

GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023 (online 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 John C. (Fellowship of the Spirit).

MEMBERS PRESENT:

INTERGROUP REP/ALT: AA Solution Seekers, Anniversary, Aurora, Back to Basics, Beaches, Birds of a Feather, Bloordale, Credit Valley, Dry on Danforth, Erin Mills, Fellowship of the Spirit, Fellowship, Hill, Keep It Simple, King City, Kipling, Lakeshore, Leslie, Long Branch, Love & Tolerance, Markham Third Tradition, Markham Village, Meadowvale, Midtown, Mississauga, New Anchor, Noon Rap, Primary Purpose, Prince Edward, Rox Glen Traditional, Royal York, Silverbirch, Sisters in Sobriety, Six Points, St. Clements, Steps to Serenity, Streetsville Action, The Dogs, Tuesday Men's Solution, Twelve Steps, Welcome, Westmoreland, and Willowdale-Shepherd.

DISTRICT LIAISONS: Districts 02, 14 and 22.

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Eric S., Graham D. (OC Vice-Chair), Jomana A., Julie G., Kelli T., and Marvyn W. (OC Chair).

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS: Archives, Communications, Information AA Day, ORC, CPC/PI, Treatment, Twelfth Step, Winter Season Open House, and Winter Season Virtual Alkathon.

HOUSEKEEPING: Marvyn outlined the following: recording of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 2023

ERRORS/OMISSIONS: No errors/omissions noted.

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented moved by Christian H. (Tuesday Men's Solution) and seconded by Dee G. (Steps to Serenity). The Motion was carried.

CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS - Marvyn W. (Mississauga), Operating Committee Chair

Marvyn shared the following:

- November has been a busy month! A lot of initiatives have been accomplished;
- For the last two years, our Twelfth Step Committee has done a fantastic job!
- While the Twelfth Step Committee's commitment and dedication have served the still-suffering alcoholic and the general membership well (especially through the pandemic!), there is a concern about 12 Step Calls and the fact that these have dramatically diminished (only 75 12 Step Calls were achieved this year). We are looking at creative ways to implement 12 Step Calls to increase outreach numbers.

Marvyn then asked that Jomana A. (Stepping Stones), 2024 Incoming GTAI Operating Committee Chair, to inform Floor members of the following: **As of January 30, 2024, we are pleased to announce that the monthly GTAI General Meeting will commence the in-person/hybrid meeting model!** For those who want to attend in person, the meeting will be held at Timothy Eaton Church (St. Clair Avenue West at Dunvegan) upstairs. For those who wish to attend the monthly General Meeting virtually, they can do so. The Pre-Registration announcement for Zoom will still occur via email, with the Zoom ID and Passcode remaining in place.

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

Motion to Suspend Regular Business – Elections for a new Operating Committee Member

MOTION to Suspend Regular Business to Facilitate Elections moved by Ted D. (Rox Glen Traditional) and seconded by John C. (Fellowship of the Spirit). Motion was carried.

Election for a new Operating Committee Member (1): Marvyn outlined the qualifications and service commitments for this position, and asked if any there were any nominations/volunteers from Floor members. No nominations were forthcoming. **Three (3) OC Members needed to start in January 2024! An election will be held at December's General Meeting. Please announce to your groups members! (Please see flyer in these Minutes; Appendix I)**

COLLECTION OF THE 7TH TRADITION:

- As per our literature and the 7th Tradition, we are self-supporting through our own contributions.
- The 7th Tradition link is as follows: <https://www.aatoronto.org/about/7th-tradition/>

FINANCE REPORT – Bruce L. (Back to Basics), Finance Committee Member

| | October 2023 (1 month) | | | | | | | October 2023 Year-to-Date (10 months) | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|-------------|----------|-----|-------------|----------|-----|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------|-----|-------------|-------------|----------|-----|
| | Actual 2023 | Budget 2023 | Variance | % | Actual 2022 | Variance | % | Actual 2023 | Budget 2023 | Variance | % | Actual 2023 | Actual 2022 | Variance | % |
| Contributions | 38,073 | 25,833 | 12,240 | 47% | 38,028 | 45 | 0% | 124,801 | 103,329 | 21,472 | 21% | 124,801 | 121,208 | 3,593 | 3% |
| Literature Sales | 15,987 | 10,000 | 5,987 | 60% | 10,661 | 5,326 | 50% | 149,582 | 100,000 | 49,582 | 50% | 149,582 | 104,542 | 45,040 | 43% |
| = Total Revenues | 54,060 | 35,833 | 18,227 | 51% | 48,689 | 5,371 | 11% | 274,383 | 203,329 | 71,054 | 35% | 274,383 | 225,750 | 48,633 | 22% |
| - Cost of Sales | 7,587 | 6,500 | 1,087 | 17% | 6,483 | 1,104 | 17% | 96,580 | 65,000 | 31,580 | 49% | 96,580 | 63,935 | 32,645 | 51% |
| - Expenses | 18,163 | 16,794 | 1,369 | 8% | 17,207 | 956 | 6% | 183,313 | 160,736 | 22,577 | 14% | 183,313 | 139,071 | 44,242 | 32% |
| = Surplus / (Deficiency) | 28,310 | 12,539 | 15,771 | | 24,999 | 3,311 | | (5,510) | (22,407) | 16,897 | | (5,510) | 22,744 | (28,254) | |
| Prudent Reserve Account Market Value at October 31, 2023 = \$304 K. 2023 Prudent Reserve Target = \$268 K. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

October 2023

- \$38.1 K in contributions received was a strong first month for the annual Gratitude Campaign and matched the October 2022 amount
- Literature sales of \$16.0 K were \$6 K greater than budget and 50% greater than October 2022
- Expenses of \$18.2 K were \$1.3 K above budget, we had committee expenses totaling \$2.2 K for CPC/PI and Grapevine initiatives

October 2023 Year to Date

- Thank you to all the groups and members who have been generous in supporting Intergroup this year and if you haven't had time please consider contributing online, by e-Transfer or cheque (see How to Contribute to GTA Intergroup section below)
- \$124.8 K in contributions includes the first month of our annual Gratitude Campaign and the full year contributions budget is \$155 K
- Literature sales of \$149.6 K were above budget by \$50.0 K and were 43% above October 2022 YTD sales
- Expenses of \$183.3 K included \$34.8 K unbudgeted HR related costs
- Excluding the unbudgeted items, committee expenses were under budget \$6.9 K, operating expenses under budget \$8.0 K and staff expenses over budget \$2.7 K
- Deficit of \$5.5 K was \$16.9 K favorable to budget

How to Make Contributions to GTA Intergroup:

- Online where you can use your credit card or PayPal account to make one time or monthly contributions at [7th Tradition Donation | GTA Intergroup \(aatoronto.org\)](#) or <https://www.aatoronto.org/donations/7th-tradition/>
- Interac e-Transfer to contributions@aatoronto.org
- Mail a cheque or money order payable to "Toronto Intergroup" 202-234 EGLINTON AVENUE EAST TORONTO ON M4P 1K5
- Monthly pre-authorized bank debit by contacting the Intergroup office at litdept@aatoronto.org

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES: Glenn G. (East York), Chairperson

I am an alcoholic, a member of the East York group, having the honour, privilege and responsibility to serve as the GTAI Archives Committee Chair; my name is Glenn.

Work, this year, at the Archives Committee has been busy, informative and entertaining. Here's an update since my last report. Both Eddy G., GTAI Archivist and David T., assistant Archivist have been attending group and long timer medallions with the GTAI Archives display. They have recorded the meetings in most instances as well. Additionally, they have been busy in the Archives repository in the Intergroup offices; sorting through donations, documents and artifacts. They also sanitize meeting minutes by removing last names and update our database. They are a couple of workhorses and the committee is grateful for their activity, knowledge and enthusiasm! Our District Archives committee chairs, along with other GTAI Archives committee members, have also been actively gathering both oral and group histories. The Area 83 Eastern Ontario International Archives committee chair, Jenny C., has interviewed two former Area 83 Delegates!

In October, the Area 83 Service Information Day committee, as part of the Area 83 Eastern Ontario International Assembly weekend held in Kingston Ontario, invited Eddy and David to present the history of Area 83 as one of the sessions. Their presentation was both thorough and entertaining. I was also asked to participate in a panel, in a separate session, by the Area 83 Archives committee chair. The focus of my presentation was: what Archives looks like at Toronto Intergroup, what led me to service work in Archives, a brief history of my journey in Service, how our third legacy of Service benefits me, how Service might also benefit others. Ottawa Intergroup Archives Committee presented similarly. These events were both in-person and virtual. Comments were favourable. I am grateful for the experience. Our committee wishes to thank both the Service Day Committee and also the Area 83 Archives Chair Jenny C., for their invitation to participate. We sold a few copies of the 80 year book there as well.

The GTAI Archives Committee hosted the 39th Annual Archives Breakfast on November 5th, 2023. The event was held at Bloordale United Church in Etobicoke, Ontario. Tickets were \$30. The event was catered by members of the fellowship and was a huge success; feeling very much like a positive family gathering. Mari G., of the Markham Third Tradition Group, spoke and intertwined AA history into both the serious and humorous parts of both her story and the disease of alcoholism. 180 members attended the sold out breakfast. We have booked the same venue and caterers for November 3, 2024. We encourage members to sign up early!

Every year, the committee picks a restaurant for our December meeting. On December 8th, 2023, at 7pm, the committee will meet in-person at The Swiss Chalet Restaurant 4211 Yonge Street, in North York, one major traffic light north of York Mills, near the York Mills subway station. All are welcome to join us. Thank you for your support and consideration.

Yours in loving service, Glenn G.

COMMUNICATIONS: Ted D. (Rox Glen Traditional), Chairperson

Our Communications committee continues to expand to meet the evolving needs of the GTA Intergroup.

1. As has been noted in the last day or two, things are coming together with the new website through the efforts of some great volunteers who are making the necessary changes; the team is administrating, vetting and managing the site to insure we have the latest meeting info, announcements and general information for AA Toronto. We welcome Gigget W. with word-press skills to our web-admin maintenance crew assisting where needed such as feeding the 'calendar postings and events' amongst various other assignments. Continued thank you, to our web developer Imran M. and our web administrators Gerred S., Bill M., Maria P., and Athena M.

2. Hurray for the “New Comer Page”! Thank you to all the trusted servants who contributed to the realization of this page over years of planning. Gigget and Bart are implementing final adjustments for the posting of version 1 of the “New Comer Page” expected in this week.
Thanks to the entire team.
3. The Winter Alkathon sign-up sheet and poster is available under Announcements. Please have your group sign the pdf and submit to winterseasonvirtualalkathon@aatoronto.org. Candle Light Meeting submissions may be sent for vetting to the “meeting admin” emails to be provided.
4. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR GROUPS SUBMIT NOTICE OF HOLIDAY MEETING/MEDALION CANCELLATIONS AND ANY NEW BOOKINGS FOR CANDLE LIGHT MEETINGS to meeting-admin1@aatoronto.org and meeting-admin2@aatoronto.org respectively.
5. The Better Times is functioning smoothly; thank you Alice and Luke for your service. 600 copies of the December edition are being printed and can be picked up at 234.
6. As we have not gone back to in-person meetings for the Operating Committee, we have instituted a distribution system. If Group members can’t pick up their copies at 234 perhaps volunteers could pick them up to distribute to a central Group in a District to which other Groups could pick them up, etc. We have rolled out Phase One of the Better Times Distribution. Welcome aboard Imran R. who will captain distribution. Get your orders in and talk them up in your group. There will be a run of 400 copies so pick your group’s up at 234. Thank you, Alexx, for the printing. As always, the coloured version will be available online and it looks great! Forgive me if I’ve left someone’s name out.
7. I would like to read a most recent letter from Alice N. the editor of the Better Times which is self-explanatory:

As 2024 approaches, I am pleased to share that the volume of content being submitted to Better Times is increasing. As a result, **I am reaching out to request for your continued support in following our internal production processes.**

1. **All article submissions for possible publication in an upcoming issue must be received by the 10th of the current month.** For example: If you're submitting content for possible publication in the February Issue of Better Times, your content must be submitted by the 10th of January. It must be submitted directly to this email address (bettertimes@aatoronto.org) or alice@aatoronto.org. If you submit your content after the 10th, I will confirm via email whether we can accommodate your submission. This is because content plans are usually put together by the 12th of every month.
2. **Please submit all content (group announcements, flyers, medallions, etc. etc.) to bettertimes@aatoronto.org or alice@aatoronto.org.** You may cc Luke if you wish, but please ensure that bettertimes@aatoronto.org or alice@aatoronto.org is included in all content submissions. There has been an increasing number of instances in which content is only submitted to Luke, and this is creating unnecessary uncertainty over newsletter space allocation. We need to nip this in the bud.
3. **Article submissions should not exceed a maximum count of 600 words.** We've found that 600 words is more than enough to convey a message, and it can often still be trimmed down. If you feel uncertain of the amount of details to share in your piece, I'd suggest the inverted pyramid style of writing. This writing style ensures that the most important information is placed at the top of the article.
4. **All articles or illustrations submitted to Better Times may be subject to editing.** Please understand that from a panoramic point of view, editing articles involves a delicate balance of the key message(s) within an article, the voice of the author, grammatical fixes, editorial standards of the publication and making the most of very limited space. As a result, I conduct and/or oversee all editing. Sincere effort is, and will continue to be made, to ensure that authors are notified of any substantive editing actions.

In conclusion, **please help us spread the word to other GTA AAers that Better Times is actively seeking content submissions.** Submissions can be in the form of articles, cartoons, illustrations, etc. You can view a list of topics [on this page](#).

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to our continued growth. Yours in fellowship, Alice N.

8. In closing, the Communications Committee is actively seeking a trusted servant to assist as secretary to record, transcribe and archive the minutes of our committee meetings. This would entail sending out reminders of the meeting, previous minutes and agenda and naturally attendance once a month at the meeting with a few hours of work afterwards. If you're interested please contact me at cc.chair@aatoronto.org.

Finally, I think it's fair to say the GTA Intergroup communications is in good hands. In love and service, Ted D - Chair Communications Committee

INFORMATION AA DAY 2024: Julie G. (Markham Village), 2024 Event Chair

The Info AA Day committee had a meeting yesterday and decided on Bloordale United Church once again as a location for our event this year- so, mark your 2024 calendars for Saturday May 25th at Bloordale United Church. This church is in the west end, district 6, at the bottom of the 427, easy to get to by car or public transportation, and is the same place that the Archives committee just had its breakfast. We will be creating promotional material that has directions on it for those coming by car or by public transit so that everyone can get there without issue. We have most of the positions on the committee filled but are still in need of a secretary, and a greeter captain, so please go back to your home groups and ask if there is anyone willing to do some service work. If there is a group in or around Bloordale that could take on the responsibility of greeter work at the doors on that Saturday at the end of May then we would welcome your friendly enthusiasm and your participation and your input. The only other thing I want to stress is that the lunch last year was fantastic and this year there are plans for an even better menu, if that is even possible. So please take this back to your home groups, get the word out it is going to be a fun day, grab your sponsor and your buddies, get your AA road trip vibes on and come out and join us at Bloordale United Church in May. I will put my contact info in the chat if anyone has questions or wants more details.

I.T. SUBCOMMITTEE: No report.

ONTARIO REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2024: Lisa W. (Erin Mills), 2024 Event Chairperson

Good evening everyone, I'm Lisa, I'm an alcoholic, member of the Port Credit Group & the 2024 ORC chair.

We are now under 4 months away from the ORC.

Things are moving ahead very well, our numbers are looking very good right now.

- 438 registrations
- 308 banquet – which is about 50% of required numbers
- 408 room nights booked – 57% of required numbers

Found an ASL interpreter, hoping to confirm that in the next few weeks.

Hospitality Suites are available. The hotel has requested these are booked through our hotel contact. Once the room is booked, each group is responsible for their hospitality suite. There are parlour suites available, with a parlour & bedroom suite attached. Cost for both is \$695. (Please see Appendix II in these minutes)

As we did last year, we will have tables available for Intergroup Committees at the ORC. Let me know if your committee is interested in having a table at the conference at 2024orcchair@gmail.com.

YILS, Lisa

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

Things have been picking up speed in the Twelfth Step Committee lately and the momentum has ramped up. Lots of cross pollination with other sub-committees, especially communications, accessibility. We continue to be swamped by requests to do the phones, but we are also hearing from people who want to be a Twelfth Step caller. Unfortunately, still not finding anybody who wants to do overnights, which is kind of weird given who we are and what we used to do on a regular basis. We really don't want to terminate our longstanding status as a 24/7/365 and are hoping for a miracle. It's really too bad because with as few as 20 more people, we could shorten the commitment from seven days to three and/or four, possibly even two. Please put that in your God bag or prayer box or whatever you use when you need a miracle. As for the Twelfth Step caller, it's the ultimate Service commitment given how our program works, one alcoholic sharing with another, yet you may never have to answer the call more often than every four to six weeks. To have at least one 12 Stepper for every language spoken in this city would be downright amazing, and it should be doable. Who can't spare an hour every six weeks to pay it forward?

So to this end, we have blown up the ancient Twelfth Caller list and 'McGyvered' a new look and feel. Typically this group of people is made up of 90 individuals working in isolation, so we have reached out to them in an effort to bring them into the fold and into this century. It's early in the initiative, but we have established rapport with many of them such that they are making suggestions and becoming more engaged. And finally, we have found a solution to the call display issue so that they no longer have to miss a call because the number was unfamiliar. And then we are going to do the same with all the other areas that make sense—like having similar lists for Meetings to Go and Bridging the Gap. So if like my home group you have a fairly large contingent of young, eager, energetic members, please fire them up to join the Twelfth Step Committee or take on a phone shift or two. Their recovery won't know what hit them.

Yours in Love and Service, *Laura V.*

WINTER SEASON OPEN HOUSE 2023: Tony Z. (Bloordale), 2023 Event Chairperson

Meeting Minutes: Nov 19 2023 / committee meeting at 4258 Bloor St W Etobicoke Bloordale Church. 15 committee members were present.

Chair: Tony Z (field trip to church Dec 9th at 1PM) Tony will check for warmers at the church. Confirm food delivery to church. Check for tubs. Maria to print signs for Men/Women washrooms.

Committee liaison: Luke G (will look into Chair tables that will be at WSOH, Alex will make the poster and post/hand out)

Secretary: Zobie G. Person of contact for people interested on getting involved. A detailed description is sent with address, times, dates, and person of contact once arriving on site at the church.

Treasure: Tony Z (sourcing donations): Will receive \$1000 for food-donation. Working on Grocery list.

Volunteer Coordinator: Zobie G sourcing volunteers for set up/tear down, kitchen, decorations. Etc.

Garbage: Adam and Pierre (Eddie will be at the event to drive the garbage away)

Set up and Take down: Joan Dec 24 set up (volunteers needed to assist for teardown). Will pick up candy canes for the tables and table cloths.

Greeter: Adesh will help with Security at the doors, and find greeters to sign up on Dec 25

Kitchen coordinator: Bryan presented Menu. Richard to assist with Kitchen duties.

Dishwashers needed for kitchen on Dec 24 and 25.

Butcher will be at the church at 8am Dec 25.

Turkey and Ham Coordinator: Dave – will follow up with people in Dec.

Food Prep: Tyler on Dec 24 assisting Bryan in Kitchen duties (sourcing volunteers to slice, dice and chop)

Food Purchase: Tony Z (Steve) send list to Tony Z to be purchased. (5x Cases of 24Pop donated)

Meeting coordinator: Tony M (AA) and Maria Z (ALANON)

Tony M looking for speakers and chairs for the meetings. Joan has Al-Anon contact.

Coffee/pop/water/desert: Angela, Candis and Ross (Ross extension cords x5 and extra coffee pot, look into POP). Angela will receive \$100 donation from Start today group for desserts.

Literature: Latifa. Candis can bring Treatment board, depending on space and literature table stock.

Entertainment: Tony Z, Steve to rent equipment. \$120. Committee agreed.

Welcome Table: Louise (name tags and 7th tradition box, sign up boards for servers)

Decorations: Latifa (Volunteers to show up on Dec 24 morning to Decorate, sourcing volunteers)

*Walk Through of the church Dec 9th at 1PM - 240 Roncesvalles Ave Toronto

Winter Season Open House 2023 Committee Meeting Dates*

*All Committee Meetings will be held in person at:

Bloordale United Church, 4258 Bloor Street West, Etobicoke (Room 14)

- **Sunday, December 10 – 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THE DAY OF THE EVENT!**

Please email wsqh@aatoronto.org for more information

WINTER SEASON VIRTUAL ALKATHON 2023: David P. (Birds of a Feather), Event Chairperson

This year's Alkathon schedule is steadily filling up, with only 16 time slots still available to the groups of the GTA. That schedule is posted online under Announcements and updated every weekend. So if you have a Zoom meeting, why not bring it to our event? We have several evening spots on Christmas Eve and Night still available, a couple on New Year's Eve, and even one spot left on the morning of January 1st, 2024. All the meetings are 50 minutes, with 10 minutes in between for fellowship. Help us ring in the New Year online! Send us an email to get in on this year's event. Until now we have limited groups to a single meeting, but if you group would like to do a second, send us an email. We want to fill those spots!

Remember this is a difficult time of year for many of us who are new or otherwise struggling with our addiction. It may even be a difficult time of year for you. We still have plenty of spots on our tech team for any individuals with even a little Zoom experience to help us execute the event. So if you or someone you know feels like doing some service over the holidays, help us carry the message this winter online. It is a minimal time commitment which provides the maximum in rewards! And it can all be done from the comfort of your very own home! Given the city where we live, the weather and the traffic, I don't have to remind you that going to a meeting in late December can be a real ordeal, to say the least.

Our email is winterseasonvirtualalkathon@aatoronto.org. Pick a time which you see is vacant, maybe include a 2nd choice just in case, but do not delay! By next month's meeting our schedule will be set, training will have happened with the group tech liaisons and our Alkathon tech team will be fully up-to-speed and ready to go! All that will be left to do is buy our Christmas prezzies, cuz, y'know. We're alcoholics.

Please send us an email, get your group involved, or come on board yourself and even bring a friend. Training will be in mid-December, most likely one weeknight and/or one weekend session of about an hour when all your questions about technical details will be answered. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for letting me be of service.

David P., WSAV Chair

DISTRICT REPORTS

ACCESSIBILITIES: No report.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: No report.

This subcommittee currently needs a Chairperson; please contact corrections.liaison@aatoronto.org for more information.

COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY/PUBLIC INFORMATION: Dorothy A. (Credit Valley), **CPC/PI Alternate Chair:**

In Attendance: Badal D06 Alt Treatment Chair; Tara S D06 Treatment Chair; Marvyn GTAI Chair; Catherine M D18 CPC PI Chair; Joe A D22 ADCM; Alexandra H D14 CPC PI Chair.

Meeting Chaired by: Dorothy A GTAI Intergroup Chair D06 PI Chair. Welcome by Chair – meeting started at 7 p.m.

Meeting was started with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Request for secretary for meeting – Tara S volunteered to take minutes. Introductions were made Twelve traditions were read by Badal.

CPC PI Committee Events – Dorothy CPC PI Chair

- Committed updated on Poster for GO and TTC, ready to submit to Pattinson's creative for editing and final touch ups, will sub it to committee when artwork proof ready
- Pri Med's pricing and offer has changed, the lowest package is \$3,300 plus \$600.00 table rental cost; looking for other sources of funding for May 2024

District 14 – Cathy M CPC PI Chair

- Successfully presented her motion to D14; got approval for D14 to host a Poster at the Richmond Hill GO station in coordination with the Kipling and Islington stations for Dec 4th to Jan 1st 2024

District 18 – Alexandra H CPC PI Chair

- new to CPC Pi, attending meetings & developing strategies for projects
- District Ongoing treatment meeting at shelter in Scarborough is being maintained but unfortunately has a low attendance

District 22 – Joe A ADCM

- Scarborough members continue to support treatment facility; low attendance

District 6 - Tara District 06 Treatment Chair

- Welcomed as new committee member and thanked for joining committee
- Continues supporting ongoing treatment at two Mississauga facilities
- Continuing development of Bridging the Gap project in Mississauga

District 6 – Badal

- Welcomed as new committee member and thanked for joining committee
- Continues to support treatment mandate in Mississauga attending planning meeting
- Proposed lunch & learn to Boots on the Ground program as to how AA can support police
- Proposed meeting with Police program for staff to offer support and materials to officers

GTAI Chair – Marvin

Marvyn reported on service positions with the Winter Season Open House held Dec 25 Christmas Day dinner & meetings Alkathon Zoom meetings during holiday season needing volunteers to take timeslot of one hour and host a meeting (Chairs and Tech staff)

Old Business

- No report on Outreach program to GTA Widowers and Widowers as reported on last meeting
- Unifor Union reached out to GTAI for support; Oshawa AA members responded with printed material & table display for the health fair. Well received by members.

NEXT MEETING: Monday December 18, 2023 7:00 p.m. Zoom ID: 85475470291. Password: 002060

GRAPEVINE: No report.

SELF SUPPORT: No report.

This subcommittee currently needs a Chairperson; please contact Marvyn at oc.chair@aatoronto.org for more information.

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

In general we discussed:

1. The importance of the District groups chairing and arranging speakers for the current facilities and the Treatment Chairs concentrating on meeting with the facilities to keep them motivated to send patients/residents to the meetings, ensuring we are in good standing in the facility, promoting Bridging The Gap and ensuring we are up to date on literature.
2. Coming up with a Treatment Target list for all the districts to see where we are already in and where other opportunities are. This does not mean we will put a meeting on at every location but we should meet to see if they are aware of AA and what we do, do they want literature or BTG. I will send a separate email with a preliminary list shortly for each district to add to.
3. The importance in trying to get more people involved on the Treatment Committees in the districts because the above two jobs are too much for one person. Asking at the district table and going out to groups not attending the District meeting to get more volunteers.
4. The importance of the districts working together, there is always overlap and the GTAI treatment meeting is an excellent way to work through any issues.
5. The possibility of meeting quarterly in 2024 to improve attendance, to be decided at the January GTAI Treatment meeting.
6. The possibility of doing a Treatment Workshop using the Workbook Powerpoint in December if anyone is interested.

AREA 83 REPORT: Amy L., Area 83 Alternate Delegate

Area 83, General Service-related Items: Report for November 28, 2023 GTA Intergroup meeting

Agenda Items for the 74th General Service Conference

1. Following the October 28-31, 2023 the General Service Board has compiled the list of Preliminary Agenda Items for the 74th General Service Conference.
 - In January, the final list will be available
 - After 15 February 2024 Agenda Items with Background information (in French, English and Spanish)
2. Theme for the 74th General Service Conference “**Connecting with Love, Unity and Service**” and the workshop topic of “**Connecting Home Groups to the Conference Throughout the Year, to Better Inform the Group’s Conscience**”

There are events and opportunities in which AA members in Area 83 can make this connection. Remember, communication happens in both directions.

January – Area Committee Meeting (Hybrid)

February – Release of Agenda Items for the General Service Conference

February 10 – Area 83 Service Information Day (Workshops)

March 17– Eastern Canada Delegates’ Orientation

Spring – Box 4-5-9

April 5–7– Assembly (Delegate Plenary) (Preconference Agenda Sharing on Saturday 6 April 2023)

May - June – Delegate Report Backs

June 8– Area Committee Meeting (Hybrid)

July –

August – Eastern Canada Region Trustee’s report (from July Board Meeting)
 Summer – Box 4-5-9
 September – Final Conference Report and ACM
 October – Assembly (Delegate Plenary) (Conference topics discussed in workshops)
 Fall – Box 4-5-9
 November – ECRT Report (from October Board Meeting)
 December – Area Committee Meeting (Hybrid)
 Winter – Box 4-5-9

Outside of these events, I can assure you that the Delegate of Area 83 is always available to field any questions or concerns you may have. He can be reached at Delegate@Area83aa.org

3. InterArea Remote Communities forum- THIS WEEKEND!
 This flyer is available in French or Spanish.

INTER-AREA REMOTE COMMUNITIES FORUM
 December 3, 2023
 Find your time zone below!
 9-12 HST | 10-1 AKST | 11-2 PST | 12-5 MST
 1-4 CST | 2-5 EST | 3-6 AST | 3:30-6:30 NST

LANGUAGE

- Experience of starting a Chinese-language meeting in heart of LA, California (in English)
- Spanish-speaking woman (past Delegate) from California (in Spanish)
- Recovery challenges in a remote community, Kuujuaq- Northern Quebec (in French)

CULTURE

- Organizing services to make meeting available to all. From the Founder of the Deaf Intergroup in Austin, TX (in English)
- Recovery experiences from a remote community in Alaska (in English)
- LGBTQIA+ and multiple barriers to recovery (in English)

GEOGRAPHY

- Taking meetings to Remote Communities in Alaska (in English)
- Isolated, but not alone-Loners and Internationalists (in English)
- Sobriety in remote communities in BC/Yukon (in English)

REMOTE COMMUNITIES AT THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

- Non-Trustee director on Literature Committee-update on General Service Conference agenda items-Remote Communities guidelines

Please join us!
 All are welcome!

Language, Culture, Geography
 Three Topics, Nine Speakers, One Fellowship
 ID: 818 4471 6180
 PW: 1935

French, Spanish and ASL translation will be available

4. **AA. org has created a page of FAQs for members:**
 There are approximately 110 questions sorted into the following 6 categories.
 - New To A.A.
 - A.A. Literature
 - Archives/History of A.A.
 - Meetings
 - Participating in A.A.
 - Self-support[Frequently Asked Questions | Alcoholics Anonymous \(aa.org\)](https://www.aa.org/frequently-asked-questions)

RECEPTION: Graham D., Operating Committee Vice-Chair

Present were 30 Reps, 10 Alternate Reps, 6 OC Members, 9 Subcommittee Chairs, 3 District Liaisons and 5 Visitors, for a total attendance of 63 members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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



[Phone Greeters/12 Step Volunteers](#)
[Twelfth Step Committee Members](#)
[Bilingual Member Resource \(12 Step Calls\)](#)
[Workshop Chairperson](#)
[Operating Committee Members for 2024\(3\)](#)

***PLEASE NOTE:** In person/hybrid monthly General Meetings (in-person at Timothy Eaton Church, ST. Clair Avenue West at Dunvegan; upstairs) to commence on Tuesday, January 30. 2024*

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was forthcoming.

CHAIRPERSON'S CLOSING REMARKS: Marvyn thanked everyone for their participation and dedication to service. He also mentioned that it was a honour and a privilege to serve as GTAI Operating Chair for 2022-2023; as per GTAI's Procedures and Guidelines, Marvyn will be presenting a recommendation report to Floor members at the December monthly General Meeting.

A **Motion to adjourn** was moved by Brendan O. (Fellowship of the Spirit) and seconded by Anastasia W. (Fellowship). Carried. The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Declaration.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: An online meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 19 at 8 p.m. (virtual meeting).**

THREE OC MEMBERS NEEDED!

SERVING ON THE GTAI OPERATING COMMITTEE: WHAT'S INVOLVED?



The Operating Committee ('OC') is composed of ten persons:

- Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
- Treasurer (a.k.a. - the Chair of the Finance Committee)
- Secretary
- Six committee members, (will be assigned the role of OC Liaison to a Subcommittee)

Qualifications of Members of the Operating Committee

- Members of the EC must have a minimum of two years of sobriety.
- Experience in various service positions within one's home group and in General Service are helpful.
- Helpful to be familiar with GTAI's Operating Procedures and Guidelines manual in tandem with Twelve Steps and Twelve Concepts.

Terms of Office for Members of the Operating Committee

- Members of the OC are nominated and elected as necessary when vacancies occur. They are elected by the voting members of the Intergroup Floor from the total membership of Alcoholics Anonymous in the Greater Toronto Area, including serving Intergroup Reps and/or Alternate Reps.
- The term for a member of the OC is one year; this term may be renewed annually, for up to 2 more years, to a maximum of 3 continuous years.
- Term for OC Chair and OC Vice-Chair is 2 years for each position.
- If an OC member is elected as Vice Chair or Chair, the maximum term for continuous service on the OC may be extended for the terms of those positions only, to a maximum of 6 years.
- At the end of their term of office, members of the OC are ineligible to serve on the OC for a period of 24 months.

Monthly Responsibilities as an OC Member

- Attends the monthly OC Meeting (held on the Wednesday before the monthly General Meeting – **Currently meeting online at 8:00 p.m.**)
- Attends one monthly (or bi-monthly) subcommittee meeting, as part of OC Liaison duties
- Attends of monthly General Meeting (last Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. **Currently meeting online**)
- All members of the OC may attend meetings of the Finance Subcommittee. Only the Chairperson of the OC may have a voice and a formal vote at the meetings.
- Attend the quarterly meetings held with District Reps ('Joint Sharing Meeting') where members of each service level share information about current activities

Monthly Responsibilities as an OC Liaison to GTAI Subcommittees

- Attends monthly meetings of subcommittee(s) as an assigned OC Liaison in a non-voting capacity unless requested by the subcommittee to take an active part in its operations.
- Observe activities of subcommittee

- Report on committee's activities
- Prepare a brief (point-form) written Liaison report for the monthly OC meetings
- The Intergroup Liaison for a committee may be required, in the absence of the Committee Chair, to present the committee report about committee activities at the General Intergroup General Monthly meeting and take questions back to the committee to be answered at a later meeting.

FAQ ABOUT SERVING ON THE OPERATING COMMITTEE

Q: What is GTA Intergroup's Mission?

A: Greater Toronto Area Intergroup is a coordinating body that supports the 12-step work of AA groups in the Toronto area, providing a point of contact between individual groups, our members, the public and the still suffering alcoholic.

Q: Can I still serve as the Intergroup Rep. for my Home Group and serve on the Operating Committee?

A: No. If you are elected to the Operating Committee, you must resign as your Intergroup Rep.

Q: What are some of the attributes that may be desirable for those considering this position?

A: As our Second Tradition states -- our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern. The Operating Committee does not govern, but it is in a position of authority in its recommendations and decision-making on behalf of Greater Toronto Area Intergroup.

Those considering serving on this committee may on occasion deal with sensitive and contentious issues. Maturity, attention to detail, discretion and dedication to the good of the organization are desired.

Q: As a Committee member, would I be personally liable in the event of bankruptcy/lawsuits?

A: No. As a charitable organization, AA Greater Toronto Area Intergroup has insurance coverage for committee members.

Q: Who can I talk to about serving on the Operating Committee?

A: You may speak with anyone on the Operating Committee or former Operating Committee members for further information. You may be nominated to serve, or you can nominate yourself.

More detailed information about the role and responsibilities of Operating Committee Members can be found in the *GTAI Operating Procedures and Guidelines*, which can be accessed online at [aatoronto.org](https://www.aatoronto.org) -- under About Us: Link: <https://www.aatoronto.org/about/policies-and-procedures> or feel free to send an email with your questions to oc.chair@aatoronto.org

ORC HOSPITALITY SUITES

The 2024 ORC is March 15-17, 2024 at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel. Traditionally, some AA home groups organize and host Hospitality Suites for the benefit of attendees.

If your group is interested in a Hospitality Suite, here is the information you will need:

ORC Discounted Rates:

Hospitality Suite (Parlour + Connected Guest Suite)

Parlour: \$475.00 / night

Connected Guest Suite: \$215.00 / night

TOTAL: \$690.00 / night (plus HST, plus 3% DMP Fee*)

Note: Per Sheraton, Hospitality Suites are a package deal, and must include both Parlour and Connected Guest Suite.

Required Information:

- Name of Group/Company/Organization
- Contact Person: First and Last Name + Phone Number
- Date of Arrival and Departure

To Book with the ORC Discounted Rate:

Submit above info to **Scott M.** at 2025orc.hotel@gmail.com.

The Sheraton Hotel will then contact you to confirm the reservation with Credit Card.

Note: After this, the ORC plays no further roll.

The deadline to book is February 1, 2024, 11:59pm.

Yours in Love and Service,

Jim Y.

2024 ORC – HOTEL CHAIR

Scott M.

2025 ORC – HOTEL CHAIR

*The Destination Marketing Program (DMP) Fee is a Sheraton charge to support GTA Tourism Marketing.