevine
	Room 2	Cooperation with the Professional Community
6:30 PM	Room 1	BANQUET DINNER Followed by Open Speaker Meeting




Room 1	Meeting ID: 830 1611 8550 Passcode: 838383
Room 2	Meeting ID: 656 469 0474 Passcode: 714314

Click on the logo for more information



**Anyone can attend, see the schedule above.** Please talk about these items with members at your group. The PCAS sessions are where we can participate in the discussion and hear varied opinions of Area 83. These discussions are very helpful to the delegate in his deliberations at the Conference. FYI: Our delegate is sitting on the Literature Committee and Archives Committee.


2. **The GSR Workshops** that meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 8 pm. Upcoming topics will include:
  - **April 16, 2024-Eastern Canada Regional Forum**
    - **What are they?**
    - **Why should we go?**
    - **How do we get there?**
  - **May 21, 2024 -Attending Delegate Report back after the 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference**
    - **What to share with your group**

***These sessions are open to anyone interested in General Service.***

3. Make sure you are booked to catch the **Delegate's report back**. He will be making several presentations, and one of those will be at the GTA AA Info Day on 25 May 2024!!

4. If anyone knows about online or in-person meetings available in other languages, I would be grateful to hear about them. It would be good to create a list of these meeting in other languages for our friends who would be more comfortable receiving the program in a language other than English. Please let me know ([Alt.delegate@area83aa.org](mailto:Alt.delegate@area83aa.org))

**Flyer for a Chinese online meeting** (link to flyer is [here](#)):

<p>Bridge to Hope AA Meeting 希望之橋嗜酒者互誠協會</p> <p>Wednesdays and Saturdays: 8pm Pacific Daylight Time (March to November) <b>11 pm EST</b> 7pm Pacific Standard Time (November to March) <b>10 pm EST</b> Zoom ID: 289 612 772</p>	
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**Eastern Canada Regional Forum**

August 23-25, 2024  
Delta Hotels by Marriott  
Ottawa, Ontario

Please join us for a weekend full of AA information and fellowship with Trusted Servants and GSO Staff!

Interested in Volunteering? Please email [ecrf2024@area83aa.org](mailto:ecrf2024@area83aa.org)

More information available on the Area 83 website at the QR code above or at <https://www.aa.org/regional-and-local-forums>

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion of the following Motion, presented at the February General Meeting:

**Motion to have the GTAI Operating Committee request an audience with the Executive of Y.S.S.N.** [Your Support Services Network] **and ask – not demand – that this group of people take this thing** [listing] **down** moved by Bryan W. (Rox Glen Traditional) and seconded by Richard M. (Pine Hills).

Jomana gave a synopsis for the reasoning behind this Motion (see Minutes from February 2024). The website in question was screen-shared to members; a discussion ensued.

Steve C., (Rox Glen Traditional), Group Rep, stated that “We’re not saying that it’s a really bad thing; this Y.S.S.N. is a service based out of Aurora that seems to be a service to help people in crisis; it looks like they charge for different services which is fine, too. We think what they’ve decided to do is tag Alcoholics Anonymous and Intergroup on their website. It’s a good thing as a resource...but is it?”

Steve then read out a clarifying statement from Bryan W. (Rox Glen Tradition/Alternate Rep, who brought the Motion to the Floor) who is basing his statement on Tradition Six. Bryan stated: “All of us A.A. members have an understanding of what A.A. is and what it’s not... a new person or a partner or a friend would be confused or misled by this, and think A.A. is associated with all these other causes. Sometimes we have to make sacrifices for the greater good.” Steve also opined that “It’s not really outrageous what he is asking. Perhaps the OC could approach this organization and ask them to take down this link, and it won’t affect their website whatsoever.”

Kelli T. (Hill Group), OC Vice-Chair, stated: "As far as this thing goes, personally I don't think we have any particular 'say' in what people 'point' to us....when I type in 'aatoronto' I get Y.S.S.N. as the second listing. I get American Airlines before I get Toronto Intergroup (!). So, I think we have a duty to work harder on getting our own presentation raised; not so much other people pointing us out. Thanks."

After Jomana recapped the Motion, **a vote was taken.**

<b>In Person Vote Results:</b>	In favour: 2	Against: 3	Abstaining: 1	<b>MOTION FAILS.</b>
<b>Online Vote Results:</b>	In favour: 3	Against: 8	Abstaining: 4	

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FULFILL THE SERVICE SIDE OF YOUR RECOVERY TRIANGLE:**



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**NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business was discussed.

Anastasia W. (Fellowship Group) requested Reps/members to check their home group meeting listings online [www.aatoronto.org](http://www.aatoronto.org) for accuracy, as this information is also used for the Meeting Guide App (GSO).

**CHAIRPERSON'S CLOSING REMARKS:**

- **Reception Report:** (Chairperson provides a count of how many members were in the meeting: Zoom and in-person.)
  - ONLINE:** 17 Reps, 4 Alternate Reps, 1 OC member, 3 District Liaisons, 4 Subcommittee Chairs, and 2 Visitors. Total online attendance: **31.**
  - IN PERSON:** 8 Reps, 2 Alternate Reps, 4 Subcommittee Chairs, 7 OC members, and 1 Visitor. Total in person attendance: **22. TOTAL HYBRID ATTENDANCE: 53.**
- "On behalf of the Intergroup Operating Committee, thank you all for Attending and continuing to be interested in serving a fellowship that has given us our lives back."
- "If you are able and willing, please help clean up and tear down the meeting. Please stack chairs eight high and put them away at the back of the room using a dolly."

**Motion** to adjourn moved by Alex H. (Danforth Group) and seconded by Michael S. (Prince Edward Group). Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Declaration.

**Next GTAI Monthly General Meeting:** (held on the last Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m.)

A hybrid meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 30, 2024** at 8 p.m. **THIS IS THE ANNUAL WORKSHOP MEETING;** no new business will be conducted at this meeting.