



Monthly General Meeting (HYBRID)

Tuesday, August 25, 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 Chris C. (Welcome).

Members Present:

INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES + ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES

12 Steps, Birds of a Feather, Bloordale, Brampton Recovery, Grace Noon, Half Century, High Park, King City, Kipling, Lighthouse, Melrose, Mississauga, Newmarket, North Toronto, One Paragraph at a Time, Primary Purpose, Prince Edward, Rexdale United, River Drive Park, Saturday Morning Discussion (District 22), Silverbirch, Sisters in Sobriety, St. Clements, Stepping Stones, Steps to Serenity, Streetsville St. Andrews, Streetsville, Sunnyside, That Gay Crowd, The Dogs, Thursday Men's, Twelfth Tradition, Welcome, Willowdale Shepherd, and Woodbridge.

INTERGROUP + DISTRICT SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Accessibility, Archives, CPC/PI OC Liaison, Corrections OC Liaison, Finance, Grapevine OC Liaison, ORC 2027 Committee Member, Self Support, Twelfth Step, and WSOH 2026 Event Chair (newly appointed).

DISTRICT LIAISONS

Districts: District 12.

GTAI OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Imran R. (Finance Chair), Jimmy S. (OC Chair), Peter H., and Sean H.

At this time, Jimmy shared that there is a lot of business items to cover this evening. He recommended that the meeting be extended by 15 minutes to accommodate presentation/discussion. He asked for a Motion from the Floor.

Motion to extend this meeting by 15 minutes (to end at 9:15 p.m.) to accommodate business items

Motion moved by Jesse B. (Half Century)

Motion seconded by Chris C. (Welcome).

Motion carried.

(Virtual: 20 for/ 0 opposed/ 3 abstentions. In Person: 9 for/ 0 opposed/ 0 abstentions.)

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

"This meeting is being recorded solely to assist in the preparation of accurate minutes. Every precaution is taken to protect anonymity. Only first names are recorded in the minutes."

Intergroup Representative Reporting Responsibility: **Reminder**

The Operating Committee would also like to acknowledge the excellent work being done by our administrative assistant at 234 Eglinton in preparing and distributing monthly meeting minutes in a timely manner.

At the same time, we wish to remind Representatives that responsibility for reporting back to home groups does not rest solely on the availability of written minutes.

Representatives are therefore encouraged to:

- attend meetings prepared to take notes
- report key discussions and motions promptly
- use minutes as confirmation and reference
- maintain communication with their groups

Minutes are an important service tool, but the Representative remains the primary communication link between Intergroup and the group. Preparing accurate minutes takes time, care, and attention to detail. We kindly ask members to allow reasonable time for this work to be completed and to exercise patience before requesting copies immediately following meetings.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES –July 28, 2026

Errors or Omissions: No errors or omissions were forthcoming.

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented

Motion moved by Neil W. (Stepping Stones)

Motion seconded by Bob D. (Birds of a Feather). **Motion carried.**

(Virtual: 21 for/ 1 opposed/ 0 abstentions. In Person: 9 for/ 0 opposed/ 0 abstentions.)

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

“Thank you everyone for being here tonight.”

“We have a few important matters before us this evening, but we also have some encouraging developments to share.”

“A large part of healthy Intergroup service is continuity—making sure we have willing people stepping into service, making responsible decisions about the resources entrusted to us, and finding practical ways to better serve our Fellowship.”

“Tonight gives us an opportunity to do all three.”

“As always, I ask that we keep our discussion respectful, concise, and focused on the matter before the floor.”

“Thank you all for your 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: \$65.00.
- For Virtual attendees: The 7th Tradition link is as follows: <https://www.aatoronto.org/about/7th-tradition/>

OPERATING COMMITTEE VACANCY

"We currently have **one vacant position on the GTA Intergroup Operating Committee**, and I would like to invite members of the Fellowship to consider whether this may be an opportunity for them to serve."

"The member elected to this position would also assume the Operating Committee’s **Treatment Liaison commitment**, serving as the liaison between Intergroup and the Treatment service structure."

"I also want to clarify something for our Intergroup Representatives."

"If a currently serving Intergroup Representative is interested in standing for the Operating Committee, they are welcome to do so. However, if elected to the Operating Committee, they would need to step down from their Intergroup Representative position so that their group can appoint or elect another Representative."

"This helps preserve the distinction between representing the conscience of an individual group and serving as a trusted servant on the Operating Committee."

“So I would encourage anyone with an interest in Treatment service, or anyone looking for an opportunity to become more involved with GTA Intergroup, to consider standing.” **2 years of sobriety is required for this service role.**

“Is there anyone willing to stand for the vacant Operating Committee position?” **No one stood for the position.**

“Thank you. **The position will remain open, and I ask our Representatives to please take this service opportunity back to their home groups.**”

Questions:

Scott M. (Alt. Rep, Bloordale): “When does the Treatment Committee meet monthly?”

Jimmy S. mentioned he will find out and make sure this information is included in these minutes (see below).

Monthly Treatment Meetings: Treatment meets virtually at the Area 83 level each month on the 4th Sunday at 6 p.m.
Meeting ID: 823 6368 5974 Passcode: 021431

GTA Intergroup Subcommittee Reports

Finance: Imran R. (Port Credit), Finance Chairperson

Finance Report – August 2026

	July 2026 (1 month)						
	Actual 2026	Budget 2026	Variance	%	Actual 2025	Variance	%
Contributions and Other Income	5,409	13,174	(7,765)	(59%)	15,846	(10,437)	(66%)
Literature Sales	11,842	15,312	(3,470)	(23%)	13,448	(1,606)	(12%)
= Total Revenues	17,251	28,486	(11,235)	(39%)	29,294	(12,043)	(41%)
- Cost of Sales	7,395	9,953	2,558	26%	10,775	3,380	31%
- Expenses	17,132	18,042	910	5%	20,063	2,931	15%
= Surplus / (Deficiency)	(7,276)	491	(7,767)		(1,544)	(5,732)	

Contributions came in at \$5.4k, \$7.8k below budget (59%) and \$10.4k below the \$15.8k received in July 2025. Literature sales were \$11.8k against a \$15.3k budget (23% below) and \$13.4k in July 2025. Total Revenues of \$17.3k were 39% below budget and 41% below July 2025.

Cost of sales was \$7.4k, \$2.6k below budget. Expenses of \$17.1k came in \$0.9k below budget (5%) and \$2.9k below July 2025. The net result is a monthly deficiency of \$7.3k, \$7.8k unfavourable to the budgeted surplus of \$0.5k and \$5.7k worse than July 2025.

Year-to-Date Position

Through the first seven months of 2026, GTA Intergroup is running a deficit of \$37.7k, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$1.8k – an unfavourable variance of \$35.9k. Compared to 2025 at this same point, we are running \$11.9k deeper (the July 2025 year-to-date deficit was \$25.8k).

Year-to-date contributions and other income of \$56.1k are \$12.0k behind the \$68.1k received at this point last year, and \$36.1k below the \$92.2k budget. Literature sales of \$82.0k are \$4.4k below the \$86.4k recorded last year and \$25.2k below budget.

In spite of the increase in the deficit, our overall financial position remains strong. Our prudent reserve is above the level our policy calls for, and the Finance Committee will be recommending that we draw against it to bring the reserve back toward its target and to help fund operations, depending on how strong Gratitude Month turns out. This gives us the room to continue delivering our services while we work to rebuild contribution income.

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 depend on that support. Contributions are running behind both budget and last year, and we ask every group and every member to help in whatever way they are able.

Gratitude Month is coming in October, and we will need everyone's help to get the word out. Please begin bringing this to your groups now, so that by the time the campaign launches our fellowship is ready to respond. We ask that every group make a contribution during the month of October – no matter how big or small. 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.

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 "A.A. Toronto 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

Additional Comments from Imran

"Our Prudent Reserve is quite healthy. According to the June statement we have from the bank, we are about \$30,000 above where our Prudent Reserve should be. So, just a reminder: the formula for calculating our Prudent Reserve is twelve months of operating expenses, plus 50% of the ORC events' non-banquet expenses. Using that formula, we are about \$30,000 above where our Prudent Reserve [amount] should be. If we end the year in a deficit, then we can discuss drawing down from the PR to cover that deficit."

Questions:

Terry T. (North Toronto), who was attending the meeting in person, asked a question about finances (recording of in-person meeting couldn't catch Terry's question fully; Jimmy paraphrased). Terry asked why Imran was saying finances are strong, but at the same time noting finances are getting worse?

Imran responded: "That's a good question. So if you look at it every year, this is the pattern that we have; that we run a deficit up until Gratitude Month. Gratitude time is when we get 'a big shot in the arm' financially through groups and individual contributions as a result of this yearly campaign. This year, we are \$12,000 worse off than where we were last year. These are the result of additional expenses (which were approved expenses). Plus, there's a softening of the contributions and the literature sales. We don't have clear insight into why these items aren't as strong as they were last year. We encourage Reps to give us feedback. I mentioned 'strong' because our Prudent Reserve is \$30,000 over where it needs to be, so we are 'strong' in that we can meet our financial obligations."

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

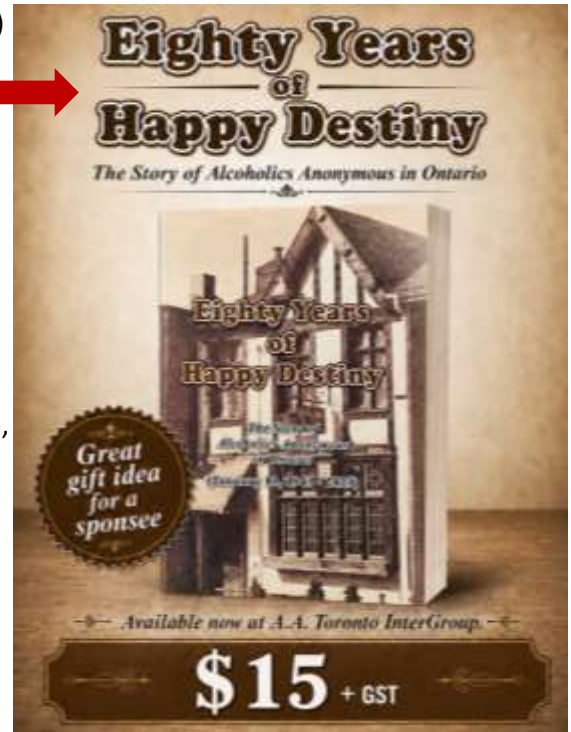
- **'Eighty Years of Happy Destiny'** book is available for purchase In the Literature Department at InterGroup; cost is \$15 plus GST
- Having a copy of this book at your group would be ideal!
- It contains a very comprehensive history of local and provincial AA and its beginnings to the current time
- InterGroup has been generous towards to Archives committee, granting us space for a Repository. **In our Repository** are vast collections of archival materials, including group histories, oral histories from long-timers, vintage Grapevines, Better Times Newsletter copies (from 1996 to current) + Area 83 archives
- **If your group is having a group anniversary** & require information, please contact our Archivist, Eddy G. egesicki@rogers.com

Annual GTAI Archives Breakfast Sat. Nov.7

Bloordale United Church, 4258 Bloor St West, ETOBICOKE

Tickets \$35 available from Archives members or call Glenn G. 647-572-5687. Event starts at 9 a.m. for coffee & fellowship, and features long-time speakers, Archives displays and more!

Venue seats 175 – get your tickets early!



Communications: Chairperson not present; the following report was submitted for the minutes:

- The Communications Committee's first Policies and Procedures document is currently under review by the Operating Committee.
- Website improvements continue, including verifying meeting listings, improving online forms, updating software infrastructure, and streamlining meeting submissions.
- Event posters and announcements should be submitted at least 30 days in advance whenever possible.
- Communications is working with the 12th Step Committee to update forms, move calendar functions onto the website, and train additional volunteers.
- Work is beginning with Archives on an "On This Day in A.A. History" website feature.
- Better Times is seeking stories and articles for its November 30th Anniversary Edition. Submissions are due by October 1.
- Better Times currently has a two-person editorial team, Lori and Latifa. We are seeking two to four volunteers to shadow and train alongside them—similar to alternate service positions—with an interest in writing, editing, formatting, and eventually stepping into editorial roles.
- CPC/PI District 10 presented a potential TTC public-service campaign involving approximately 2,000 AA information cards featuring the Toronto InterGroup website and telephone number.
- The estimated printing cost is approximately \$10,000. CPC/PI will seek funding from InterGroup and AA groups while Communications prepares the artwork and campaign materials.
- Volunteers with graphic-design experience are also encouraged to contact the Communications Committee

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

AA Family Fun Day 2026: Jimmy S. (Fifth Tradition), on behalf of Jenn F., Event Chair (Verbal report)

A.A. Family Fun Day Monday, September 7 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Features a 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
- A **list of kid-friendly AA meetings** (where members can attend meetings with their children) will be compiled and available for distribution at the event

I.T. Subcommittee: No report.

Ontario Regional Conference 2027: Scott M. (Bloordale), ORC 2027 Committee member (read on behalf of 2027 Event Chair, Ray R.)



I'm Ray, and I'm truly honored to be serving as Chair of the 2027 Ontario Regional Conference.

I'm happy to share that the planning is going extremely well. We have an incredible lineup of speakers coming from across Canada and the United States, and we're working hard to put together a conference that offers something meaningful for every alcoholic who walks through the door.

We're also updating our website and Facebook page, so please check us out at aaorc.ca for the latest information, announcements, and conference updates.

Registration opens October 1. This year, registration is \$60, banquet tickets are \$125, and hotel rooms are available for \$265 per night. And don't forget about our early-bird prizes!

Of course, none of this happens without the people who are willing to give a little of their time. We're always looking for volunteers to help as greeters, ushers, cashiers, and in many other areas. It's a great way to get involved, meet other members, and be part of something bigger than ourselves.

I'm really looking forward to welcoming you to the 2027 Ontario Regional Conference. I hope you'll join us, bring a friend, and help us make this a conference people will remember—not for what we've planned, but for the connection, fellowship, and recovery we share.

Thank you for your service, Ray R.
Chair, 2027 Ontario Regional Conference

"Don't Stop Believing"

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

12-Step Committee Report August 25, 2026

Kelli T - 12 Step Chair, Lynn E - 12 Step Vice-Chair

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

We manage the remote phone system, support over 100 Phone Greeters, and maintain a roster of 12 Step volunteers who are available when a caller needs more than meeting information. For many people, this call is their very first contact with AA—and that moment matters.

The committee continues to operate as a strong and reliable service. Anyone interested in serving on the committee is encouraged to reach out at:

12step.chair@aatoronto.org

12step.vicechair@aatoronto.org

Each month, the committee identifies one clear message to bring back to home groups.

Our focus for August is Overnight Phone Greeters.

The Toronto AA Help Line is answered 24/7 by AA members. Overnight coverage remains one of our greatest needs.

We are currently looking for Overnight Phone Greeters willing to take one overnight shift per month from 1 a.m.–9 a.m. This is fully remote service, training is provided, and many greeters simply answer calls as needed during the night and return to sleep.

Please announce this opportunity at your home group and encourage members with one year of sobriety to consider participating.

Someone reaching out to AA at 3 a.m. deserves to hear a calm, sober member answer the phone.

Flyers with a QR code are available and can be shared with home groups. Those in person, please be sure to pick up a flyer to post at your home group.

A digital version is also available here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dBbIGqyiyEVs6KuMuVGvnHQ_aPMduuEC/view?usp=sharing

[Overnight Greeters.jpg](#)

Suggested message to carry back to home groups:

Participation in this work is essential.

Someone's first call to AA is only as strong as the person who answers it. Participation truly matters any time of day!

Thank you all for your service to your home groups, and thank you to the Operating Committee for giving us time to share our greatest need.

GTA District Subcommittee Reports

Accessibilities: Marvyn W. (Melrose), Chairperson
Good Evening GTA Intergroup Floor!

Alcoholic Marvyn W, Melrose Group, Area 83 Zone One GTA I-D Accessibilities Chair

We attended the August A83 Accessibility Committee meeting, 9 in Attendance 4 District Chairs from the GTA.

Most of the discussions were based on Meetings to Go, and Retirement Homes and Nursing Homes Initiatives in the GTA.

We attended the A83 Zone One GTA Accessibility Committee meeting on Sunday August 16th at 12:00 Noon

Discussion based on:

- * Meetings to Go Initiative-
- * Retirement and Nursing Home Upcoming Initiative CPC/PI Intergroup Liaison Peter H offered support.
- * Designing a new Accessibility Subcommittee Page on aatoronto.org
- * Appointing an GTA Accessibility Committee Liaison to Intergroup's Upcoming 2026 WSOH event scheduled on Christmas Day.

We want to thank the GTA Home Groups for continuing to fill out their Accessibility Checklists.

We are forwarding updated date elements from each Accessibility Checklist, to the Communications Committee to update your aatoronto.org Home Group Meeting Listing.

If your Home Group members would like to be added to the Meetings to Go volunteer list, please have them send an email to accessibility@aatoronto.org

The Next A83 Zone One Accessibility Committee meeting is Sunday September 20th at 12 noon on Zoom
824 8962 1874 PW 799763

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

Questions:

Terry T. (North Toronto), inquired about the **Accessibilities Checklist for groups**. Marvyn answered that **the checklist will be made available in these minutes** ([see Appendix](#)).

Corrections: Brandon M. (Longbranch), Operating Committee Liaison

- **From District 22** (Scarborough): This includes the Toronto East Detention Centre facility. There is a call for more AA volunteers at the facility. There are AA meetings being put on in the facility; there is a core group of 3-4 dedicated volunteers currently, but they need more members to help them.
- **From District 16** (Spanish-speaking district): There is at least one individual in an immigration holding centre (Rexdale location) who is very eager to speak to someone from AA. Spanish is his first language. If there are any

members who speak Spanish, or could provide Spanish language AA literature, please reach out to me:
corrections.liaison@aatoronto.org

Questions:

Pauline S. (River Drive Park) inquired about the need for a Spanish-speaking AA member: do they go into the facility to talk to the gentleman? Brandon answered yes, and donations of Spanish AA literature for this effort are welcomed.

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

TORONTO CITY-WIDE RECOVERY DAY: I just received information on this event but have requested that A.A. have a table. On Saturday, September 12, 2026, Recovery Without Borders (RWOB), in collaboration with The Gatehouse, presents Toronto's City-Wide Recovery Day 2026 at Mel Lastman Square. This open-access festival bridges clinical healthcare, emergency services, municipal leadership, and everyday citizens in an uplifting, non-judgmental atmosphere centered on dignity, public education, and early prevention.

TORONTO BAIL PROGRAM: Mark C (District 10 CPC-PI Chair) is scheduled to present at the Conference of Ontario Bail Supervisors at the Toronto Courtyard Marriott on September 25th. He will be attending with our Corrections Chair, Brandon M. who had been a one-time client of the Bail Program and who is now successfully sober, to share his ESH.

IMMIGRATION HOLDING CENTRE: David Scott, Executive Director of the Bail Program, linked A.A. with the Immigration Holding Centre, 385 Rexdale Blvd., Toronto. He arranged a meeting with management of the Centre on May 13th. As the Centre is located in District 2 of Area 83, Mark C arranged for Amanjot L., Alternate Treatment Facilities Chair, and Tony D., Corrections Chair, from that District to attend as well. Amanjot & Tony have secured the support of their District Table and the first meeting in the facility is now scheduled for Monday, September 14th. Outside volunteers will require a police Vulnerable Sector Check which can take a couple of months to secure so Amanjot and Tony have had to initially recruit interested volunteers with existing VSC clearances. While this falls more into the Treatment/Corrections/Other service meeting category, it has resulted from a CPC initiative. It will also engage a Bridging the Gap component as well.

TTC PSA INITIATIVE: The initiative by Mark C, District 10 CPC-PI Chair to request for A.A. to place P.I. Cards in the Toronto Subway system subway cars was accepted by the Toronto Transit Commission. The Director of Marketing & Social Media at the TTC, Christine Harron, has stated that the TTC will provide the media space at no cost. Our cost will be the printing of the cards. The TTC has also stated that this will be an "evergreen" program, meaning the cards will be kept and re-displayed in the future. Christine Harron also brought up the idea of A.A. periodically having a table at the Bloor/Yonge or other stations to provide information to interested members of the public.

Regarding the opportunity for A.A. to reach people who might have a drinking problem with the subway cards, on average 1.1 million people travel the TTC subway lines every workday. The subway cards are 35 inches wide by 11 inches high. For standing passengers, they are just above eye level, and for seated passengers, they are an easy glance upward. They are very "in your face" when you're on the subway. The cards that we are proposing to use are the P.I. "postcards" on GSO's aa.org website, adapted to the TTC's template and modified to reflect the GTA Intergroup helpline phone number and website. Our 12 Step Chair, Kelli T., proposed that our Communications team & webmaster create a landing page at aatoronto.org that the QR code on the cards link to, which would provide both an immediate connection to individuals, and allow us to know the program's reach.

The cards are rigid and have a very specific plasticized backing which makes them very durable and reusable for many years. This, however, at \$3.94 per card before tax, makes them not inexpensive to produce. Christine Harron provided us with printing costs for quantities of 250, 500, 1000, 1500 and 2000. To put the quantities in perspective and what each would accomplish I wanted to know how many subway cars the TTC has in operation. The TTC has 126 trains, and 848 individual subway cars, which prompted Mark and me to strive to have 2,000 cards printed in order to achieve the best possible reach and saturation.

Quantity	Subtotal	TAX (HST)	TOTAL
250	\$985.00	\$128.05	\$1,113.05
500	\$1,970.00	\$256.10	\$2,226.10
1000	\$3,940.00	\$512.20	\$4,452.20
1500	\$5,910.00	\$768.30	\$6,678.30
2000	\$7,880.00	\$1,024.40	\$8,904.40

I did present the costs to a district CPC-PI chair whose company advertises with the TTC, and their response was that the costs we are looking at are a fraction of what companies who pay for the media piece would be paying, and that we should do whatever we can do to take the fullest advantage of this opportunity.

To help accomplish this financially, in addition to utilizing the funds currently available in the PI & CPC Intergroup budgets, this initiative has been presented to the 8 GTAI DCM's and to the Area 83 PI Chair, Sarah Mc. And while their possible assistance would help bring us closer to meeting our goal, I don't know if we can achieve it without the assistance of A.A. groups. **So I would like to make a specific request now to the GTA Intergroup Reps to please present this at your next home group business meetings to make a motion for their group to make whatever contribution it comfortably can to help in making this happen.** This is a long- term investment which will hold us in good stead for years to come in the area of PI in the GTA, and the only holdup now is confirming the funding.

Summary of Questions regarding TTC PSAs Initiative

Vivien C. (Saturday Morning Discussion District 22) had concerns that we were breaking Traditions if we are not paying costs (referring to the line in Peter's report *'TTC will provide the media space at no cost'*). She had a problem with donated media space; "we should pay something". She complimented Peter and the CPC-PI team on their efforts, however. Woody K. (Willowdale Shepherd) agreed with Vivien.

Peter responded to member's concerns. We are paying for the printing of the cards; this is in line with our Traditions. We as Toronto Intergroup are a registered Charitable Organization. What TTC is offering us is the rate for charities i.e. United Way, Covenant House, etc. The TTC 'evergreen' program is offered to charitable organizations.

Bert J. (Silverbirch) mentioned that there was a CPC-PI PSA initiative several years ago shared between District 06 and District 22. It involved PSA's placed over the month of December in Peel Region (i.e. Go Transit, Mississauga Transit and west-end TTC stations) and in Toronto's East End (TTC subway line 2, Woodbine). What Peter and the CPC-PI team is proposing now is the same principle as those PSAs from years ago, and is indeed in line with our Traditions.

Jimmy S., Operating Chair, mentioned that "we are doing our due diligence regarding our Twelve Traditions" in terms of this initiative.

Bert provided the following information which he posted in the Zoom chat for Floor members:

The relevant guidance is Tradition Eleven: our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity, and AA ought to avoid sensational advertising — names and pictures of AA members ought not to be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion — there's never a need for AA to praise itself; it's better to let friends recommend it.

What this means in practice for something like a PSA for transit (TTC):

- Attraction, not promotion. AA doesn't run persuasive "join us" marketing campaigns or paid billboards pushing membership. Transit placards (like the ones many cities do carry) are meant to simply inform — "if you have a drinking problem, here's a phone number" — not sell or recruit.
 - No identifiable members. No names, faces, or personal stories tied to a real member appear in the ad, protecting anonymity at "the level of press, radio, and films."
 - No self-praise or testimonials as an organization. The organization refrains from making commercials or buying billboards in the promotional sense — most transit/PSA-style ads that do exist are typically produced by local intergroups as a public service, not central AA 'marketing'.
 - Local intergroup discretion. There's no single national ad campaign; individual AA service offices decide whether and how to place this kind of public information material, always filtered through the anonymity and non-promotion principles above.
 - PSAs should be generic and un-branded, rather than using any official AA symbol or personal testimonial.
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Marc T. (Twelfth Tradition) stated that we are paying the printing costs; therefore it's not 'free'. This is an extraordinary opportunity for us!

Grapevine: Sean H. (Thursday Men's), Operating Committee Liaison
Sean reported that no committee meeting was held in August. No report.

Self Support: De R. (Rexdale United), Chairperson:

Self-Support Report Intergroup August 25, 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.

Lizzie F., District 22 Self-Support Chair submitted an article for the September issue of The Better Times for Gratitude month. Thank you Lizzie. And Susan of District 10 joins us as well as Marrey P. of District 06 – welcome ladies!

And a shout-out to Lisa M., Communications Chair and Carla our Webmaster for helping us with web content, soon to be up!

Our committee members continue to work with Area 83 Self-Support on a campaign to distribute Grapevine gift certificates to Treatment and Correctional Facilities across Area 83, with a goal of 100 subscriptions. More information as we work on this initiative.

For information about this and our 'coffee can' initiative please email self-support@aatoronto.org

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. De R – GTAI Self-Support Chair

Treatment: No report.

Area 83 Alternate Delegate's Report: Alternate Delegate not present; the following report was submitted:
General Service Report from Intergroup Liaison-Alternate Delegate Area 83

August 25, 2026 - Toronto Intergroup Monthly meeting

1. **GSR POWER HOUR WORKSHOPS:** September 15/16, 2026 (3rd Tuesday and Wednesday @ 8pm) Topic: **Rotation, service sponsorship, will you stand?** 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 Fall Assembly will take place on 30, 31 October and 1 November 2026.**

There will be a Service Information Day on Saturday 31 October and the Election of Area Officers (Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar) on 1 November 2026. Remember, if you are a General Service Representative (GSR) you have a voice and vote. If you cannot attend, your Alternate can take in your place and have a voice and vote.



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** – The Summer edition of Box 4-5-9 is available at aa.org. Lots of good information here from the 76th General Service Conference and other interesting and relevant topics.

The hard cover Fifth Edition of the “Big Book” Alcoholics Anonymous is expected to be available in February 2027 at a cost of USD\$20.

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

Item 1 — Winter Season Open House

“I have some very good news regarding our Winter Season Open House.”

“Over the past couple of months, we’ve asked members of the Fellowship to consider stepping forward to provide leadership for this important annual event.”

“I’m very pleased to announce that **Vivien C.** (Morning Discussion Group, District 22) **has agreed to serve as our Winter Season Open House Chair for 2026 and 2027.**”

“Vivien, thank you for being willing to serve! Let’s give her a hand.”

“This also gives us an opportunity to turn our attention from recruiting a Chair to helping Vivien build a strong committee around her.”

“The Winter Season Open House doesn’t belong to one person. It takes many members doing relatively small pieces of service to make December 25th possible.”

“I’m asking every Intergroup Representative tonight to please take this back to your home group.”

“Let your members know that there are opportunities to become involved with the WSOH Committee. This is a great opportunity for members—particularly those looking for a new service commitment—to participate in something that directly serves our Fellowship on Christmas Day.”

“Vivien will provide further information about committee positions and meetings as planning gets underway.”

“Congratulations, Vivien, and again thank you for stepping forward.”

Vivien then addressed Floor members, thanking the Operating Committee for the Chair appointment, and emphasizing the need to build a strong and dedicated committee of volunteers for this year’s WSOH event.

WSOH Committee meetings start in September. The monthly committee meetings are held in hybrid format:

- Sunday, September 13 – 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (**virtual only!**)
- Sunday, October 18 – 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (hybrid)
- Sunday, November 8 – 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (hybrid)
- Sunday, December 6 – 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (hybrid)

In-person WSOH Committee meeting location (Oct-Nov-Dec): Timothy Eaton Church, 230 St. Clair Avenue West.
Meeting held in minister’s outer office.

Virtual WSOH Committee Meeting: Meeting ID 845 5064 0260 Passcode 561800

To volunteer for this year’s WSOH event committee, please reach out to Vivien:

Phone 647-551-9569

Email viviencampbell2015@gmail.com

Item 2 — Saturday Office Pickup: Pilot Initiative (trial basis)

“Last month I advised the floor that we were looking at the possibility of opening the Intergroup Office for several hours on Saturdays to better accommodate members who are unable to visit during regular weekday hours.”

“I’m pleased to report that we’re going to move forward with this on a trial basis during September.”

“The purpose is very simple: **accessibility and service to our Fellowship**. “

“The office will be available on Saturdays in September strictly for the pickup of **pre-ordered literature and medallions**. I want to emphasize the words *pre-ordered* and *pickup*.”

“**This will *not* operate as regular Saturday bookstore hours, and orders will not be processed on the spot**. Members and groups will place their orders beforehand and then have the convenience of a weekend day to come to 234 and collect them.”

“Hours on Saturday will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This will start on September 5.”

“Because the 234 building is locked on weekends, when picking up your literature pre-order, you would simply use your cellphone and **dial the Literature Department direct phone line 416-487-9865**. A staff member will answer, and then go downstairs to the front door of the building (on 234 Eglinton Avenue East) and let you in.”

“We hope this will be particularly helpful to members who work during our regular weekday office hours.”

“We’ll evaluate how much the Fellowship uses the service during September and what the operational impact is before determining what makes sense going forward.”

“Please take this information back to your home groups and encourage members to make use of the service.”

Questions:

One member (in person) asked why we would implement this idea, when we have shipping capability via the online bookstore.

Jimmy answered: There’s a few reasons; some people are used to the ‘old school’ way and fulfil their orders in person. Also, we have had quite a few postal strikes; if this occurs, at least the orders can be picked up in person.

Brian P. (One Day at a Time): are there any additional expenses? Jimmy: Yes. We are using one of our current staff members who knows the office very well, is responsible, and does not require additional training. This is a 4-hour paid position added to weekly hours of the staff member.

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

Item 1 - Purchase of Four New Office Computers — Up to \$7,000

“I’d now like to move into New Business.”

“Our first item concerns the computer equipment at the Intergroup Office.”

“As our IT Chair reported to the floor last month, part of the IT Committee’s work has involved reviewing the equipment currently being used at 234.”

“That assessment has identified that our staff computer towers are more than ten years old and need to be replaced.”

“These computers support the day-to-day operations of GTA Intergroup. As we’ve modernized our website, online bookstore and other systems, we also need to make sure the equipment our staff relies upon is dependable and capable of supporting those services.”

“The Operating Committee is therefore bringing forward a request for authorization to spend **up to \$7,000 for the purchase of four (4) replacement computers**.” These four replacement computers are for:

- The Office Manager/Literature Department Office
- The Administrative Coordinator's Office
- The Finance Chairperson + Book Keeper's Office
- The Archives Repository

"The amount is a maximum authorization rather than a requirement that the entire \$7,000 be spent."

"I wanted to ask our IT Chair to briefly explain the assessment, why replacement rather than continued repair or upgrading is being recommended, and what the proposed purchase would provide; however, he could not make it tonight. In his absence, I will simply state that the computers are outdated, and need to be replaced."

"I'll now open the floor for questions concerning the proposed purchase."

"If the floor is satisfied with the information provided, **the Chair will entertain a motion.**"

Questions & comments before the Motion

Joe R. (That Gay Crowd): Was this a budgeted item? (Answer: No). Can we wait until the next fiscal year so we can budget for this?

Jimmy: Is the urgency great enough that we get it accomplished now? Or can we wait until the New Year? This is not a question I can answer; I'm not a tech guy.

Glenn G., Archives Chairperson: Regarding the Archives computer, the urgency is high because of the danger of losing files. Jimmy concurred, stating that – in talking with Vito K. our I.T. Chair, there is a danger of losing files due to the age of the computers.

Motion: "I move that GTA Intergroup authorize an expenditure of up to \$7,000 for the purchase of four replacement computers for the Intergroup Office, based upon the recommendation of the IT Committee."

Motion moved by De R. (Rexdale United)

Seconded by Jesse B. (Half Century)

"The motion has been properly moved and seconded. Discussion is now open."

Discussion.

Bert J. (Silverbirch) mentioned that he does a regular phone greeter shift at the Intergroup Office, and stated that "those office computers used by Shareena and Alexx are very outdated. Therefore, I support this Motion."

Joe R. (That Gay Crowd): "It seems that this could have been mentioned last year [the need for new computers] and that could have been put in the budget. My feeling is to make it part of the 2027 budget; utilize a budgetary process."

Marc T. (Twelfth Tradition): "I think it's reasonable if we're asking people to do work for A.A., that they have up-to-date tools to do this."

Vote and Results

"All those in favour?" (23 in favour/virtual. 9 in favour/in person)

"All those opposed?" (0 opposed/virtual. 1 opposed/in person)

"Any abstentions?" (1 abstention/virtual. 0 abstentions/in person)

Voice of the Minority as per the Twelve Concept was offered; it was declined. No subsequent vote was taken.

Motion carried. 4 new computers will be purchased for the Intergroup office to replace the outdated computer towers.

Item 2 - Winter Season Virtual Alcathon Chair Needed

"I have one additional service opportunity that I would like to bring before the Fellowship tonight."

"We are looking for a member who would be willing to serve as **Chair of the Winter Season Virtual Alcathon.**"

"For anyone who may not be familiar with it, the Virtual Alcathon provides online A.A. meetings throughout the Holiday Season, specifically on **December 24th, December 25th, December 31st, and January 1st.**"

"The Chair's role is not to do this alone."

"The Chair helps build and coordinate a committee of trusted servants who organize the online meetings, recruit participating groups and volunteers, develop the schedule, and help ensure that an A.A. meeting is available online throughout those four days."

"This service has a very special place in my heart because I personally had the opportunity to Chair the Virtual Alcathon two years ago."

"It was an amazing experience."

The holidays can be a difficult time for alcoholics—particularly newcomers, people who may be alone, or members who aren't able to attend an in-person meeting. Knowing that someone can log on and find an A.A. meeting and another alcoholic to connect with makes this a very worthwhile service commitment."

"So I'm asking our Intergroup Representatives to please take this opportunity back to your home groups."

"Maybe there's somebody in your group who has been looking for their next service commitment. Maybe there's somebody who has some experience with Zoom or organizing meetings. Or maybe there's simply somebody willing to learn and build a good committee around them."

"If anyone here tonight is interested in serving as Chair, or would like more information about the position, **please speak with me after the meeting or contact me directly**". oc.chair@aatoronto.org 437-218-3837

"I can also share my own experience in the position and help the incoming Chair get started."

"Thank you, and I hope someone will consider stepping forward."

Brad (Alt. Rep, Birds of a Feather) volunteered for the position; he volunteered for this committee 2 years ago when Jimmy was event chairperson. Jimmy will talk to Brad after the meeting.

Jimmy stated: "Thank you for your interest! We will still do the right thing and offer other members the opportunity to apply for this service position."

Item 3 – Better Times Editor Needed (2027)

"We are looking for a member to step in to the **Better Times Editor position.**"

"Alexx will provide the position description in these minutes [[please see Appendix](#)]."

"Our current Editor will provide training and support to ensure a smooth transition. The two members that are responsible for Better Times currently are gracious enough to stay on until we find somebody; however, in the spirit of rotation, **I am encouraging members to go back to your home groups with the service position opportunity.**"

"If you have any interest in writing, editing, communications and service, please speak with us for more information."

Other New Business

“Is there any other New Business to come before the Floor?”

Item 1 – Motion

Chris C. (Rep, Welcome Group) “I’d like to put a Motion to the Intergroup Floor:”

Motion: “I’d like to put a Motion to the Floor that the Greater Toronto Area Intergroup take the position that there should be no fee or charge of any kind levied for in-person attendance at Information A.A. Day 2027, and that such a position be communicated to all districts within the GTA and to the Information A.A. Day 2027 Committee, once it has been established. The expense of Information AA Day be covered entirely by the fellowship in the GTA as a whole, through financial support from the districts and from Intergroup. Once the potential revenue from ticket sales has been removed, a balanced budget should be established for the committee to work within.”

Motion moved by Chris C. (Welcome)
Seconded by Terry T. (North Toronto)

Due to time constraints, Jimmy stated that **discussion and a possible vote will be deferred until the September 29 monthly General Meeting.**

Item 2 – Use of chat feature by virtual attendees

Vivien C. (Saturday Morning Discussion, District 22) had an observation: “Oftentimes in business meetings held online, the chat part of the virtual technology is shut off so that people aren’t just posting chat comments, which can be very distracting throughout a meeting. It doesn’t have to be a Motion tonight or a discussion tonight, but if there’s a Motion on the floor or a discussion to the effect that we should contribute verbally, as opposed to putting our comments in the chat. It’s just an observation at this point.”

Jimmy: “Thank you for bringing this up, Vivien. I can see how that would be distracting. Maybe this is something we can discuss at the next meeting. There is the benefit of exchanging information: phone numbers, emails, etc.”

[Note: It is current office protocol that the administrative assistant post the following during the meeting for virtual attendees: online 7th Tradition link, subcommittee chairperson contact information, event flyers, volunteers needed flyers, and upcoming events in the chat in tandem with subcommittee reports].

Jimmy continued: “Some members attending virtually cannot verbally ask questions due to anonymity concerns [at work/not in a fully anonymous location with other non-members in their space, etc.].”

Marc T. (Twelfth Tradition): “I believe it’s possible to turn off those chat notifications to curb distractions; that isn’t to say that I’m for or against it. I’m merely suggesting that it’s possible.”

Vivien continued: “Definitely it’s good for sharing information; this could be done at the end of the meeting by the tech person. It’s been done this way at other business meetings. The fact that it’s done during discussion and people are posting comments...these comments should be verbalized. The chat feature is overused.”

Jimmy shared: “There’s a reason why we can’t be posting all the information at the end of the meeting, and we have to end the virtual portion of the meeting quickly: Alexx (administrative assistant) is at the office, and the recording of the meeting online needs to be transcribed, and this takes so time. So we have to end the meeting abruptly. That time can’t be allotted at the end of the meeting to post all that information.”

Reception Report

In-Person Attendance: 14 total (8 Intergroup Reps present + 1 Alternate Rep).

Virtual Attendance: Reps 22, Alt Reps 2, Subcommittee Chairs 3, OC Members 1, and 2 Visitors.

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 44.

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 continuing to serve a Fellowship that has given our lives back."

"Tonight we've had an opportunity not only to deal with the practical needs of Intergroup, but also to strengthen service going forward."

"Please take the WSOH committee opportunities, the Virtual Alcathon position, and our open Operating Committee position back to your groups. Somewhere in our Fellowship are members whose next chapter of recovery may begin with simply saying 'yes' to a new service commitment."

"Thank you all for your service."

Next General Meeting:

"Our next Monthly General Meeting will be held in **hybrid format** on **Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 8:00 p.m.**"

Motion to adjourn:

Motion to adjourn moved by Brad (Alt. Rep, Birds of a Feather)

Motion seconded by Chris C. (Welcome).

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: Editor + Design Volunteer(s) for <u>Better Times</u> | Contact: cc.chair@aatoronto.org |
| ➤ Communications: Story submissions for <u>Better Times</u> | Contact: bettertimes@aatoronto.org |
| ➤ Winter Season Virtual Alcathon 2026 Event Chair Needed | Contact: oc.chair@aatoronto.org |



Better Times Editor Needed

New Editor needed by November - December 2026 to shadow current Editor

Description and Requirement

PURPOSE of Communications Subcommittee	• Procure content, edit, format, and publish the monthly Better Times newsletter, both on the website and as physical copies for distribution at the monthly GTAI meeting. • Modify, adapt, and otherwise maintain the www.aatoronto.org website. • Publish the GTAI Meeting Directory. • Online Store Front (Future) for Literature Department ordering of books, pamphlets, medallions, and A.A. materials. • Online Help Chat (Future). • Announcements. • A.A. Events. • Subcommittee Monthly Meetings. • Upcoming Medallions.
RESPONSIBILITIES	The Better Times Editor for GTA Intergroup's monthly newsletter is selected from the membership and is subject to approval by the Communications Committee. The Better Times Editor assumes responsibility for the newsletter's overall activities. This service role candidate: • Has a good basic knowledge of the A.A. Traditions and Concepts. • Has enthusiasm and creativity. • Displays an ability to work in a team environment. • Has knowledge and skill using publishing applications for creating monthly editions (i.e. Canva). Each month, the Better Times Editor is responsible for... • Checking the subcommittee email bettertimes@aatoronto.org frequently and answering applicable questions, story submissions, and requests for monthly email subscriptions. • Redirecting requests for medallion postings, meeting changes, and events to the Webmaster or Events Calendar update volunteer on the Communications Committee for posting on www.aatoronto.org. • Liaising with office staff (Alexx at admin@aatoronto.org or Shareena at litdept@aatoronto.org) when required, including printing, distribution, and emailing monthly editions. • Bringing story ideas to each monthly Communications meeting and pitching ideas during the Better Times portion of the meeting. • Following the yearly monthly themes and gathering appropriately themed articles from members for the newsletter. • Coordinating story submissions, A.A.-related event submissions, medallion and birthday announcements for the monthly edition deadline (10th of each month for the upcoming edition). • Creating/pasting up a printable version of the newsletter and submitting it to office staff for printing/distribution, ideally one week before the monthly General Meeting held on the last Tuesday of each month. • Arranging for a member to pick up printed Better Times copies and bring them to the in-person portion of the monthly General Meeting for distribution. • Informing the Communications Chairperson that Better Times has been printed and distributed, including in-person circulation and online distribution to monthly email subscribers. • Asking the Webmaster to post Better Times editions on the website. Monthly Time Commitment: 40 hours
QUALIFICATIONS	2 years of continuous sobriety is required for this service commitment.

To apply for Better Times Editor please submit an A.A. Service Resume to the Communications Committee Chairperson at cc.chair@aatoronto.org

For further information on this service role, please contact the Operating Chairperson, Jimmy S., at oc.chair@aatoronto.org

Better Times Editorial Planning

Monthly Themes and Recurring Features

Transition goal: A new Better Times Editor should begin by November - December 2026 so there is time to shadow the current Editor and learn the monthly production cycle.

MONTH	BETTER TIMES FOCUS	MONTH	BETTER TIMES FOCUS
January	Winter Alcathon + Meetings open/closed during the Holidays (Dec 24, 25, 31 + Jan 1)	July	Theme TBD (Idea: Being A Sponsor/Being A Sponsee)
February	Theme TBD (Idea: Relationships, Family, and Friends in Sobriety)	August	Theme TBD (Idea: Service Sponsorship)
March	Ontario Regional Conference	September	AA Family Fun Day Event + District 22 Service Day
April	Service in A.A.	October	Gratitude Month
May	Information AA Day Event	November	Remembrance Day + Archives Breakfast
June	Founders Day (Akron)	December	Winter Season Open House (WSOH) + Group Candlelight/Gratitude Meetings schedule

MONTHLY 12 & 12	Every issue includes one Step and one Tradition. Move through the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions in sequence across the year, one of each per month.
NEXT MONTH PREVIEW	At the end of each edition, include a concise preview of the next month's issue: • Next month's theme or focus. • Story submission deadline: 10th of the month. • A short invitation or prompt for member story submissions. • Any known upcoming A.A. events or recurring features to watch for.
SUBMISSION DEADLINE	10th of each month for the upcoming edition. The printable edition should ideally be ready one week before the monthly GTA InterGroup General Meeting.

EDITORIAL PLANNING NOTE	Themes are a guide for story gathering and issue planning. April, May, July, and August are intentionally left open so the Communications Committee and Better Times Editor can select timely themes each year. The Editor should bring story ideas to the monthly Communications meeting and pitch ideas for upcoming editions.
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GREATER TORONTO AREA
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**ONE
NIGHT A MONTH**

**OVERNIGHT PHONE
GREETERS**



Use the QR Code
Visit our 12 Step page
Complete the
Phone Greeter Application
Select Overnight Shift option

Any questions?? Reach out to
12step.chair@atoronto.org



Winter Season Virtual Alcathon Chairperson 2026

Description and Requirement

PURPOSE of the Winter Season Virtual Alcathon Committee	The Winter Season Virtual Alcathon Event that took the place of the Winter Season Open House In-Person Event in 2020. That event was so well-received that GTAI held the event again in 2021 and onward, and will continue the event in 2026. The WSVA is held over four (4) days, from December 24 at noon until noon on December 25, and again from December 31 at noon until noon on January 1. GTAI Home Groups are invited to host 1-hour virtual meetings and 4 AI Anon Virtual Meetings. GTAI requires a WSVA 2026 Event Chairperson to organize a committee to create a plan to host the four (4)-day event.
RESPONSIBILITIES	The WSVA Chairperson is selected from the membership; subject to approval by the Operating Committee. The Chairperson is to be the Coordinator of the WSVA Subcommittee and shall assume responsibility for its overall activities, which include the following: • Chair monthly GTAI Zoom Account Committee Meetings from August 2026 to December 2026 • Create a monthly Meeting Agenda and take meeting minutes to forward to admin@aatoronto.org • Monthly reporting to the GTAI Floor at the monthly General Meeting held on the last Tuesday of each month • Work with GTAI Liaison to meet guidelines set by the GTAI Operating Committee • Organize Event Meeting times from GTAI Zoom Account via admin. assistant at 234 • Responsible to Oversee Committee Member Recruitment: -Secretary -Communications Volunteer -AI Anon Meeting Coordinator -Two A.A. Meeting Coordinators -Tech Host Chairperson -Three-member Tech Hosting Team
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.

Questions? Please reach out to GTAI Operating Chair, Jimmy S. oc.chair@aatoronto.org

ACCESSIBILITIES CHECKLIST FOR MEETINGS AND GROUPS

PRESERVING DIGNITY AND OFFERING INCLUSIVENESS

ACCESSIBILITIES IN AA

How accessible is your meeting? This is a guide to help reduce the physical access barriers that a person may encounter when attending meetings in your location.

Introduction

The meeting location should be physically accessible so that anyone may arrive on site, approach the building, and enter the meeting without barriers. The following are some questions your group can answer to determine the overall accessibility of your meeting space. With Group Conscience please consider making changes that will address any issues so your meeting is fully accessible to all alcoholics.

Please fill out this checklist. Please forward the checklist to the Accessibilities Committee at the email listed at the bottom of the checklist. The Meeting Guide will be Updated reflected whether your meeting is Accessible or not.

Priority of Important Accessibilities concerns:

- **1. BUILDING ENTRANCE**

- ☐ Is there a clear flat path, a ramp, or elevator, to provide an accessible entrance?
- ☐ If there is an elevator operated by a key, does someone on location have possession of the key or know where the key is kept? Is there a Group member contact for easy coordination? Please add phone number of contacts: _____
- ☐ Is there signage indicating the location of the accessible entrance with elevator?
- ☐ Does the entrance door have adequate width (40") and clearance to accommodate a wheelchair?
- ☐ Do the doors have push button door entry? Is it activated? This is important for members in wheelchairs.

- **2. INSIDE THE BUILDING**

- ☐ Is the meeting room accessible? Is there a clear, flat path to the Meeting Room?

- **3. GROUP MEETING ROOM**

- ☐ Set up the chairs with adequate aisle space for a wheelchair (40").
- ☐ Is the lighting adequate?
- ☐ Is A.A. literature available that addresses the needs of individuals with diverse disabilities?

- **4. WASHROOMS**

- ☐ Is there at least one fully accessible washroom available?
- ☐ Are there push button door entries and exit to and from the washroom?

Are there grab bars on the walls behind and to the side nearest the toilet?

☐ Can the faucet be operated without grasping, twisting, or turning?

☐ Is there a raised accessible toilet seat? 17" to 19" height from floor.

IF YOU CANNOT MEET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FIRST 4 TOPICS LISTED ABOVE YOUR ROOM IS NOT ACCESSIBLE.

- **5. ROUTE OF TRAVEL**

☐ Is the meeting place accessible to public transportation?

☐ If the meeting is at night, is the pathway well lit?

- **6. PARKING**

☐ Are an adequate number of accessible parking spaces available? (9 feet wide for car, plus 5-foot-wide access aisle, including adequate signage.)

- **7. AUDIO**

☐ Is it easy to hear in the back of the room? Consider adding a microphone and speaker.

In addition, the following accessibilities service materials are available on our A.A. website at www.aa.org. 1. A.A. Guidelines — Accessibility for All Alcoholics (MG-16) 2. A.A. Guidelines — Sharing the A.A. Message with the Alcoholic Who Is Deaf (MG-13) 3. Serving All Alcoholics (F-107)

THANK YOU

GTAI ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE

accessibility@aatoronto.org

Group Name: _____ District: _____ Meeting Fully Accessible: Yes _____ No _____

Contact: _____



GREATER TORONTO AREA
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Winter Season Open House

**FREE
Event**

Fri. December 25, 2026 10 am to 4 pm

Timothy Eaton Memorial Church – 230 St Clair Ave West,
Toronto (Dunvegan Rd. entrance) *fully accessible*

**Featuring AA/Alanon Meetings, Fellowship, &
Service Opportunities!**

Enjoy turkey, ham, stuffing, vegetarian/vegan sides, salads, desserts,
coffee, and pop!

**Volunteers Needed
for Event Set-Up
Thurs. Dec 24 9am-12 noon**

Our committee is
looking for **donations**
of **turkey, ham & desserts**

WSOH 2026 Committee Meetings:

(In-person portion to be held at Timothy Eaton
Church, 230 St. Clair Ave West, Toronto)

In-person and Zoom options for committee
meetings. Meetings to be held on:

- Sun. Sept 13 (virtual only!) 9 am-10:30 am
- Thurs. Oct. 8 (Meet & Greet/in person only!) 6 pm
- Tues. Oct 27 (Hybrid) 6 pm
- Tues. Nov 24 (Hybrid) 6 pm
- Thurs. Dec 17 (in person only!) 6 pm

Virtual WSOH Committee Meeting Details:

Meeting ID: 845 5064 0260
Passcode: 561800

For donations or if you are interested in joining
this fun, active committee,
please contact Vivien C., Event Chair

wsoh@aatoronto.org