



GREATER TORONTO AREA
INTERGROUP

Monthly General Meeting (HYBRID)

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

(These Minutes **approved** 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 Bob D. (Birds of a Feather Group).

Members Present:

INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES + ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES

12 Steps, Beaches, Birds of a Feather, Bloordale, Erin Mills, Grace Noon, Half Century, King City, Lighthouse, Markham Village, Melrose, Miracle, Mississauga, Morning Discussion (District 22), North Toronto, ODAAT, Primary Purpose, Richmond Hill, Rox Glen Traditional, S.O.S., See To It, Sisters in Sobriety, Stepping Stones, Steps to Serenity, Streetsville, Sunnyside, The Dogs, Twelfth Tradition, Welcome, and Willowdale Shepherd.

INTERGROUP + DISTRICT SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

AA Family Fun Day, Accessibility, Archives, Area 83 Alternate Delegate, Communications, CPC/PI OC Liaison, Grapevine OC Liaison, I.T. Subcommittee, Twelfth Step.

DISTRICT LIAISONS

Districts: No district liaisons were present.

GTAI OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jenn F. (OC Vice-Chair), Jimmy S. (OC Chair), Peter H., and Sean H.

HOUSEKEEPING: Jimmy S. (OC Chair) outlined the following: recording of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES –June 30, 2026

Errors or Omissions: No errors or omissions were forthcoming.

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented

Motion moved by Bob D. (Birds of a Feather)

Motion seconded by Chris C. (Welcome). **Motion carried.**

(Virtual: 23 for/ 0 opposed/ 1 abstention. In Person: 8 for/ 0 opposed/ 0 abstentions.)

CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS – Jimmy S. (Fifth Tradition), Operating Chair

"Thank you all for being here this evening and for continuing to serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

At our June meeting, the floor brought two long-standing matters to a conclusion. The requested financial disclosure was accepted as sufficient, and the GTAI Special Events Procedures & Guidelines were approved with the addition of the Twelve Concepts.

I want to thank the Representatives, trusted servants, and members of the Operating Committee who participated in those processes respectfully and patiently.

Tonight, we can continue looking forward—supporting the work of our committees, strengthening communication with our groups, and encouraging new members to participate in service.

As always, I ask that comments remain respectful, concise, and focused on the matter currently before the floor.

Thank you for your continued service." -Jimmy S., Operating Committee Chairperson oc.chair@aatoronto.org

COLLECTION OF THE 7TH TRADITION:

"The Seventh Tradition reminds us that every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

"Your contributions support the services GTA Intergroup provides, including our office, literature distribution, website, 24-hour phone line, and many other services that help carry the message throughout the Greater Toronto Area."

- In-person Collection: \$45.55.
- For Virtual attendees: The 7th Tradition link is as follows: <https://www.aatoronto.org/about/7th-tradition/>

GTA Intergroup Subcommittee Reports

Finance: Finance Chair not present; the following report was submitted for inclusion in these minutes:

	June 2026 (1 month)						
	Actual 2026	Budget 2026	Variance	%	Actual 2025	Variance	%
Contributions and Other Income	11,967	13,174	(1,207)	(9%)	17,536	(5,569)	(32%)
Literature Sales	7,757	15,312	(7,555)	(49%)	8,410	(653)	(8%)
= Total Revenues	19,724	28,486	(8,762)	(31%)	25,946	(6,222)	(24%)
- Cost of Sales	5,653	9,953	4,300	43%	8,162	2,509	31%
- Expenses	16,689	17,988	1,299	7%	13,821	(2,868)	(21%)
= Surplus / (Deficiency)	(2,618)	545	(3,163)		3,963	(6,581)	

Contributions came in at \$12.0k, \$1.2k below budget (9%). Literature sales were sharply weaker at \$7.8k versus a \$15.3k budget (49% below) and \$8.4k in June 2025. Total Revenues of \$19.7k were 31% below budget and 24% below June 2025.

Cost of sales fell to \$5.7k, \$4.3k below budget in line with the lower literature sales activity. Expenses of \$16.7k came in \$1.3k below budget (7%), though \$2.9k higher than June 2025. The net result is a monthly deficiency of \$2.6k, \$3.2k unfavourable to the budgeted surplus of \$0.5k and a swing from June 2025's \$4.0k surplus.

Year-to-Date Position: Through the first six months of 2026, GTA Intergroup is running a deficit of \$30.1k, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$2.3k – an unfavourable variance of \$27.8k. Compared to 2025 at this same point, we are running about \$5.8k deeper (the June 2025 YTD deficit was \$24.3k). We are behind plan, but not markedly worse off than we were at this same point last year.

The contribution picture, however, has softened this month. YTD contributions and other income of \$49.6k are now running \$2.7k behind the \$52.3k received at this point last year – a shift from May, when contributions were tracking slightly ahead of 2025. The change reflects a materially softer June, where contributions came in \$5.6k below June 2025. Against the \$79.0k budget, YTD contributions remain about 37% short.

A Message to Take Back to Your Groups: GTA Intergroup's services – the office, the phone line, the website, the literature store, and the volunteers who keep them running – are funded almost entirely by 7th Tradition contributions

from member groups and individual members. We are below budget for the year, and as noted above the contribution picture has softened. This is not a cause for alarm, but it is a call to action – and there is one specific action we would like each of you to help with now.

Gratitude Month is coming in October, and this year it will matter more than usual. Please begin bringing this to your groups now, so that by the time the campaign officially launches our fellowship is ready to respond in strength. Even short mentions in group announcements – reminding members that Gratitude Month is on its way, and that GTA Intergroup depends on 7th Tradition support to keep our shared services running – will make a real difference. The Gratitude Month pamphlet is being finalized and we will share materials as they become available in the weeks ahead.

In the meantime, if your group has not reviewed its regular contribution to GTA Intergroup recently, please bring this report back and ask your group conscience to consider whether the current level still reflects what your group is able to give. Even a modest increase from each group, multiplied across the GTA, would make a meaningful difference. Groups that are not currently contributing are encouraged to begin, in whatever amount they can.

Individual members are also invited to contribute directly to GTA Intergroup, regardless of whether their home group is currently doing so. Many members find personal giving to be a meaningful expression of the 7th Tradition, and every contribution – whether from a group or an individual – helps keep our shared services running.

Contributions can be made by cheque payable to “GTA Intergroup,” through e-transfer to contributions@aatoronto.org, or via the donation link on aatoronto.org. As always, the Finance Committee is happy to answer any questions about the numbers in this report or about how Intergroup uses the funds it receives.

In gratitude and service, Imran R – Finance Chair, GTA Intergroup financechair@aatoronto.org

Archives: Glenn G. (East York), Archives Chairperson (verbal report)

- Assistant Archivist, David T. (The Hill) received his 55-year medallion at the Hill Group Thurs. Sept.17
- **Annual Archivist Breakfast: Sat. Nov. 7** at Bloordale United Church; tickets \$35. *watch for event flyer*
- Speaker for the event has been chosen
- Need oral histories (experience strength and hope) from long-timers in your group (males 40+ years/females 35+ years)
- Also, if a group member has been involved in starting up a group: 10+ years can be a ‘long-timer’ in that regard
- Also need: group histories+ group business meeting minutes!
- **Please email either Glenn G.** (Archives Chair: glenn@glennalloway.com) **or Eddy G.** (GTA Archivist: egesicki@rogers.com) to arrange for above

Communications: Heather M., Communications Committee Secretary

Hi everyone, my name is Heather M., Secretary for the Communications Committee, delivering a report on behalf of Lisa M., Committee Chair.

The biggest news is that the new AA GTA website launched successfully on July 1. The soft launch went very well, with only a few minor issues that were resolved quickly, and new improvements continue to be added every week.

We also met with the Better Times Editor Lori to discuss the newsletter's 30th anniversary. While we missed producing a special anniversary edition earlier this year, we’re moving forward with a celebration in the November issue. We’re looking for story ideas and submissions, especially from past editors, contributors, or anyone who has been involved with Better Times over the years. Submissions of up to 1,500 words can be sent through the website form or to Lisa at cc.chair@aatoronto.org.

We're also working on updating the GTA meeting list. A volunteer is leading the review of meeting information and contacts, and we're asking groups to check their listings and submit any updates so the information stays accurate and current.

Finally, a volunteer from Communications will be working with the Archives Committee on a new "On This Day in History" feature for the website, highlighting AA history through short daily facts and stories.

If there are any questions, please feel free to connect with Lisa directly (cc.chair@aatoronto.org).

AA Family Fun Day 2026: Jenn F. (Birds of a Feather), OC Vice-Chair/OC Special Events Liaison (Verbal report)

Monday, Sept 7 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (*See flyer in Appendix of these minutes*)

Trinity Bellwoods Park, NW corner, Crawford & Dundas West, Toronto

BBQ, Carnival Games, Live Music, Face Painting, Bouncy-Castle, and Fellowship!

Kid-friendly/family friendly event

Tickets \$15 (adults) and \$10 (children) – for presale tickets, e-transfer to aafamilyfunday@gmail.com

Special Events Liaison/AA Family Fun Day 2026 Contact- Jenn F. seliaison@aatoronto.org

- 20 'carnies' (volunteers) needed for the event. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator: mirayhart@gmail.com
- ***Group Listings Update***: to put forth your group as a 'child-friendly' meeting, please send your group's contact information – or a cute little poster – just include the group's name, meeting day(s) of the week, location and times. For example: Birds of a Feather Group, meets Sundays 11 a.m. – 12 noon at 16 Spadina Road (Spadina and Bloor). For more clarity and guidance on this, please reach out to Jenn (Special Events Coordinator): seliaison@aatoronto.org

I.T. Subcommittee: Vito K. (Newcastle Saturday Night), Chairperson (verbal report)

- Actively going through Intergroup software applications
- I.T. committee volunteers continue with efforts to clean-up/update GTAI users/subcommittee email credentials
- Upcoming technology changes/updates: reviewing equipment at 234 office as updates are needed to replace/streamline existing equipment (i.e. staff computer towers 10+ years old)

Ontario Regional Conference 2027: Event Chair not present; the following report was submitted for inclusion in these minutes:

Ontario Regional Conference – Planning Update Report

Hello everyone, I'm an alcoholic, and I have the privilege of serving as Chair of the 2027 Ontario Regional Conference, my name is Ray.

I'm pleased to share that planning for the Ontario Regional Conference is progressing well. Like any large event, we've encountered a few challenges along the way, but our committee has stayed focused, worked together, and kept things moving forward.

Without a doubt, the biggest challenge has been the recent passing of our dear friend, Mel C., who served as our Program Chair. Mel's passion, dedication, and experience were vital to this conference, and we have all deeply felt his loss. It also required us to regroup and reorganize some of the work around selecting speakers and developing the program. While we certainly miss Mel, the committee has rallied, stepped into new roles, and continued moving forward in a way that I know would have made Mel proud.

I'm also happy to report that our committee is now complete, with everyone actively involved and contributing. It's been inspiring to see people step up, support one another, and bring fresh ideas and energy to the planning process. The teamwork has been outstanding, and it's exciting to see everything begin to come together.

Currently, one of our main priorities is preparing the conference budget for the Advisory Committee. We're diligently reviewing all anticipated expenses, confirming costs with vendors, and ensuring we've planned responsibly for every aspect of the conference. Our goal is to present a budget that's realistic, well-considered, and demonstrates our commitment to being good stewards of the conference funds. Doing this thoroughly now will help us avoid surprises later and provide a solid foundation as we move into the next stages of planning.

We're also making good progress in other areas. Most of our fly-in speakers have already been contacted and confirmed their participation. We're continuing to listen to recordings from local speakers as we accept new submissions, and we're excited to develop a strong and inspiring program. Additionally, we've begun reaching out to vendors and suppliers to secure the services and equipment necessary to ensure the conference runs smoothly.

Overall, I'm very encouraged by our current position. Despite the challenges we've faced, the committee has remained positive, worked hard, and maintained momentum. There's still plenty to do, but we are well on our way, and I am confident that, together, we'll host an Ontario Regional Conference that everyone can be proud of.

Thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement, and trust. We look forward to sharing more updates as we continue this exciting journey.

In love and service, 2027 ORC Chair, Ray R.

Twelfth Step: Lynn E. (Golden Mile), Vice-Chairperson

12 Step Committee Report August 2026

The core responsibility of the 12 Step Committee is to ensure that the 24/7 AA Help Line is always answered by a trained AA member.

We support more than 100 Phone Greeters, manage the remote phone system, and maintain a list of 12 Step volunteers who provide one-on-one support when a caller needs more than meeting information. For many people, that call is their first contact with AA.

Anyone interested in serving on the committee is welcome to contact us at 12step.chair@aatoronto.org.

Our message this month is simple: We need more 12 Stepper volunteers.

A 12 Stepper is an AA member with at least two years of continuous sobriety who is willing to respond when a Phone Greeter reaches out because a caller needs additional support. That support might be a phone call, meeting someone for coffee, or accompanying them to their first meeting. It's one alcoholic helping another.

Please take this message back to your home group.

Someone's first call to AA is only as strong as the person who answers it. If your home group has members with two or more years of sobriety who are looking for meaningful service, please encourage them to consider becoming a 12 Stepper.

Printed flyers with a QR code are available tonight for those attending in person. A digital version will also be posted in the chat and can be shared with your home group. (*See flyer in Appendix of these minutes*)

Thank you for your service, and thank you to the Operating Committee for giving the 12 Step Committee a few minutes to share our greatest current need.

GTA District Subcommittee Reports

Accessibilities: Marvyn W. (Melrose), Chairperson

Good Evening GTA Intergroup Floor; Alcoholic Marvyn W, Melrose Group, Area 83 Zone 1 GTA I-D Accessibilities Chair

Our Area 83 Accessibilities Committee meeting was cancelled in July, falling on Canada's Birthday July 1st.

Our next Meeting is scheduled for this coming Wednesday August 5th on zoom.

A83 Zone 1 GTA Inter-District Accessibility Committee meeting was held on Sunday July 19th 12:00 Noon, we had District 06, 10 and 22 in attendance.

District 22 was looking for an AA member to contact a new AA member with AA Country of India background, we had Amit from District 06 help out on this matter.

Over the past month we had a couple of unfortunate situations arise at AA meetings that required medical assistance.

The Accessibility Committee wanted to make a suggestion for all Intergroup and GSR's to locate Home Groups members who have CPR training, to help out in these Home Group unfortunate situations.

We wanted to thank the Leslie Group for reaching out, to have us email an Accessibility Checklist to them.

If any Home Group would like a copy of the Accessibility Checklist please email accessibility@aatoronto.org

The Accessibility Committee will be sourcing out and purchasing a list of all Retirement and Nursing Home facilities in the GTA to Contact, regarding Meetings To Go Volunteer opportunities.

These facilities will be contacted by an AA member, to offer a scheduled AA meeting at their facility. If any AA member has an interest in helping the Accessibility Committee with this initiative, please email us at accessibility@aatoronto.org.

The A83 Zone One GTA Accessibility Committee will be discussing this Initiative at our upcoming August and September meetings to roll out in October.

In the Spirit of Love and Service, Marvyn W. A83 Zone One GTAI Accessibility Chair 647-221-7338

Questions/Comments after Marvyn's Report:

Janis S. (Streetsville) inquired about the Accessible Listings for groups; a few other Reps (Rox Glen Traditional/North Toronto) stated this was good practice. Marvyn stated he would post the Accessibilities checklist in the chat and provided his contact information for any member with questions about this protocol.

Janis also had a suggestion regarding members requiring medical assistance at meetings (see above): this would be best kept within your own group members as per anonymity considerations; Marvyn agreed and confirmed this was best practice.

Corrections: No report.

CPC/P.I.: Peter H., Operating Committee Liaison

COMMUNITY POLICE DAYS: Feedback has been positive from the 2026 Community Police Days AA has had a table at. I've prepared proposal letters and will liaise with the Intergroup CPC-PI chairs to look to broaden the number AA will attend next year.

TTC PSA'S: I received all of the information - costs, artwork, etc. - for the PSA's placed by Dorothy A, our previous CPC-PI Chair, in 2023, and contacted Pattison to look at another campaign this year, but have put it on hold as Mark C, the D10 CPC-PI Chair proposed that we approach the TTC for a PSA ad space donation on subway cars. Mark then had a meeting

with St. Paul's metro councillor Josh Matlow that went very well, and between D10 and Intergroup we co-signed a letter with information that Councillor Matlow's team could then present to the TTC to champion our request. We have since heard from the marketing department at the TTC, who have approved space on TTC subway trains. We would have to pay for the printing of the signs. We are awaiting a cost breakdown from the TTC for quantities of 500, 1000, 2000, etc. It would also be an evergreen program, with the TTC periodically re-using the signs, and then it finally would be free as the printing costs will have already been paid.

- D22 are producing CPC-PI signage exclusively for use at district events. The signs are a table cloth, and a stand-up. D22 are also costing out AA prescription pads.

- I attended the Area 83 CPC/PI monthly meetings on Tuesday, June 30 at 7pm, but there will not be a July meeting as there is a one month break, so the next meeting will be on Aug 25.

- I attended the District 22 CPC/PI sub-committee chaired by Beth B on Thursday July 2.

- I am going to start attending the Bay Area-based North American CPC-PI meetings held on the second Saturday of each month.

Thank you! Peter H., OC Liaison to CPC/P.I.

Questions/Comments after Peter's Report:

Vivien C. (Morning Discussion Group, District 22) made a suggestion that the term "TTC Advertisements" be replaced with the term 'TTC Public Service Announcements' which was the term used in her past service with the Public Information Committee; this term is also aligned with our Traditions. Peter agreed and thanked Vivien for sharing her service experience.

Martin C. (S.O.S. Group) inquired as to whether there will be a dedicated phone number on the TTC Public Service Announcements. With a dedicated phone number, the committee could track how many members of the public would utilize this phone number on the PSA's. Peter stated he would pass this along to the members involved in this initiative.

Grapevine: Sean H., Operating Committee Liaison

No report. Area-level Grapevine meeting is on summer hiatus; no meeting in July. There might be a meeting in August.

Self Support: Chair not present; the following report was submitted for inclusion in these minutes:

Self-Support Report Intergroup July 28, 2026 – Submitted by De R. GTAI Self-Support Chair

Hello friends, De, alcoholic, member of the Rexdale United Group and I have the pleasure and privilege of serving as your GTAI Self-Support Chair.

We continue to share awareness of the importance of Self Support through our contributions as well as the importance of AA members contributing their time, talent and expertise to service work. There is always a service that suits a member's interest and availability of time.

At our last meeting, Lizzie F., D22 agreed to draft information about Self Support to include in The Better Times. I am hoping to connect with Communications and the Webmaster to discuss content for aatoronto.org, outlining what Self Support is, what we do and how to carry the Self Support message. I hope that links can be included to explain our 'coffee-can initiative' as well as links to the labels for the coffee cans in English, Spanish and French in PDF.

Our committee members also attend the Area 83 Self-Support meeting along with other District Self Support chairs in the Area. And some exciting initiatives have developed! The committee decided on a campaign to distribute Grapevine gift certificates to Treatment and Correctional Facilities across Area 83, with a goal of 100 subscriptions.

Thanks to Stephan D62 Self Support chair who purchased the first gift certificate to start the process! Stephan will draft a letter template and step-by-step gift certificate purchase guide in PDF and prepare outreach email templates for Area 83 Treatment Chair Natalie, as well as Area 83 Corrections Chair Rich and for DCMS within the Area.

This aligns perfectly with the 'coffee-can' initiative. Many groups decide to use the contributions to the coffee-can to purchase Grapevines for Treatment and Corrections. Area 83 Self Support chair Jenny B and the rest of the committee realized that Grapevine gift certificates were easier to distribute over direct subscriptions, enabling flexible allocation without requiring upfront knowledge of recipient facilities.

Jenny B will be drafting a campaign poster and set up a spreadsheet tracking locations and contributions. This way all Treatment and Correctional Facilities will receive the gift certificates Coordinated through Area 83, but ensuring facilities are not duplicated. She will also explore adding a thermometer/progress graphic to add to the Area 83 website! Also she will coordinate with Trevor F., Area 83 Secretary to distribute materials to DCMs.

Grapevine print gift certificate for one year is \$36 USD / \$51-55 CAD (depending on rate of exchange) with volume discounts available. This is a wonderful initiative to end the Term with, providing Treatment and Correctional facilities with print Grapevines, carrying the message of AA to those who may not be able to attend regular in-person meetings. Grapevines are often referred to "as a meeting in a magazine" as our Preamble, the Serenity Prayer, the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions are printed on the inside cover, back cover and last two pages in the Grapevine magazine. And each magazine features stories from Alcoholics sharing their experience, strength and hope.

For more information, or information about the 'coffee-can' initiative, please contact me!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. De R – GTAI Self-Support Chair self-support@toronto.org

Treatment: No report.

Area 83 Alternate Delegate's Report: Bill C., Area 83 Alternate Delegate

General Service Report from Intergroup Liaison-Alternate Delegate Area 83

July 28, 2026 Toronto Intergroup Monthly meeting

1. **GSR POWER HOUR WORKSHOPS:** August 18/19, 2026 (3rd Tuesday and Wednesday @ 8pm)
Topic: **Service: Stepping outside your comfort zone.** All the sessions are recorded so you can check them out if you happen to miss one that is of interest. Everyone is welcomed listen to the meeting! **Please note that Area 83 has an updated QR Code for the Area 83 Communications Portal – lots of great information and current news! New content and format.**
2. **Area 83.** The Eastern Canada Regional Forum will take place in Boucherville, QC 21-23 August 2026. This is a great opportunity to meet staff from GSO as well as many members from Eastern Canada's 10 Areas. Here is a [LINK](#) to all the relevant information regarding registration, hotel reservations and Agenda. The meeting will be fully bilingual in French and English.



Not too early to start planning for the next Canadian Eastern Regional AA Service Assembly (CERAASA) which will be held in St-Hyacinthe, Québec on February 26-28, 2027. All 10 Areas will be represented, and a variety of workshops and sessions will be held to prepare for the 77th General Service Conference. Follow this [LINK](#) for more information and registration.

3. **General Service Office** – There are several new Young People Shorts that have recently been released ([LINK](#)). As well, the Public Service Announcements (PSA's) of "Are you a Danger to your Family?" and "Risking your Job" are now available at aa.org in French and Spanish.

Unfinished Business by Jimmy S. (Fifth Tradition), Operating Committee Chairperson:

"At this time, there is no unfinished business formally scheduled.

The Full Financial Disclosure matter was disposed of by the floor at the June meeting when the disclosure was accepted as sufficient.

The GTAI Special Events Procedures & Guidelines were also approved by the floor, subject to the addition of the Twelve Concepts."

Optional Special Events update

"The Operating Committee will ensure that the approved amendment is incorporated and that the finalized document is circulated and retained as part of GTAI's governing records."

New Business by Jimmy S. (Fifth Tradition), Operating Committee Chairperson:

"We will now move into New Business.

Before opening the floor generally, I have one service announcement concerning the Winter Season Open House."

Winter Season Open House 2026 Chair Recruitment (*[See flyer in Appendix of these minutes](#)*)

"At our June meeting, we began inviting members to consider serving as Chair of the 2026 Winter Season Open House.

This event has traditionally provided fellowship, hospitality, and access to Alcoholics Anonymous during a time of year that can be particularly difficult for newcomers, members, and their families.

The newly approved Special Events Procedures & Guidelines will provide the incoming Chair and committee with clearer expectations, stronger Operating Committee support, financial guidance, reporting procedures, and greater continuity than previous committees may have had.

We are therefore continuing to seek a willing and qualified member to serve as the 2026 Winter Season Open House Chair.

We would also welcome interest from someone who may wish to become involved this year with the possibility of serving as Chair in 2027. This would allow for mentorship, continuity, and the preservation of experience.

Past controversy should not discourage capable members from serving. One of the purposes of our service structure is to learn from experience, improve our processes, and continue carrying the message.

Concept Nine reminds us that good service leadership at all levels is indispensable.

Please bring this opportunity back to your home groups. Anyone interested may speak with me after the meeting or contact the Operating Committee Chair by email." oc.chair@aatoronto.org

"I have one more service announcement:

In order to accommodate the membership, we are considering the possibility of the Intergroup Office opening for several hours on Saturdays for members to come and pick up pre-ordered literature and medallions (no on-the-spot orders will be processed on Saturdays). More information for Floor members on this potential option will be provided next month."

No Other Business was brought forward from Floor members.

Reception Report

In-Person Attendance: 14 total (6 Intergroup Reps present).

Virtual Attendance: Reps 20, Alt Reps 3, Subcommittee Chairs 6, OC Members 3, and 2 Visitors.

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 48.

Closing Remarks by Jimmy S. (Fifth Tradition), Operating Committee Chairperson:

“On behalf of the GTA Intergroup Operating Committee, thank you all for attending and for remaining interested in serving a Fellowship that has given our lives back.

Please continue bringing the reports, service opportunities, and needs of Intergroup back to your home groups. Intergroup can only function effectively when communication moves in both directions between the groups and their trusted servants.

For those attending in person, if you are willing and able, please assist with tidying the meeting space. Chairs should be stacked eight high and returned to the back of the room using the dolly provided.

Thank you all for your service.”

Next General Meeting:

“Our next Monthly General Meeting will be held in hybrid format on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 8:00 p.m.”

Motion to adjourn:

Motion to adjourn moved by Neil W. (Stepping Stones) and seconded by Marc T. (Twelfth Tradition). **Motion passed.**

Volunteers are needed for the following GTAI Subcommittees:

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| ➤ Phone Greeters Volunteers: | Contact: 12step.chair@aatoronto.org |
| ➤ 12-Stepper Volunteers (12 Step Calls) | Contact: 12step.chair@aatoronto.org |
| ➤ Twelfth Step Greeter Coordinator | Contact: 12step.chair@aatoronto.org |
| ➤ Overnight Phone Greeters | Contact: 12step.chair@aatoronto.org |
| ➤ Communications: editing/ story contributions for <u>Better Times</u> | Contact: cc.chair@aatoronto.org |
| ➤ Winter Season Open House 2026 Chairperson needed | Contact: oc.chair@aatoronto.org |
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2nd Annual

AA Family Fun Day

Monday, September 7th, 2026
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Trinity Bellwoods Park, NW corner
Crawford & Dundas,
Toronto

BBQ

Carnival
GAMES!

Live
Music!

Face
Painting!

Bouncy-Castle!

Fellowship!

Tickets:
Adults \$15 Kids \$10

Ticket cost is all-inclusive for Food, Games & Activities

For presale tickets, e-transfer to: aafamilyfunday@gmail.com

See our flyer under 'Announcements' on our webpage:
www.aatoronto.org

Kid-Friendly/Family-Friendly Event ALL WELCOME!



GREATER TORONTO AREA
INTERGROUP

Answer the Call Become a 12 Stepper



What is a 12 Stepper?

When our Help Line receives a call that needs more attention,
Phone Greeters reach out to our 12 Stepper List.
12 Steppers are Volunteers who follow up with those seeking sobriety.

- ✓ Return a call to someone seeking help.
- ✓ Answer questions and provide support.
- ✓ Connect in person at a meeting or for a coffee.
- ✓ Bring a meeting to a homebound alcoholic.



Click on the QR code

✉ 12step.chair@aatoronto.org for more information.

♥ Be the voice of encouragement for someone who needs it.

Join us in carrying the message!





Winter Season Open House 2026 Event Chairperson Needed

Description and Requirement

PURPOSE of the Winter Season Open House Committee	The Winter Season Open House event is an annual holiday tradition in Toronto, sponsored by the Greater Toronto Area InterGroup since 1944 and is open to all. It is a fellowship event with a strong message for all alcoholics, whether they are suffering or recovering: "No matter who you are or what day of the year it is, when you come to A.A. and ask for help, you are no longer alone." GTAI requires a WSOH Chair to organize a committee, to create a plan to host the December 25th in-person event.
RESPONSIBILITIES	The Winter Season Open House Event Chairperson is selected from the membership; subject to approval by the Operating Committee. The Chairperson is to be the Coordinator of the Winter Season Open House Subcommittee and shall assume responsibility for its overall activities, which include the following: • Locate premises to hold event on Sunday, December 25 • Chair monthly committee meetings from August 2026 to December 2026 at Bloor St United Church • Create a monthly Meeting Agenda, and take minutes to forward to admin@aatoronto.org • Monthly reporting to the GTAI Floor at the monthly General Meeting the last Tuesday of each month • Work with GTAI Liaison to work within \$2000 committee budget • Responsible to oversee volunteer recruitment from the membership for the event: -Kitchen Coordinator -WSOH AA Meeting Coordinator -Greeter Captain -Secretary -Food Purchaser -Setup and Takedown Event Manager -Al Anon Meeting Coordinator -Treasurer -Literature Table Coordinator -'Brewmaster' for Coffee
QUALIFICATIONS	1 year of continuous sobriety is required for this service commitment. Knowledge of A.A.'s Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions plus enthusiasm would be a great asset for this service position.

To apply for Winter Season Open House Event Chair please submit an A.A. Service Resume to the Operating Committee Secretary at oc.secretary@aatoronto.org

For further information please contact the Operating Committee Chairperson at oc.chair@aatoronto.org