

# GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, September 27, 2022 (online meeting)

(These Minutes Unapproved by Floor Members)

The meeting convened at 8:00 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read by Mike C. (Beverly Hills).

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

**INTERGROUP REP/ALT:** Anniversary, Beaches, Beverly Hills, Birds of a Feather, Bloordale, Deer Park, Dry on Danforth, East York, Erin Mills, Fellowship of the Spirit, Gay Sober Men, Gladstone, Hadenuffyet, High Park, Hill, Keep It Simple, King City, Last Stop Freedom, Living Sober, Love & Tolerance, Markham Village, Markland Wood, Meadowvale Fellowship, Midtown, Mississauga, Morning Discussion, Mount Royal-York, Noon Rap, Pine Hills, Port Credit, Primary Purpose, Rox Glen Traditional, Royal York, See Too It, Silverbirch, Sisters in Sobriety, St. Clements, Stepping Stones, Steps to Serenity, Streetsville, The Dogs, Tuesday Men's, Unionville, Welcome, Westmoreland, and Yorkville.

**DISTRICT LIAISONS:** Districts 12 and 18.

**OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Gord H., Kelli T., Derek F., Julie G., Graham D. (OC Vice-Chair), Cam B. (Finance Chair), Don H., and Marvyn W. (OC Chair).

**SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS:** ACCESSIBILITIES, ARCHIVES, COMMUNICATIONS, CPC/PI, FINANCE, INFORMATION AA DAY, GRAPEVINE, ORC 2023, SELF-SUPPORT, TWELFTH STEP, WINTER SEASON OPEN HOUSE, WINTER SEASON VIRTUAL ALKATHON.

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

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES – AUGUST 2022

**Errors and/or Omissions:** none.

**Motion** to adopt Minutes as presented moved by Don H. (Keep It Simple) and seconded by Jeff B. (Stepping Stones). The Motion was carried.

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

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

- **Sad news: Wes B. (Longbranch) passed away on Fri. Sept. 23.** He said the following: "Wes was a very passionate member of Alcoholics Anonymous; a great friend and mentor to Greater Toronto Area Intergroup. Wes performed much service with Intergroup over the years, as GTA Intergroup Chair, ORC Chair, and member of the ORC Advisory Committee, and Intergroup Rep for the Longbranch Group. Wes touched many members of AA with his knowledge of the Big Book; its Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous. Wes explained to this alcoholic in his first year of sobriety the importance of service; he said 'Marv, stay in the middle of the AA service record. If you do that, you will surely have good personal sobriety and you will be able to continue carrying the message to the still-suffering alcoholic'. Please keep Wes's wife Jean and the rest of his family in your thoughts and prayers. We will miss him."
- **Ben W. (Thornccliffe Park) celebrated 60 years of sobriety Fri. Sept. 23**
- **Derek F. (St. Clements), OC member, celebrates 35 years of sobriety Wed. Sept. 28**
- **Of 246 AA meetings in the GTA, 124 meetings have reopened to in-person status since May 2022**
- **7 home in-person groups have stayed open throughout the pandemic.** One of these groups, Bloordale, is featured in the recent Better Times Newsletter

## Motion to Suspend Regular Business – Elections for Incoming Operating Committee Member (1)

**MOTION** to Suspend Regular Business to Facilitate Elections moved by Bert J. (Silverbirch) and seconded by Derek F. (St. Clements). The Motion was carried.

**Election for 1 new Operating Committee Members:** Marvyn outlined the qualifications and service commitments for this position and asked if anyone present would like to stand for the position. No volunteer came forward at this time.

**There will be an Election for one more OC member at the October 25 General Meeting. Please announce at your groups!**

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

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

## FINANCE REPORT – Cam B. (Deer Park), Finance Chair

Dear Intergroup Reps, Greater Toronto Area Fellowship, Subcommittee Chairs, District Liaisons, Visitors and GTAI Operating Committee,

## October is Gratitude Month! (See Gratitude Month 2022 Poster, Appendix I to Minutes)

For anyone new to Intergroup, Gratitude Month is GTA Intergroup's annual support campaign. Each year we prepare brochures and emails encouraging members and groups to contribute to Intergroup to aid our mission of carrying the AA message in the Greater Toronto Area.

Contributions are Intergroup's main source of revenue with a much smaller part of revenue coming from literature sales. In a typical year almost half of our annual contributions are received from September to December because of Gratitude Month.

Earlier finance reports have shown that group contributions are going well, in fact as of today (Sept 27<sup>th</sup>), they are over budget. The issue is that individual AA members' contributions are now \$29 K below budget. We need support from more AA members.

At the beginning of October, Intergroup reps and many other AA members will receive our "Gratitude Month 2022" email. Please send this to your group members and announce Gratitude Month at your meetings to help us reach as many members as possible. Brochures are being distributed with literature orders and are also available at 234 for pick up during office hours, Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm.

We can all help to make this year's Gratitude Month campaign a success. No amount is too small!

Click on the "Make a Contribution / 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition" button at [aatoronto.org](http://aatoronto.org) to see how to contribute including:

- One-time or monthly contributions from your **credit card or PayPal account**
- Interac e-Transfer to [contributions@aatoronto.org](mailto:contributions@aatoronto.org)
- A cheque or money order payable to "Toronto Intergroup" to 202-234 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto, ON, M4P 1K5

Yours in Service, Cam B., GTAI Finance Chair

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Aaron K. (Yorkville), Chairperson

Hello friends, The Better Times Newsletter is looking for submissions, please send in your personal stories of sobriety, 250-450 words. Topic idea possibilities,

Back to in-person meetings, changing seasons-changing routines, serenity in service, improving our spiritual contact etc. The website development, and improvement is underway with challenges being recognized, isolated, and addressed. Further developments, and understanding will be shared soon as we work through these issues that have been piling up a bit for a couple years now.

Ongoing solutions will be a general responsibility of understanding the site format, and keeping our post procedures clean and uncluttered.

Meeting listings....We are looking to clean up the meeting guide.

**To all groups:** If your group is back in personal attendance, please let us know if there are any changes regarding time, or format. We understand that some groups had canceled times but are now back. Please send confirmation that we may pass the info along. In Service, Aaron K.

**INFORMATION AA DAY 2022:** Bert J. (Silverbirch), Event Chair

- First meeting held on Sept 26th
- Created an ad hoc committee for Procedures and Guidelines that will meet next month
- Elections in November for the Officers, in January for committee chairs

**Our next meeting will be November 7th at 7 pm**

**ONTARIO REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2023:** Roman R. (Stepping Stones), 2023 Event Chair

**KEEP COMING BACK**



SAVE THE DATE  
MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> - 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

**ORC**  
**ONTARIO REGIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
**WITH AL-ANON/ALATEEN PARTICIPATION**

SHERATON CENTRE TORONTO HOTEL  
123 QUEEN STREET WEST, TORONTO

**Ontario Regional Conference**  
***'Keep Coming Back'***  
**March 17-19, 2023**  
**At the Sheraton Hotel, Toronto**

- This will be an in-person event
- The committee did a recent walk-through of the hotel venue
- The banquet on Saturday night is limited to 500 attendees

**COST FOR EVENT:**  
Registration \$55  
Banquet \$100  
Room Rate \$209 per night

- The ORC 2023 Website up and running soon; stay tuned!

**TWELFTH STEP:** Jordan A. (The Dogs), Alt. Chairperson

IT troubleshooting the Callture system

Kevin trained Jordan A to enter data into Callture system. Others in the 12 step committee also have an interest in learning this system. Callture gave the IT committee and me a live Q&A, we are continuing to work on this, but it gives us a better understanding of how it is supposed to work.

12 step chair's injury and limited involvement

Unfortunately the Chair of the 12 step committee Laura V suffered an injury and has been recovering since, and other members of the 12 step committee have stepped forward to take on new roles.

One of our members, Lise R, has taken the role of greeter coordinator and is doing an amazing job. As Alternate Chair, I have taken the role as stand in Chair while she is recovering.

This has encouraged us to look into new roles in the 12 step committee to ensure that no one is overworked. This will be part of the new Procedures and Guidelines, building off the basis provided by our Operating Chair.

Gauging Interest in greeters coming back to answering phone in the 234 Eglinton office

We have sent out mass emails to past and present phone greeters asking whether they would be interested in once again answering phones at the office. Of 500 emails and 125 phone calls we have received word back from approximately 141 people so far = 79-NO 57-YES

This information is for the finance committee to determine plans regarding using space in the office at 234 Eglinton.

Jordan A., 12 Step Committee Alt Chair

After Jordan's report, Marvyn asked the following: If you or if you know of any phone greeters that have done phone duty in the past, please reach out to the Twelfth Step Committee at [12step@aatoronto.org](mailto:12step@aatoronto.org) if you would be interested in doing phone service in person at 234.

**WINTER SEASON OPEN HOUSE 2022:** Gord H. (Bloordale), OC Liaison

**EVENT location:** 240 Roncesvalles Ave Toronto / **Date:** Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm

- (prep work at location: Dec 24 7am-12 noon and Dec 25 7am)

**Minutes:** Sun Sept 11 2022 held at Bloordale United Church 4258 Bloor St W Etobicoke

Attendees: Adesh, Fred, Zobie, Eddie, Jim, Robert, Tony S, Joe, and Tony Z. Chair: Tony Z

**Committee tables:** to be established (Tony Z will inquire with intergroup)

**Secretary:** Zobie

**Treasurer:** Tony M and Fred

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Zobie and Carolyn

- (direct volunteers to appropriate coordinator)
- (signup sheet for service positions posted on day of event,
- (first come first pick for greeters, servers ) (30 min rotation)

**Set up/take down/ garbage:** Adam and Pierre

**Kitchen coordinator:** Jim (Kitchen assistance: Tony S, Robert, Joe)

**Food Purchase:** Fred

**Facilities/ supply coordinator:** Eddie

- (Has a list of inventory of some items)
- Access to use ALL church equipment.

**Meeting coordinator:** Fred

- (2x AA Open/ 2x AA Closed / 2x Alanon)
- (meeting chair needs to secure 7<sup>th</sup> tradition baskets following meetings)

**Coffee/pop/water/desert:** Angela

**Literature:** Van

- (Eddie has a box of pamphlets)

**Decorations: Volunteer Coordinator needed** (assistant: Adesh)

- (Table decorations)
- (suggested, roll of poster board, and sprinkle decorations on top)

**Turkey Coordinator: Volunteer Coordinator needed**

- (need 12 turkeys without stuffing)
- (donated at least 10 days prior)
- (transportation of turkeys to be cooked/picked up/delivered)
- (dropped off cooked by 8am day of event)

**Entertainment: Volunteer coordinator needed!** Next Meeting Sunday Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 9:30am

**WINTER SEASON VIRTUAL ALKATHON 2022:** David P. (Birds of a Feather), Chairperson

Our committee held its first meeting earlier this month and got off to a flying start! I am pleased to announce that Greg R. has agreed to be our Technical Chair this year, and Oscar C. of the Responsibility Group has volunteered as Secretary. Deanna R. will assist in coordinating the meeting schedule for the 4 days of the event. Several others also turned out for the meeting, but now the task of putting our tech team together becomes paramount. A notice posted to the website includes a call out for volunteers with Zoom hosting experience to serve during the days of the event for a couple of hours or so, pending your availability of course. This valuable service would mean attending a meeting or two in the weeks before the event, to make sure all our volunteers are up-to-speed on the specifics of the Alkathon.

At this time, as you will also see on our website notice, a call has gone out to all groups in the GTA who are interested in putting on a meeting to send an email requesting a time slot to:

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

Please note – these slots will full up quickly! And a reminder – and this is important – due to the overwhelming popularity of our event in the midst of the pandemic, we had to limit all groups to **A SINGLE MEETING SLOT ONLY. THAT IS THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED TO ANY ONE GROUP** this year as well. If your group wishes to do more than one meeting,

it is possible to split your time slot into 2 or more separate meetings, known as breakaway meetings, and this can be easily facilitated by our technical crew. We have had experience doing this for two years now, and can accommodate any requests your group might have with regard to the hour which you are allotted.

One further note when requesting a time slot – **please be as specific as possible**. It will save a lot of time on our end, and much anguish on yours! State your group's ideal date and time, and include a 2nd or even a 3rd alternative, in case your first choice is already allotted. As of this morning 6 time slots out of a total of 44 have been assigned, with 4 more groups having already contacted the committee about reserving a spot. That leaves 34 more meetings that are as yet unclaimed. We anticipate these remaining spaces will fill up quickly, so do not hesitate to consult your fellows in your home groups. If you want your first, or second choice at best, send us your email today!

Thank you for letting me be of service. David P., WSVa Chair

## DISTRICT REPORTS

### **ACCESSIBILITY:** Greg R. (Markham Village), Chair

Good evening Intergroup Friends, September was an eventful month. At our monthly committee meeting which was held on September 18<sup>th</sup>, our feature presenter was Randy C of The Freedom Recovery Group in Brampton. Randy has been assisting with the creation of our Hybrid Meeting Guide and he walked us all through the updated Hybrid guide including a PowerPoint he created for presentations. This is a how to guide on organizing and holding a Hybrid meeting. There are details on the suggested equipment needed, room equipment placement, suggested procedures, and even diagrams for easy understanding. Randy is making a couple of last tweaks and then this can be shared with everyone.

In the last month or so we've had 2 alcoholics contact members of the Accessibilities Committee looking for assistance to get to a meeting. By communicating this to Marvyn, these 2 alcoholics are getting to meetings in their area. It's great to see that our Responsibility Declaration is reality.

Our committee was asked to present on Accessibilities at last Saturday's District 22 Service Day.

It was a great Service Day event and the turnout was good. I was honoured to present on Accessibilities. At least one member came up and said she was considering joining the Accessibilities Committee. Hopefully the day saw many new faces stepping up to Service. The biggest act of Service that I was able to give that day was to our friend Bert. As Bert was getting ready to stand up in front of the microphone, his belt broke causing a wardrobe malfunction.

George of D18 and I quickly solved the problem with my donated belt and George's hand drill to add some extra notches on the belt. Quick thinking saved an alcoholic that day.

In regards to the new Greeter furniture for our GTAI office, we've submitted suggestions for ergonomic chairs and stand up adjustable desks. Also we suggested a few potential layouts.

With love and gratitude, Greg R – GTAI Accessibilities Chair

### **CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES:**

Chair not present. Graham D., OC Liaison, mentioned the following:

- At the committee meeting held on Sept.7, 7 members were present
- The current chair, Maire O'B., will be rotating out of the position as she will be finished her two-year term (Dec.)
- OCI facility meetings are up and running; 6 residents are attending
- Toronto South facility is fully stocked for literature needs; however, **volunteers are needed**

### **COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY/PUBLIC INFORMATION:** Joe A. (The Dogs), CPC/PI Chair

CPC PI Toronto meets on the third Monday of the month, 7pm, online at Zoom **ID: 854 7547 0291 PW: 002060**

- The committee will be at a booth at the Canadian Psychiatric Association Event on October 27-29, 2022 in Toronto
- District 06 participated in a community outreach BBQ with Peel Region Police Service
- The chair will soon be rotating out of this committee for January 2023
- The AA world service comprehensive media plan is available for members to discuss and ask questions about. There are 4 online events in November and December to do so:



# Demystifying

## AA World Service's **COMPREHENSIVE MEDIA PLAN**

A strategic plan to connect and communicate A.A.'s program of recovery in the spaces we occupy.

- A free online event hosted by Area 83, Eastern Ontario
- A four-part series of panel discussions with General Service Office staff and those working with the plan
- English-French Interpretation will be provided
- To Register please visit: [Registration-Demystifying CMP](#)  
*Meeting codes will be sent later in an email*



**Wednesdays**  
**7:00-8:30 EST**

**November 16**

**"Carrying the Message"**  
An Introduction to the Comprehensive media plan

**November 23**

**"Is A.A. Advertising?"**  
Google Grants & More

**November 30**

**"A.A. on Social Media"**  
LinkedIn, Instagram & YouTube

**December 7**

**"Apps, Websites, & Content Creation"**

- CPC PI presented at the recent in person live event for District 22

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

Archives Displays: there are lots of archival resources available to groups. In addition to the permanent Archives Display in the Boardroom at 234, there are travelling Archives displays available to groups for Group Anniversaries, Service Days, and assemblies. These displays can be requested through the GTAI Archives Chair at [archives@aatoronto.org](mailto:archives@aatoronto.org)

Archives Breakfast: the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual GTA Archives Breakfast will be held on Sun. Nov.6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Oasis Convention Center (1036 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga) <https://www.aatoronto.org/38th-annual-gta-archives-breakfast/>. Tickets are \$35; see poster for contacts or call Glenn G., GTA Archives Chair at 647-572-5687.

**GRAPEVINE:** Scott M. (Bloordale), Chairperson

Greetings friends! I'm alcoholic; a member of the Bloordale Group & my name is Scott. Hi! I have the honour & privilege to serve the fellowship as your GTAI Grapevine Committee chair. Our GTA Inter-District Committee meeting held last Tuesday, had representation from 3 Districts.

According to Helen with our Literature Dept. the 16 Grapevine books that have had their prices reduced by 30% are selling, so please get yours before they sell out. Please check [www.aatoronto.org](http://www.aatoronto.org) under the literature tab & download the price list where you will find the updated sale prices.

I received notice that the Spanish version of Emotional Sobriety is out. More information can be found on our [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org) website. The October Grapevine issue has a special section on "Relapse". There are powerful stories of experience about relapse by AA members who were lucky enough to make it back.

There will be a Grapevine display set-up at the Mississauga Fall Roundup this Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The flyer for the Grapevine story writing 'Funshop' on October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 11am E.T. is complete. This will be a virtual event. Please announce this at your groups and guide all to our [www.aatoronto.org](http://www.aatoronto.org) website where the event & the flyer have been posted along with the meeting codes. Here's your chance to ask the senior editor anything about Grapevine.

The 2023 Grapevine seasonal order forms are out & by now should have reached your District Committee Members and forwarded to your General Service Reps. Please make announcements at your home groups about the pocket planners & wall calendars to give everyone the chance to contribute to Grapevine. This is their only source of income... the sales of magazine subscriptions, books and other materials. The pocket planners for 2023 will be \$6.00 & the wall calendars will be \$11.75. If you don't know who your GSR is or can't find your Grapevine chair, feel free to email me to place your order before the end of October. Our Area Grapevine chair will place 1 bulk order for us in order to receive the best price. That's all for this month. Yours, in love & service, Scott M. [grapevine@aatoronto.org](mailto:grapevine@aatoronto.org)

**SELF SUPPORT:** David T. (Welcome), Chairperson

There was no committee meeting held in September; however, David mentioned the following:

- **More volunteers are needed** for Twelfth Step work, answering the phone hotline, and to stand on the Twelfth Step Committee
- GSO – through the use of their new financial system – has offered members the following information: a) the cost per member to support GSO is \$12.26 US funds, and b) there is an estimated AA membership of 1,475,497 in North America
- Please consider making monthly donations to both GTA Intergroup and GSO
- The upcoming Area 83 Assembly will be held the weekend of Oct.30 (virtual/see Area 83 Report below)
- **Next committee meeting is Thurs. Oct.27 at 7 p.m.** (virtual)

**TREATMENT:** No Report. Sean L., Chairperson, sent in the following report:

**Introduction/Rollcall:** Mary M., Brendan – Treatment Chair District 18, Kathryn – Alternate Chair District 18, Robert – Treatment Chair District 12, and Bert J. – ADCM District 22

#### District Reports:

##### **Robert – District 12**

- Treatment commitments are being filled

Homes First – close to setting up meeting in the home, contact person left and the process now seems much more rigorous to get meeting set up

##### **Brendan – District 18**

- Fred Victor – meeting is being set up here – meeting Monday 19 September to discuss
- Edward Village Hotel – not going well. Not many residents attending. Monday meeting is not anonymous anymore due to kitchen staff going in and out of the meeting room. Meeting gets external guests but not internal guests. Hotel is going into COVID lockdown from 15 Sept.
- Michael Garron – going well. Starting a women's only detox meeting here.
- Alpha house – 2 meetings per month have started here.

##### **Bert – District 22**

Nothing to report.

#### Other Business:

##### **Service Day - 24 September**

63 Pharmacy – Danforth and Victoria Park

**Brendan to discuss with Kathryn if she can go to this in his place**

**October Meeting – 20 October, 7pm. In person/hybrid at 234 Eglinton Ave East.**

- Sean is the person to go to for literature
- Mary has linked the literature and pamphlet catalogue in the meeting chat, some things are really cheap

- Brendan is recommending the Treatment Workbook and a sample presentation that he uses
- Brendan is reminding us that we don't pay rent, insurance, etc. for these meetings in treatment centres – they are inviting us in and it is a partnership
- **Send sample treatment presentation back to the group**

**AREA 83 REPORT:** James O'D. (GSM), Area 83 Alternate Delegate

**Death of Wes B.**

Visitation: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 4:00PM - 8:00PM/ Thursday, September 29, 2022 11:00AM

Ridley Funeral Home

3080 Lake Shore Blvd. W.

Etobicoke, ON M8V 1K3

**Area Virtual Assembly - October 28-30th**

<https://area83aa.org/events/kingston>

**Comprehensive Media Plan**

<https://fascinated-advertisement-9540.glideapp.io/>

**News from the Meeting Guide App!**

Please go to the Meeting Guide App and open "NEWS" icon in the middle at the bottom for all the latest from AAWS and AA Grapevine.

*Yours in Love and Service, James O'D. Panel 71 Alternate Delegate, Area 83 Eastern Ontario International* [alt.delegate@area83aa.org](mailto:alt.delegate@area83aa.org)

**RECEPTION:** Graham D. (Markland Wood), OC Vice-Chair

Graham reported that there were 36 Reps, 7 Alternate Reps, 8 OC Members, 11 Subcommittee Chairs, 2 Districts and 1 Visitor present at this meeting, for a total attendance of 65 members.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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



[Phone Greeters/12 Step Volunteers](#)  
[Twelfth Step Committee Members](#)  
[Bilingual Member Resource](#)  
[WSOH/WSVA Committee Volunteers](#)  
[Operating Committee Member \(1\)](#)  
[Workshop Chairperson](#)  
[ad hoc Committee Volunteers](#)

**NEW BUSINESS**

As per last's month's Motion to the Floor (see below):

*'Angela O. (Mount Royal-York) mentioned that her group had a recent discussion about their concerns regarding group participation/representation at the Intergroup level. It seems that a large number of groups are not represented as a result of non-attendance at the monthly General Meeting and/or lack of general awareness of GTA Intergroup.'*

*'As a result of this discussion at the group level, Angela inquired if it was possible to create an ad hoc committee to visit registered AA groups in the GTA who are currently not attending/not represented at the monthly GTAI General Meeting, and to encourage participation at the Intergroup service level.'*

**'Motion to create an ad hoc committee to visit registered AA groups in the GTA who are currently not attending/not represented at the monthly GTAI General Meeting, and to encourage participation at the Intergroup service level moved by Angela O. (Mount Royal-York) and seconded by Jeff B. (Stepping Stones).' Motion Passed.**



Currently there are 3 members that have volunteered to be part of this initiative, which includes Angela O. (Mount Royal-York) who agreed to serve as chair and Kelli T., OC secretary. **More volunteers are needed for this committee; please announce at your groups!** If needed, Marvyn mentioned that OC members can step up to the plate to assist in this task. **If interested, please email Angela O. at [info@xpresse.me](mailto:info@xpresse.me)**

**CHAIRPERSON'S CLOSING REMARKS:**

Marvyn thanked everyone for the participation and dedication to service, and reminded members of the following:

- Operating Committee Member needed <https://www.aatoronto.org/about/service-committees/executive/>
- *ad hoc* committee members needed! Email Angela O. at [info@xpresse.me](mailto:info@xpresse.me)
- Twelfth Step Committee members needed [12step@aatoronto.org](mailto:12step@aatoronto.org)
- 12 Step Volunteers needed [12step@aatoronto.org](mailto:12step@aatoronto.org)
- Phone Greeters needed [12step@aatoronto.org](mailto:12step@aatoronto.org)
- Workshop Chairperson needed <https://www.aatoronto.org/workshop-chairperson-need/>
- WSOH Volunteers needed [wsoh@aatoronto.org](mailto:wsoh@aatoronto.org)
- WSVA Volunteers needed [winterseasonvirtualalkathon@aatoronto.org](mailto:winterseasonvirtualalkathon@aatoronto.org)
- Upcoming Archives Breakfast (Sun., Nov. 6) <https://www.aatoronto.org/38th-annual-gta-archives-breakfast/>
- Ontario Regional Conference 2023 (in-person) to be held March 17-19, 2023 at the Sheraton Hotel, Toronto

A **Motion to adjourn** was moved by Randy C. (Last Stop Freedom) and seconded by Kat M. (Markland Woods). Carried. The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Declaration.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** An online meeting via Zoom will be held on **Tuesday, October 25 at 8 p.m.**



# OCTOBER IS GRATITUDE MONTH

## MISSION STATEMENT

Greater Toronto Area Intergroup is a coordinating body that supports the 12 step work of GTA AA groups and is a point of contact between:  
AA Groups | AA Members | The Public | The Still Suffering Alcoholic

## GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

It is our hope that AA members and AA groups continue to assist Intergroup in carrying the message and to remain Self-Supporting.

## HOW TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS

- ♦ Online at [gatoronto.org](http://gatoronto.org) click on Make a Contribution / 7th Tradition
- ♦ Interac E-transfer: [contributions@gatoronto.org](mailto:contributions@gatoronto.org)
- ♦ Mail a cheque or money order payable to "Toronto Intergroup" to 202-234 Eglinton Avenue East Toronto ON M4P 1K5
- ♦ Cash or Debit Card by visiting our office Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm
- ♦ In keeping with AA's 7th Tradition contributions are accepted only from AA members
- ♦ GTA Intergroup is a registered charity and official receipts are provided

## HOW GTA INTERGROUP CARRIES THE MESSAGE

- ♦ Maintaining the 24/7 Help Line 416-487-5591
- ♦ Maintaining the website [gatoronto.org](http://gatoronto.org) with a newcomer and help chat in development
- ♦ Operating the literature store, providing admin support to 14 GTA Service Committees
- ♦ Responding to public and member inquiries
- ♦ Sponsoring the Ontario Regional Conference, Info AA Day and the Winter Season Open House
- ♦ Publishing the monthly newsletter *Better Times*
- ♦ Archiving and displaying historically significant AA material

Thank you for participating in the GTA Intergroup GRATITUDE CAMPAIGN  
NO AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL