

Area 82 Assembly October 8-10<sup>th</sup> 2021  
“AA in a Time of Change”

**Wednesday (Oct 6<sup>th</sup>) 6:30pm AST**

DCM/ Area Officer meeting

1. Open with 30 seconds of Silence/ Serenity Prayer
2. Welcome/ Introductions
3. 12 Traditions
4. Treasurer’s Report
5. Roll Call
6. Review Assembly Agenda items

**Friday (Oct 8<sup>th</sup>) 6:30pm AST G.S.R. Workshop**

1. Hosted by GSO Guest Craig W. Group Services

**Saturday (Oct 9<sup>th</sup>) 8:30am AST**

2. Opening Remarks/Introductions
3. 12 Traditions
4. Sympathies (Please have names and last initials of any members who have passed away since the last Assembly ready. After acknowledging them we will observe a moment of Silence in remembrance of them)
5. Mission Statement
6. 2020 Fall Assembly Minutes read (*Note: All GSRs can find a copy of the 2020 minutes on the Area 82 website*)
7. Business arising the minutes
8. Approval of Agenda
9. D.C.M. Reports
10. Greetings from G.S.O. guest
11. Past Delegate’s Address

**10:30am – 11:30 am AST (Break). 11:30am AST (Return)**

12. Treasurer’s report
13. Alt. G.S.D.’s report
14. Remote Communities Report
15. Webmaster Report
16. G.S.D.’s report
17. Accept all Reports
18. Old Business

**1:30pm – 2:30pm AST (Break). 2:30pm AST (Return)**

19. Roll Call (*All GSRs MUST be present at this time*)

New Business

1. Nominee for Eastern Canadian Regional Trustee (See note at end of New Business)
2. Active Area Committees Co- Chairs election (See note at end of New Business)
3. Discussion on COViD protocols
4. Alternate GSD Guidelines addition of duties
5. Webmaster position
6. Computer for Secretary
7. Notice of Motion Re: budget preparation
8. Approve Budget

**4:30pm- 5:30pm AST (Supper). 5:30pm AST (Return to continue with Agenda items if necessary)**

**7:30pm AST Active Area Committee Workshop on Remote Communities**

**Sunday (Oct 10<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am**

9. (Return to continue with Agenda items if necessary)

**Area 82 NS/NL Fall Assembly**

**October 9- 11, 2021**  
**Halifax, N.S by way of Zoom**  
**"A.A. in a Time of Change"**

**Friday Night GSR Workshop**

The workshop was hosted by GSO Guest Craig W. He is an employee of GSO and sits on the Group Services desk as the Coordinator. The consensus of attendees was that the sessions were very informative.

**Saturday October 12**

The Assembly was called to order at 9:00 am. Trudy D. (General Service Delegate) started the morning with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Trudy is chairing today as Dwayne MacD. had a personal matter arise and could not attend. This was followed by a few opening remarks.

**Introductions of Area 82 DCMS & Area Officers:**

GSO Guest- Craig W. (Group Services Coordinator), Chairperson- Dwayne MacD. (sent regrets)., GSD- Trudy D., Alt. GSD- Gerry W., Treasurer- Jocelyn I., Sec/Registrar- Monique McL., DCMS: District 1-Paul B., District 2- Blair A., District 3- John W., District 4- Peter N., District 5- not in attendance, District 6- Trevor J., District 7- Darrel MacN., District 8- not in attendance, District 9- Not in attendance, District 10- Pat R., District 11- Not in attendance, District 12- Loyola G. (Alt. DCM), District 13- Not in attendance, District 14- Not in attendance, District 15- George S., District 16- Not in attendance, District 17- Not in attendance

**The 12 Traditions** were read by Mark Z.

**Sympathies:**

Members spoke the names of the AA members we have lost over this past year from our Area. A few moments of silence were observed to remember the members who passed away.

**Mission Statement** was read by GSD Trudy D.

**Last year's Minutes:**

Minutes from the 2020 Fall Area 82 Assembly were presented by Monique McL. **Errors or omissions- Una H. is Panel 55 not Panel 51 Past Delegate**, No other errors or omissions. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Monique McL., seconded by Doug J. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes adopted.

**Clarification** asked for by Blair A. (DCM D2) concerning the process of getting the guidelines updated for the motions that were approved or changes that need to be made to them. Do they need to be drafted and then come back to the body for final approval on wording?

**Answer-** we had asked for anyone who saw any updates or changes that needed to be made please send an email to the secretary stating what needed to be changed. The wording should be in the supporting documents that would have been passed by the body at the original date of the Assembly. Up until this date Monique had only received 1 email regarding a change.

**Question** from Gerry W. (Alt. GSD) asking where it would be appropriate to address the reading of the full minutes. **Answer-** when we ask for new business at the approval of the agenda.

Business arising from the minutes: none.

**Approval of Agenda**- Trudy reviewed the agenda. Following items added under new business:

- recording the evenings workshop for distribution
- reading of the assembly minutes out loud

Motion for Agenda to be approved- Monique McL., seconded by Sharon N. Motion carried unanimously.

**D.C.M. Reports** -attached are reports from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15 and 17. There are no DCM reports for Districts 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14 & 16.

### **GSO Guest**

Craig W. brought greetings to Area 82 from GSO while describing his role as General Service Group Services Coordinator as well as the rewards inherent to Service work. Points from his report include:

1. Started working for GSO in Nov 2020. He has worked remotely since he started. They are on a full return to work starting this week.
2. New website coming out between 8-18 weeks.
3. DCMs and Delegates now have a read only access to Fellowship Connection. If you are a DCM and have not received an email with your login credentials, please email [memberandcustomerservice@aa.org](mailto:memberandcustomerservice@aa.org) . This will allow you to make sure your District group information is correct.
4. There is a new form being developed for new online groups to join a district and be registered at GSO. The Area Secretary/Registrar can register a new group on the Fellowship Connection site now without having to ask GSO to do it.
5. New Correctional Correspondence System has a form for members who wish to write to people in custody. If you wish to ask about this program or for the form the email is [corrections@aa.org](mailto:corrections@aa.org)
6. Group Services liasons with all the Intergroup and Group Services offices across North America (over 480). Understanding Anonymity pamphlet is great in answering many questions that the receive.

### **Past Delegates Address**

The only past Delegate was Una H. She loves that we have embraced this platform and she has gotten to see many members grow into Service positions over the past few years. Although she lives away from the Area now her heart is with us all.

### **Treasurers Report**

Jocelyn I. reported she had met with the other Area officers in July in person to get the check book, ledger, flash drives from the past Treasurers. They also discussed the duties at that meeting. After Jocelyn returned home, she has been getting herself familiarized with the accounts. She opened the floor to questions after going through the report.

**Question** from Garnet (Fresh Start Group GSR) are the bank statements attached with the report. **Answer-** No I did not know how to attach the pictures of the balances from the bank. I am new and learning.

**Question** from Garnet (Fresh start Group) Where does it show the returns from the Area Officers from the end of the year or were their budgets just topped up? **Answer-** On the report for the Operational Account it

shows on Jan 5, 2021 the returns put into that account. All the individual returns were together on the report. Garnet thanked Jocelyn and said she did a great job on the report.

**Question** from Blair (DCM 2) around the same lines. **Answer-** Monique pointed out that the individual amounts would have been listed on the report that was sent out by her in January. Paul B. echoed what Monique said and also thanked Jocelyn for stepping up.

**Question** from Blair (DCM 2) asking if we were going to go over the other tab on Jocelyn's report about where we are YTD. **Answer-** We will go over that now.

Jocelyn went over the 2021 YTD sheet. We have a projected return of about \$11,000.00.

**Question** from Blair about missing bank charges. He believes we may have missed accounting for some bank charges from the other account. He sees in the report fees per check. **Answer-** those fees are for each check that we deposit into the upcoming budget account. There are no monthly account fees. **Question** from Blair asking if we could get more accounting around expenses of the officers. **Answer-** Jocelyn stated she has

copies of each Area Officer expense excel spreadsheet. If anyone would like to look at them, please let her know and she can send them out. **Question** from Pat (DCM 10) How can we better estimate our expenses?

**Answer-** I don't know how we can estimate the expenses any better than we can. **Question** from Angela (GSR Sunrise Trail) Why can't the financial report be simplified so everyone can understand it? **Answer-** We have tried many different ways and include what people ask for. If anyone has trouble understanding the report, please reach out to any of the officers and we can try to help. Garnet stated he believes that having bank statements for all the accounts will help with the understanding.

**Alt. Delegate Report:** Gerry W. gave his Alternate General Service Delegate report. His report includes both NS and NL Archives, Remote Communities, Grapevine and Webmaster. (attached)

**General Service Delegate Report:** Trudy D. gave her GSD report. (attached)

A motion to accept all reports was brought to the floor by Paul B., seconded and approved.

### **Roll Call**

After lunch Monique McL. held Roll call.

District 1 had 8 out of 27 groups

District 2 had 2 out of 13 groups

District 3 had 5 out of 11 groups

District 4 had 0 out of 6 groups

District 5 had 0 out of 6 groups

District 6 had 6 out of 11 groups

District 7 had 4 out of 14 groups

District 8 had 0 out of 12 groups

District 9 had 0 out of 20 groups

District 10 had 1 out of 7 groups

District 11 had 0 out of 6 groups

District 12 had 1 out of 9 groups

District 13 had 0 out of 3 groups

District 14 had 0 out of 12 groups

District 15 had 6 out of 34 groups  
District 16 had 0 out of 8 groups  
District 17 had 1 out of 7 groups

There were only 34 out of 206 groups represented at Area 82 Fall Assembly.

Including Area officers, DCM and groups represented there were 46 eligible voters in the room. 31 votes is 2/3 majority for voting purposes.

**New Business:**

1. Election of Nomination for Eastern Canadian Regional Trustee  
The only resume received was from Tim M. who was our Panel 67 Delegate. His resume was accepted, and all were in favor for him to be our nominee.
2. Alternate GSD Guidelines addition of duties  
**Background Information:** When the Area body voted in the AGSD Budget for last year part of that budget was for travel for the AGSD to attend the CERAASA this year. When the Secretary and I revised the Guidelines this year I listed it under the duties of the AGSD to attend the CERASSA or Regional Forum. I did not realize that I had to submit a notice of motion for the Guidelines to change because it was not discussed on the floor. Now that the body has been notified of this change it will stay as updated in the Guidelines.
3. Active Area Committees Co- Chairs election  
1 nominee for the Corrections Co- Chair NS John W.
4. Notice of Motion Re: budget preparation  
Blair (DCM 2) gave the background for this motion. Discussion on the motion: He believes that the budget should be passed out before the Assemblies to allow time for the groups to discuss it before the actual budget item in new business. Since the guidelines don't state anything that says what we should do about this process, he would like to see something in the guidelines. Gary O (DCM 17) believes that it states that the Treasurer prepares the annual budget for approval at the Assembly. He believes putting it out early for everyone to have a say in would cause too many hands to be in the basket and would create confusion. Mark Z. (GSR Kingston Group) believes that the more discussion in the groups about the budget the better it is. This would allow everyone to have a better understanding on why we need the amounts that we ask for and give clarity for all. Gerry believes that we are asking for the budget to be out early for groups to see to help streamline the process and maybe not have to discuss every line in depth at the time of the new business item being put on the floor. **Monique (Sec/Reg) made a motion** that the Treasurer has the proposed budget out to the DCMs by September 1st. Seconded by Tamar D. vote 45 for- 1 against. After minority voice was heard no one in the majority changed their vote. Motion passed.
5. Discussion on CoViD protocols

This is just a point of discussion. Although we have Covid protocols in place from both NS and NL Health, there are still groups that are not following this and putting all of AA at risk to be shut down or fined. The DCMs asked that we put this on the agenda and let all the Groups in the Area know we need to be unified at this time. We can not get involved with doing what we want. We do not create or engage in controversy. If a landlord asks us to wear masks or ask for a Vaccine Passport, then we do it. If Department of Health says we need to wear masks, then we do it. The discussion of many is that we should put something on the Website to let all groups know what the protocols are and that we support them.

6. Webmaster position

The Webmaster position was contracted out for a year. The person who did it can not continue again this coming year. He has helped us switch Webhosts and servers to allow it to be a more user-friendly website and more easily maintainable. We now need to either hire a new subcontractor or find a member willing to take the position over. Gerry believes that he and Trudy can maintain the site over the 6 months that there will be no Webmaster in the position between January 1 and the next Assembly in the Spring. If we run into any issues, then Tyler is willing to help us. He asked that in that time we will continue to look for a subcontractor. We can provide any information at the Spring Assembly and decide where we go from here at the Spring Assembly. **Gary O. (DCM 17) made a motion** to add this to the Spring Assembly with information brought back with cost analysis by the Area Committee. Seconded by Paul B. vote 33 for- 5 against. After minority voice was heard someone in the majority changed their vote. After the revote 28 for- 6 against. Motion passed.

7. CERAASA Steering Committee Funding

**Background information:** We are part of the 10 Areas in Eastern Canada who meet every 2 months as the CERAASA Steering Committee. This committee is made up of the Delegates and Alternate Delegates. We meet on zoom for around 2 ½ hours per meeting. The reason it is so long is due to the translation needed between the GSDs who only understand English and those who only understand French. We must stop every few minutes and translate between the 2 languages. There are translation services available to us for \$186.85 per Area a year. **George (DCM 15) made a motion** that Area 82 pay the \$186.85 for Translation Services as part of the CERAASA committee. Seconded by Bert F. vote 31 for- none against. Motion passed

8. Service Weekends/Spring Assembly Guideline

We need to decide if we will or will not be switching to Spring Assemblies vs Service Weekends. Gary O. thinks that we should continue having virtual Spring Assembly and then in person Fall Assembly. He thinks that going back to having a full year between being able to vote on anything is a waste of our time and resources. It makes more sense to be able to have 2 voting assemblies. **Gary O. made a motion** that Area 82 have Spring Assembly in May on a virtual platform going forward. Seconded by Pete L. Some discussion followed about bringing this back to the groups for discussion. People had varying opinions on what the term Trusted Servant meant. Vote 31 for- 4 against. After minority voice was heard no one in the majority wished to change their vote. Motion passed.

9. Past DCM Qualification for Area 82 Position

In 2019 a motion was brought forward "That all current DCM'S and past DCM'S along with sitting Area Officers be allowed to let their name stand for Area Officers providing they have not held that position in the past. All past DCM'S must have served a full 2year term in Area 82. Past DCM'S will do a resume to show of their past and present Service in AA in Area 82. These resumes will be posted prior to the Elections for people to view." An amendment to the Proposal wording was presented to

the Assembly by Steve A. (DCM District 1). Steve's amended wording read; "That all current and past District Committee Members along with sitting Area Officers be allowed to let their name stand for Area positions providing they have not held that position in the past. Past and present committee members do not have to be present to let their name stand. Votes are taken on resumes." The sentence "All past DCM'S must have served a full 2year term in Area 82." Is missing in the reconstructed 2019 minutes as part of the amendment. Gary O. who was the maker of that motion wanted the body to be aware of that so it could be properly updated in the Guidelines. Since it was already voted on and approved and missed. We need to vote to make that amendment in the 2019 minutes and then correcting that omission in the Guidelines. **Blair made a motion** to amend the 2019 minutes and correcting it in the Guidelines. Seconded by Gary O. Vote 30 for- 0 against. Motion passed.

10. Approve Budget

The body decided they would like her to just read what is proposed and then they can discuss any lines that they wanted to. Jocelyn presented the 2022 Budget. After this the floor was opened for discussion on any of the line items. **Question-** Gary O. asked if \$2500.00 covered all the Conference. Do we need to increase that amount? **Answer-** No it does not cover all the amount of the cost of having the Delegate at the Conference, but it does cover the amount that GSO asks all Areas to contribute toward the total cost. Comment from Pat R. she does not believe that the amount needs adjusting. **Question-** Gary O. wondered if we could just put extra in the budget without having to ask every year. We took a show of hands to see if the body is in favor of increasing the amount. 28 in favor- 5 against. After the Minority Voice was heard people in the Majority wished to change their vote. After the revote 17 for- 17 against. In case of a tie the Chair casts the deciding vote. The Chair voted against increasing it for this year. **Question-** Blair A. asked about the process around deciding what the Area Officers amounts would be. **Answer-** The GSD budget is based around if there is a live Conference in 2022. I asked both Kirk S. and Tim M. what their experience was with finances attending an in-person Conference. They both stated that I would need to book a return airline ticket, hotel rooms, taxi and gas expenses. They believed I should ask for \$4,500.00 for this event and then \$1,000.00 would cover any other expenses for the year. **Question-** Can the other Area officers speak to their projected amounts? **Answer-** AGSD and Treasurer will both have travel to Sydney in October for the Fall Assembly. That is why their amounts are at \$2,500.00. **Question-** Paul B (DCM 1) asked about the line for Web Hosting and Domain. He was wondering if that was due in 2022 **Answer-** No. The domain name is paid until October 2023 and the Web Host is paid until 2024. This means that the line can be changed from \$500.00 to \$0.00. **Question-** Steven (GSR Hubtown) asked if there is a mistake in the budget sheet at the bottom where the totals are? **Answer-** He is correct, and we will get that fixed. Thank you for noticing this. **Question-** Blair A asked what is the big increase in the Misc. line? **Answer-** it is for unforeseen things such as help in hiring a webmaster. **Question-** Gerry W. brought it to our attention that the line for NL upkeep and Storage needs to be bumped up \$100.00 to \$1,300.00 **Answer-** Jocelyn will change that now. **Question-** Mike H. Wanted to know why the Prudent Reserve is so much money? **Answer-** It is half of whatever the budget is for the year. It's not there to cover expenses so much as it is to cover any lack of income. **Question-** Blair A asked about what we budgeted for Zoom. Should it be more or less? **Answer-** We should be ok with what is budgeted. The expense might be about \$500.00 for the year. The floor was closed to discussion. Vote 32 for- 3 against. After minority voice was heard someone in the majority changed their vote. After the revote 29 for- 6 against. Motion passed.

11. Recording the evenings workshop for distribution

Craig W. (GSO Staff) spoke on Audio only vs Video and audio. Audio only allows for the Principle of Anonymity and still having the message and not the faces and last names. Vote 28 for- 0 against.

12. Reading of the assembly minutes out loud

Gerry made a motion that we dispense with the reading of the minutes provided they are posted in an easily accessible location. Seconded by Pete N. (DCM 4). Pete L (GSR Wolfville) brought up a point that we would be doing a disservice to anyone who has trouble reading. They may not be able to be in service due to feeling like they can't serve due to that. Blair believed that because it is a Guidelines change it should be brought to the groups before we vote. Mark Z. wondered if we would be setting a timeframe to have them up like we do other things. Vote 17 for- 9 against. After minority voice was heard someone in the majority changed their vote. After the revote 10 for- 17 against. Motion failed.

**Saturday Evening**

The 2 hours that is scheduled for the Active Area Committees has been blocked as a Workshop about Remote Communities. The guest presenter is Tandi W. from Alaska Area 02.

The Area 82 Fall Assembly is now over, and we do not have to come back tomorrow morning. There was not anything scheduled on the agenda for tomorrow.



## GSD Report October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Hello all, my name is Trudy D. and I am an Alcoholic. I have the honour and privilege of serving as your Area 82 General Service Delegate.

This report will cover items that have taken place after the May Spring Assembly.

There has been a call for new Conference Themes.

Theme, presentation, and workshop topics revolve around basic principles of A.A. and can spark thought-provoking discussion at Area and district meetings as well. Regions, areas, and districts may incorporate discussion of these topics into workshops, meetings, preconference assemblies, etc. This gives A.A. members the opportunity to participate and become more informed about A.A. The 2022 Conference Committee on Agenda will consider suggestions for a theme, presentation, and workshop topics for 2023. We hope that you will assist us by asking members in your area to offer suggestions for the theme, workshop, and presentation topics for the 73rd annual meeting of the General Service Conference next spring. Please send suggestions in by December 15, 2021. Themes can be emailed to me or your DCMs.

We have some new people at the General Service board. Linda C (non-alcoholic) has been selected as AA's General Service Board Chairperson. I would like to thank Michele G our outgoing Chairperson for all her Service during her time in this position. Our new General Manager is Bob W. His first communication letter was sent around to all the DCMs and in it he outlines a few ideas and goals he has set for his first few months in the position.

G.S.O. Public Information desk.

The 15 stories contained in the most recent Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) recovery publication, "Hispanic Women in A.A.," share the experience, strength, and hope of a wide variety of Hispanic women, all of them alcoholics who found sobriety and a new way of life within A.A.

The Board of AA Grapevine, Inc. is fortunate to announce that Chris C. has accepted the role of Publisher at AA Grapevine, Inc. effective August 15th of 2021.

You can download GVR service resources, tools, postcards, subscriptions forms, and much more! Visit [aagrapevine.org/gvr-resources](http://aagrapevine.org/gvr-resources)

There are some new publications at Grapevine, Inc.

Prayer and Meditation features powerful stories by members of Alcoholics Anonymous about the many ways they pray and meditate in their daily lives. It is available in English. Also Free on the Inside is a new book to A.A. Grapevine. It features 50+ powerful stories by sober members of Alcoholics Anonymous who have experienced AA in prison—while either currently serving, formerly incarcerated, or as outside AA members carrying the message inside. Carrying the message of recovery into institutions has long been a critically important aspect of service in AA. Chapters include finding AA in prison, staying sober

inside, women helping one another, working the Twelve Steps, sponsorship and carrying the AA message into prisons. Great for alcoholics looking for recovery in prison and for those who want to help them.

There is a new Grapevine Podcast!!! It's called The AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour. Featuring AA members Don and Sam. It starts on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, with a new episode each Monday. Each week Don and Sam will interview a different member about their experience, strength and hope, in a casual "meeting after the meeting" manner. Special features will enhance each episode. A new podcast will be available in English every Monday. To hear the podcasts, go to [aagrapevine.org/podcast](https://aagrapevine.org/podcast)

There will be an Eastern Canadian Regional Forum in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island on May 13 – 15, 2022 at the Delta Hotel. Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris, then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure. There is no registration cost for a member to attend and because it is in the Atlantic provinces, it is of minimal cost for us travel wise. I would love to see many members of our Area help support the efforts of the General Service Office. More details upcoming.

I attend Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly Steering Committee meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> month. At these meetings we have been discussing the Guidelines for the CERAASA and any items that come up for the host Area. CERAASA occurs every 2 years on the odd year. The CERAASA that was scheduled to occur Feb 2021 had to be cancelled due to Covid 19. The hotel in St. Catherine's, Ont. agreed to keep our deposit toward booking the event in 2023. This meant that we would not lose our deposit and we were very grateful for the hotel to work with us in this way. The CERAASA meeting is attended on zoom by the 10 Eastern Canadian Areas delegates and alternate delegates: 4 from Ontario, 4 from Quebec 1 from NB/PEI and ours NS/NL. Due to needing French/English translation, the meetings tend to be longer than they could be if we were to have simultaneous translation available in our zoom meeting. The cost for this service is \$186.85 per Area for the new zoom + interpretation services. We are asking all the Areas to discuss this matter at their Assemblies and vote on if they would be willing to support this.

I will be attending a Delegates meeting on October 13, 2021, and a Treatment and Accessibilities meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

There is a new Treatment/Accessibilities and Remote Communities Coordinator. Her name is Brenda B. Remote Communities Committees assist A.A. members who live in underserved or remote communities, communities that are difficult to reach because of geography, language, or culture. I am happy to report out that the Remote Communities portal is LIVE! English: [https://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/remote-communities-committees](https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/remote-communities-committees)

I am also pleased to report out that the three (3) A.A. Military audio interviews approved by 2021 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities are now posted at: Homepage video spotlight: [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) Video and Audio page: [https://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/videos-and-audios](https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/videos-and-audios) Accessibilities Committee: [https://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/accessibilities-committees](https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/accessibilities-committees)

The Big Book and “Twelve and Twelve” in ASL are live on the A.A.W.S. You Tube Channel. You now have access to A.A. literature in a new and engaging way. All videos are available with closed captions in English only.

There are new items in the Literature catalog. M-34 (A.A. Big Book in Braille), the new reprint features: Plastic coil binding so the book can lay flat for easy reading, each of the seven volumes has the same image as the (B-1) Big Book jacket, this edition is translated to U.E.B. (Unified English Braille) from the older E.B.A.E. (English Braille American Edition) in 2019; there is a new pamphlet “Experience has taught us: An introduction to our twelve traditions”; the pamphlet formerly titled “Members of the Clergy ask about Alcoholics Anonymous” has been revised and retitled “Faith Leaders ask about AA”; the AA Preamble in Placard (M-10), set of Placards (M-11) and the wallet Card (M-2) (FM-2) and (SM-2) are now available with the newly revised wording. There is also new service material on Safety in AA. The Safety in AA Flyer (F-228), Safety in AA: Our Common Welfare (SMF-209) and the revised yellow Safety card for AA groups (F-211). These items will be sent to the DCMs soon and will be passed along to the groups. You can access this material yourself by going to the [aa.org](http://aa.org) website and click on the What’s New tab.

Also exciting news in the literature department is the new AA Service Manual 2021-2022 that is available in digital format and has been sent to the DCMs for distribution to the GSRs. It will be available to order in print mid-November.

Covid-19 Shared Experience During these extraordinary times, A.A. members, groups, and local committees found new challenges and successes to carry the A.A. message. Please send us your shared experience to the Accessibilities Coordinator at [access@aa.org](mailto:access@aa.org).

The spring and summer 2021 issues of our newsletter Sharing from Behind the Walls are available on our A.A. website so those of you taking meetings into facilities have easy access to each issue. You can find the newsletters and more information by going to the following link [https://www.aa.org/newsletters/en\\_US/](https://www.aa.org/newsletters/en_US/)

Corrections Correspondence Service: In August 2020, the Corrections assignment embarked on the daunting task of overhauling the outdated C.C.S. database system. In collaboration with G.S.O. I.T. department and consultant firm Welman Digital, the Corrections Desk and team has met weekly to discuss, brainstorm, strategize and iron out every single outstanding issue from the old database system to create a new state of the art digital application, capable of using ALL data (old and new) to automatically match persons in custody with A.A. members on the outside with speedy accuracy. Integrating the digital capabilities of NetSuite, the New C.C.S. Matching APP will be able to validate this information and use this data to automatically match based on specific criteria: language, location,

gender, and capacity of correspondence (how many people are they willing to correspond with). The New C.C.S. Matching APP is projected to be functional by the end of August 2021. The application will be able to generate the following: • Personalized welcome letters to be sent to all participants with information of their match and instructions on how the system works. • Reports of active and inactive participants, how many participants were matched, total of pending people to be matched, and missing information from inmates and participants. After implementation of the new C.C.S. Matching App in August, there is a projected phase two to follow. This is to revise functionality of all linked data and fix or add features as needed.

I have been helping the Webmaster with Group updates and website updates. Gerry and I have been assisting (Gerry with NL and myself with NS) because there are so many updates and changes happening it is hard for Tyler to keep up. I have been learning so much about website maintenance and am trying very hard not to break our website !! I would like to thank the DCMs and GSRs for their continued patience and willingness to provide and find the information needed to do these updates. We are trying to list all Groups and meetings that are currently being held in Area 82. Even if you are not a Group it is important for us to have the current information for all meetings so that the widely used Meeting Guide App can accurately list your information and make it easier for visitors to find where to access a meeting.

I would also like to take a moment to talk about the registration for this Assembly. The Spring Assembly registration of \$5.00 that was sent through email money transfer was not successful. We ran into problems with the Webhost Server at that time not allowing the emails from Interac e-transfers to come through to our email inbox. By the time we had the issue resolved the transfers had expired. We have since changed Webhosts and this is not a problem. We are asking you to please register at [treasurer@area82aa.org](mailto:treasurer@area82aa.org). The security question should be "What is our founders name?" and the answer will be Bill.

The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Final Conference report is available in digital format and has been sent to the DCMs and is also available on our website. This version is anonymity protected. The print version has been sent to me (C.O.D.) and I have been getting those out to the districts that requested copies.

This past 10 months has been amazing. I have felt so very supported and loved by the members of Area 82. I can not believe that I am so blessed to have been entrusted with the Voice of the Groups in this Area. I hope to carry your voice and conscience well during my term. If you wish to reach me at any time please do so. My phone number is (902)293-3117, email is [gsd@area82aa.org](mailto:gsd@area82aa.org) and my mailing address is P.O. Box 793, Stellarton, NS, B0K 1S0.

Yours In Love and Service,

Trudy D.

GSD Area 82, Panel 71

Treatment and Accessibilities Committee

## Alternate GSD Report Assembly 2021

Hi folks,

It has been my privilege to serve Area 82 as the Alternate General Service Delegate since January of 2021. As the Alternate GSD, my primary duty is to provide backup to our GSD, Trudy D. and help her do her job to the best of my ability.

Secondary, but important duties of the Alt GSD; Due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic health restrictions, Area 82 replaced the usually separate spring Provincial Service Weekends in 2021 with an experimental, combined virtual Spring Assembly held in May. My role as Alternate GSD was to help the Area 82 Executive facilitate that event.

1. By default, the Alt GSD evolved to become the manager of the Area82 Zoom licenses. Area82 currently holds two separate Zoom pro licenses, normally limited to 100 attendees. One license is used for Area 82 Executive and DCM meetings. This license is the one which is expanded to a larger capacity during our virtual Assemblies.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89962135907> The second license is used by Active Area Committees and is intended for use by all Area 82 committees.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88688093457> Both licenses were in use by the NS Roundup Committee in June. Much appreciation go to past DCM Steve A from District 1 (Plus many others) who did much of the early work on getting our security issues and procedures ironed out.
  2. Based on a decision taken at the 2020 Fall Assembly we have also been conducting more frequent (quarterly) Area officers and DCM meetings using the primary license.
  3. Because the entire Area body could gather in this format, instead of simply discussing issues of concern at the Service Weekends for a vote at the October Assembly as we had done in the past, it became possible to vote and take binding decisions at the Spring Assembly.
  4. The virtual format also eliminated the cost of travel and accommodation by cutting overall expenses during a time of reduced revenue.
13. During 2020, the Active Area Committees meeting (chaired by the Alt-GSD) expanded it's role to include sharing from all committees which are active in carrying the AA message of Recovery throughout Area 82. To this end it was decided at the last Fall Assembly to develop a set of co-chairs for Cooperation with Professional Community, Public Information, Treatment, Corrections, and Grapevine for both Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador. The election for these positions was held by the assembled body of Area 82 in May. These co-chairs will work with, and report to the Alternate GSD at the Area 82 level. Their role is to help develop committees within Districts that do not currently have one, and to liaise with and support existing committees. While the concept was approved in October 2020, only two names (for the proposed 10 positions) were put forward by May 2021. They were; Mark Z. for the PI co-chair in NS and Boyd B. for the PI co-chair position in NL. Both gentlemen accepted, as an additional role, the task of trying to find volunteers to fill the still vacant co-chair positions for their respective provinces. The purpose of the meeting is to encourage sharing of practical experience among the various widely scattered committees. This meeting occurs on the last Monday of each month at 6:30 AST using the secondary Zoom license. Minutes are compiled for each meeting and are both distributed to attendees and posted to the Area 82 website.  
<https://area82aa.org/area-docs/> Please feel free to attend, even if you are not currently active on

any committee. Drop in and see what's happening in Area 82. Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88688093457>

14. Public Information and CPC committees are active in six Districts within Area 82. Corrections and Treatment committees are active in four Districts. Activities in all these committees has been severely affected by the ongoing pandemic but we are seeing encouraging indications of a return to normal. Some facilities (Treatment and Correctional ) have allowed a return to in-person meetings. I would encourage everyone to browse the details of their activities from the minutes of the Active Area Committees meeting on the Area 82 website.

15. The Alternate Delegate also serves as the Grapevine Rep for Area 82. This will eventually fall under the direction of the two Area co-chairs when elected. For now, I will share the most recent news from "The Grapevine, Our Meeting in Print. "

16. Another of the Alt-GSD's duties is to provide oversight for the Area 82 website. Because we were unable to replace our outstanding webmaster Matt D. with someone from within the AA community, and because of the importance of the website to carrying our message, the Webmaster duties were contracted to a qualified individual outside the Fellowship. This sixmonth contract was extended to December 2021 at the Spring Assembly to be again reviewed at the Fall Assembly. Because of on-going issues with our existing sever host (Jaguar-PC) , the contractor, Tyler Graves recommended a change to a new web server, Blue Host. We accepted his recommendation. Tyler has since completed a reconstruction of the Area 82 website using Wordpress website software and has provided training to Trudy and I such that we can now maintain and update the routine aspects of the website. A separate report will be provided later.

1. I'm pleased to be able to announce that both NS and NL Archives positions are currently filled and active. Unfortunately, after 14 years of service to Area 82 NS and five years as Archivist, Kathy S-C. will be rotating out of her position in the new year
  1. Kathy continues to contribute to the newsletters in Districts 9 , 3 , and 17
  2. She continues to collect documents, memorabilia and additions for the Time capsule
  3. Kathy also continues to update the Obituaries section which lists passed members for our "In Memory Of " book
  4. A bright, young, enthusiastic member is currently updating the inventory list. Trudy will have that inventory added to the Area 82 website
2. The NL Archivist Sharon G. is just getting organized.
  1. She anticipates an increase of about \$5.00 per month in rental charges
  2. Additional maintenance costs will include storage shelves and possibly a CD reader. A full copy of both reports will be included with the Alt-GSD's report
3. I have also been working closely with our new Remote Communities Chair Arlene P. There are some exciting opportunities coming in this area including participation in meetings at a new treatment facility opening in 2022 in Labrador. Please come along this evening (7:30 pm AST) to the Active Areas Committees Workshop, where Tandy, the Alternate Delegate for Area 02, Alaska will be presenting on Remote Communities.
4. Because of the availability of virtual meetings, we have been able to hold more frequent Area Executive meetings which allows us to be aware of, and respond to situations as they develop within the Area. These meetings had been informal and ad-hoc and because of that we had not been keeping minutes of those Executive meetings. It was strongly suggested at the last Area Officers and DCM's meeting that we should. This has since been implemented.

5. When invited, I have attended, (when scheduling allowed) monthly District meetings throughout our Area.
6. I've also conducted a number of Workshops at the request of Districts that were well attended and from the feedback I received considered useful.
7. Another of my duties as AGSD is to be a member of the CERAASA Steering Committee. Along with the GSD I attended these Zoom meetings every 2 months. The acronym CERAASA represents the Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. It takes place every 2 years, on the odd years. It consists of the 10 Areas from 81- 90 that make up Eastern Canada. The meetings are conducted with the help of an informal translator and because of that everything said must be repeated. This can be time-consuming, but the meetings are both enlightening as well as entertaining. The Service Assembly focuses on the Eastern Canada conscience of the GSO Conference Agenda items that are sent out every year for our Delegate to review and vote our Area 82 conscience at the GSO Conference. It is a broader version of the Pre-Conference Workshops conducted by Area 82 this spring. It is a particularly important event for our Area Delegate and Alternate to familiarize themselves with the Agenda items. This year it was replaced by a virtual forum entitled Eastern Canada Delegates' Orientation where both Trudy and I gave presentations, she on her Committee "Treatment and Accessibilities" and I on the topic of "Inform – Communicate".

In closing, I want to thank everyone involved in Service to Area 82 for their patience with me. I am very passionate about my own recovery and the AA program. How could I not be? It saved my life and several close family members. My character defects manifest themselves mostly as short temperedness and intolerance. My ego hides behind self-righteousness and insists that "my way" is the right one. So please continue to call me out my attitude or behavior, when necessary.

I have a deep, abiding faith in the AA Program, that "WE' together can do what "I alone" cannot, and that we, as a society, are emerging from this "Time of Change" stronger, with new communication tools and better able to carry our message of Hope even deeper into the darkness of Alcoholism.

Our Fifth Tradition states that "Each Group has but one Primary Purpose... to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers".

Yours in loving service,

Gerry W.



Panel 71 Alternate General Service Delegate Area 82

### **NL Archives Report October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

As the new archivist for the NL AA Archives, I am working my way through the contents of our locker at the U-Haul Building, and trying to establish a committee for the archives.

Some technical problems have arisen as all the inventories and database are stored on CDs. My computer does not have a CD reader, nor does the one at the Intergroup Office. I borrowed a computer from Lisa C. with a CD reader and I started copying files to a thumb drive. I need a larger thumb drive (one large enough for all the files costs about \$60). It would be also extremely useful to have an external CD drive which should cost about \$40, judging by the prices on Amazon.

Other costs involves with the Archives are renewal of the costs for the storage locker. Our space expires March 14 2022 and the new price is \$89.95/month so we have to prepare to renew this.

I would note that the files etc in the storage locker are very difficult to access. They are stored in large tubs, some are very heavy. From talking with the NS archivist Kathy S. it seems like the answer to this (if we continue to use the locker) are to build shelves (portable) to store files, etc, in a more accessible fashion.

In service Sharon

### **Area 82 Webmaster Report**

The domain name is paid Oct 20, 2023. Web hosting is paid until June 2024

We made the decision to migrate hosts to build our website on a new, clean slate after we were experiencing unpredictable behaviour when trying to progress in any way with the website due to the years of unmanaged data.

We also were experiencing a lack of support from JaguarPC who was our current web host. We decided to move to Blue host as they are one of 3 hosting providers Wordpress recommends.

From the last update in June 2021 until October 2021, we've had a total of 57,000 visits which is an average of 6,300 visits per month. This is down about 10% from June 2021.

So far this year, our top three pages are our meetings page, contact us, events and newsletters. These are our core pages that provide the most value to the user. However our goal for the coming months is to continue adding valuable content to the website to generate more new traffic to the website. This will help get valuable information to those in search of it.

Our largest search term, which makes up about 17% of our total monthly traffic, is coming from google searches for "aa nova scotia".

"aa newfoundland" searches make up 4% of our total traffic sources. This shows that our website is still ranking well on Google for relevant keywords after the new website was deployed.

Tyler Graves, Area 82

Webmaster

**NS Archives Report October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



I would like to start my report today saying how grateful I am to be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, and in particular over the past 14 years to have been a part of your Nova Scotia Archives - the last 5 years serving as your Archivist.

Although the Pandemic has affected us in ways we all never thought possible Alcoholics Anonymous showed us how resilient it can be and continued on in a virtual fashion. And to be able to attend a Service Weekend or an Assembly without ever leaving the comfort of our own homes - shows me - at least - that AA's are strong and will remain together for years to come.

Having said all that I have missed very much not being able to be part of Roundups and AA days - showing off your Archives and all the hard work we have put in to get them to what you see today. Believe me when I say I can not wait to drag those archives out again and display them for all to enjoy and learn from. I love to show them and God help you if you get me going on what we have and where we may look for it. So since my last report and despite Covid, I continue to collect things for the archives and every now and then I find myself with a spurt of energy to find the archives table once again and have everything filed and placed where it should be. I also appreciate those members who have taken the time to come and see what I actually do and where the archives are stored and what is yet to be done. I continue to collect things for the time capsule, which will be closed this coming January. Also I would like to thank the members who have been helping me with sending me obituaries of passed members for our " In Memory Of " book.

I have also been attending the Committee Zoom meetings and trying to contribute what I can - such as help with previous notes and books for the chair of the Remote Communities -Arlene. And I have also been in contact with the newly elected Archivist for Newfoundland and have offered my help in any way and encouraged her that no matter how dark and bleak the job ahead of her may be - the rewards at the end of the day far outweigh the chore. I also contribute to the newsletters in Districts 9 , 3 , and 17 . This is just my way of sharing some of the treasures that I find shifting through the odds and ends of the piles on my table. If any other district who have newsletters would like me to send them along to them please contact me and we can certainly make that happen.

I have been recently contacted by a very bright , young and enthusiastic member who has offered her help with the Archives. Her name is Melissa , currently she is endeavouring to up date the inventory list so it is in respectful order for your next Archivist. Trudy also has a copy of that inventory list and is working to get it on the website - so all members can view it and see just how much you as members have contributed to your archives.

Now I know I have taken up enough of your time -but again I would like to thank you all for your contributions to the Archives displays - to the time capsule - to the In Memory Book. For all of you who have supported me and encouraged me over the years - for those of you who have taken the time to look at the Archives and to take the time to learn from them. From the bottom of my heart I THANK YOU for giving me the opportunity to serve and to grow in this program and the once in a life time opportunity to meet the most wonderful people in the world.

Yours in Service

Kathy S-C. Area 82 NS AA Archivist.

CANDIDATE'S RESUME

Position applying for-Candidate for Eastern Canadian Regional Trustee

Name: Tim M.

Address: Deepwood Drive Porters Lake NS B3E 1G6

Date of last drink: November 4 2004

Have you served in any of the following AA Service capacities? Please indicate dates and if you served for the whole term

Area Committee:

General Service Delegate:2017/18 Whole Term

Alternate General Service Delegate:2015/16 Whole Term

Chairperson: 2013/14 Whole Term

Secretary:

Treasurer:

District: 2

DCM:2009/2012 Whole Term

Alternate DCM:2007/09 Whole Term

Committee Secretary:

Committee Treasurer:

Group Service Representative: 2005/07 Whole Term

Other Service Activities:

Midwinter Roundup committee Whole Term

Assembly committee Whole Term

Group treasurer Whole Term

Presently serving on the board of directors at The Freedom Foundation of Nova Scotia as Vice Chair.

Respectfully Submitted Tim Milligan

#### CANDIDATE'S RESUME

I wish to submit my name for the N.S. Co-Chair, Corrections.

**Name:** John W.

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Last drink:** Sept. 14, 2018

**A.A. Service:** Current DCM, District 3

Past GSR for my home group

Past District Secretary

Assist District 3 Public Information

**Other:** I served as the Alt. Chair with the Area 81 Institution

Committee, and served as Chair of the 2021 N.S.

A.A. Provincial Round-up.

One of the most rewarding experiences in my journey of recovery was as a member of the Hilltop Group. For an eight-month period with that group, I visited inmates at the Westmoreland Minimum Security Facility in Dalhousie, New Brunswick. I feel a strong connection to people who are incarcerated and are in need our Fellowship.

I have always had a keen interest in A.A. Correctional Services and bring to the table a desire to help and a willingness to learn.

Thank you for your consideration.

In Service John W.

District 1 DCM Report  
Nova Scotia Fall Assembly  
Oct 08/2021

Good day members of Alcohols Anonymous my name is Paul B and I am an Alcoholic. I Serve as the DCM for District 1n which has 27 active Groups. The area of District 1 encompasses the southwest of one third of Halifax Regional Municipality. The district borders Lunenburg County in the west and in the east it, borders are Halifax Harbour, the Bedford Bypass, and Cobequid Road. Northern borders are Windsor Junction Road, Beaver Bank Road, and, for the most part, the Hants County line. The southern border of District 1 is the Atlantic Ocean. Towns or cities with A.A. meetings in District 1 include Hubbard's, Upper Tantallon, Timberlea, Halifax, Bedford, Lower Sackville, and Mount Uniacke. Most of our meetings are on now going back to Face to Face but there are some that have lost their meeting place and now looking for a new Spot. They are well attended with a lot of participation.

### **District 1 Activities**

- Workshops are held in District 1 every other month and are organized by the District 1 Executive Committee. Our last workshop was done by the Back to Basic Group in which we had 39 people in Attendance. We are starting to get the groups more involved by asking them to do workshops. This is another way of District 1 Carrying the message to the Alcoholic who still Suffers. Some day Watch Out, for you will be called to put on a Work shop for us .

1. District 1 has just elected a new Secretary, and she is filling just nicely. Great Job Michelle and Welcome to Service
2. District 1 holds its Monthly meeting on the last Wednesday of the Month. We have an average between 6-11 groups represented at our monthly meetings.
3. We attend the Central Service meetings which represents District 1 and 2 and show our support in Carrying the message to the alcohols who suffers. Central Service has various committees like Literature, CPC, PI Hospital | Visitation, Telephone Corrections etc . Central Service is working on getting the Bridging the Gap program going again and also looking at having a AA Pallozza
- 4.

In closing I would like to say thank you to all the Area Executive and any members of AA in helping to carry the message to us as DCMs as we work together to help the Suffering Alcoholic and Trudge the Road of Happy Destiny

Yours in service  
Paul B

**District 2 DCM Report**  
**October 9, 2021**

My name is Blair A. and I am an Alcoholic and the DCM of District 2. District 2 consists of the Dartmouth portion of HRM and continues north to Enfield, east to Musquodoboit Harbour, and west to Fall River. District 2 has 14 active registered groups who host a total of 24 meetings a week. Our District meeting is held the third Sunday of each month at 2pm at Club 24. Currently we are meeting on Zoom until January at the same date and time. The District Committee consists of Chris V. as Treasurer, Michael A. as Alt. DCM, and the Secretary position is currently vacant.

All groups are now back to meeting in person, except for one group which has decided to meet on Zoom permanently. Group representation at our monthly meeting has been low for the last year but I am hopeful it increases as groups get back to meeting in person. District 2 has struggled with holding their bi-monthly workshops in 2021 due to the restrictions on social gatherings, but they will be resuming in October.

District 2 is supported by the Central Service Committee for Districts 1 & 2 through each group having a Central Service Representative attend their monthly meeting. In addition to the CSR from each group they consist of a Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Chair of each subcommittee. They are a great help to District 2 by carrying out the work of CPC, PI, Corrections, and Treatment. PI has remained active by meeting virtually with organizations in the Education, Health Care, and Armed Forces industries. Corrections have not been able to meet in person with the residents, but communicate through telephone and dropping off literature. Treatment is holding a meeting once a week at Detox and twice a month at The Marguerite Centre. CPC has not been active since the Chair position has been vacant. Central Service also has a committee for Entertainment, Literature, Newsletter, Help E-Mail, Hospital Visitation, Telephone, Webmaster, and Mid Winter Roundup. An Ad-Hoc Committee for Bridging the Gap was created this year and are working with treatment, detox, and correction facilities in Nova Scotia. I would like to thank Mike H., Central Service Chair and anyone involved with carrying the message to current and potential members of AA. More information on what activities and services are being offered is available by visiting [aahalifax.org](http://aahalifax.org).

Even with reduced contributions to District 2, we were in a position to make a contribution to Central Service and GSO. I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity and encouragement to continue in the role of DCM for District 2. God has given us this opportunity to push through our fears and carry the message to the suffering alcoholic in new and creative ways. I look forward to being part of Area 82 and working with all of you during these challenging and uncertain times.

Yours in Service,  
Blair A.  
DCM District 2  
Area 82

**AREA 82, DISTRICT 4 DCM REPORT  
to the 2021 AREA 82 General Assembly (via ZOOM)**

**Oct 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Good morning friends,**

**my name is Pete N. a proud recovering alcoholic and am honoured to be back for a second term as the DCM of District 4 which consists of six active groups dispersed over a large area from Digby to Amiraults Hill, southeast of Yarmouth.**

**This continues to be a challenging period for all of us. I am proud of the Groups in this district for keeping their members in the loop, either by using Zoom meetings or when and if possible having limited in person meetings.**

**Unfortunately, we did lose the Clare Group in Jan 21, but COVID was not the primary reason for this.**

**Unfortunately, we have had to cancel once again our annual Lighthouse Round-up this coming November. It was our feeling that even if COVID was under control by that time, there would be many past attendees who would not attend this year due to uncertainty how long it might be for another wave to hit us. This decision was made at our monthly GSR meeting in Jan. of 2021. With luck, we will resume holding this Round-up in 2022.**

**Here's hoping that this madness will soon come to an end. Zoom meetings have proved quite effective, but they don't replace regular face to face gatherings and hugs from the heart.**

**Yours in Service ..... Pete N**

Greetings from the South Shore of Nova Scotia. We are seven groups of members of Alcoholics Anonymous, and we're staying sober no matter if it's on Zoom or in person or whatever.

If you look at our formats, they can be in person one week, and on Zoom next week, and heaven knows what we'll be doing a week from now. Like it says in the book, "Job or no job, wife or no wife . . ." "We have learned to depend on our Higher Power to guide us through this time of challenge and help us stay sober no matter what.

Our GSRs have decided to keep having District meetings on Zoom, but some folks want to attend in person anyway. We are fortunate enough to have an IT genius, Dave M., for a member of the District Committee, and Dave has set us up with a site at which we can accommodate both the Zoomers and those who attend in person. The office we're using is located in Bridgewater and has the bandwidth and equipment necessary to handle the task. We'll have our first hybrid District meeting at the end of October.

To aid communication between and amongst our groups and members, we have a monthly newsletter which is published by Patricia F., our Alternate DCM. We also have a Phone Committee headed by Jody L. and Arnie K., both long-time members with a lot of 12th step experience. The phone rotates among the groups monthly. Lately, we've had more calls from folks who have come to the Maritimes as visitors, and it has been our pleasure to aid AA visitors as well as newcomers to sobriety.

As I'm sure all of you who use Zoom know, we welcome folks from all over the world to our neighbourhood Zoom meetings. District 10 is in the business of staying sober and providing meetings for those who make the effort to attend them. What more could we do? We wish you a happy Thanksgiving from the South Shore and District 10.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat R. DCM, District 10

OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

I am honoured to be presenting my second report, as DCM of District 15, Area 82. I am very pleased to be able to participate in this Fall Assembly, as DCM of District 15.

This report will be brief as the Spring Assembly, in May, was followed by the summer months when group business meetings, Intergroup and district committee meetings are not held. The District, Intergroup and business meetings only resumed, recently in September.

Monitoring the actual number of groups in the District is a challenging process. While this has been further complicated by the COVID pandemic, there seems to be a systemic gap as the DCM/District has no knowledge of who applies for and is granted registration by GSO in New York. I would ask that when GSO notifies a group of it's registration, the District be notified at the same time, including the registration number and the group contact. Since becoming DCM this has been extremely frustrating.

During the summer months attendance at in-person AA meetings, has been somewhat lower and this is anticipated to continue during the fall due to the fourth wave of COVID within our province. However, I am pleased to report that at the end of September, District 15, has 59 scheduled meetings per week, comprised of 33 In-Person and 26 Zoom meetings. At this point it has not been possible to determine approximate numbers attending these meetings. It appears that AA in District 15 is relatively alive and well despite these uncertain times. Nevertheless, we will continue to live in an environment of "one day at a time".

The St John's Intergroup resumed meeting the last Wednesday in September. The seventh tradition continues to be down in comparison to years prior to the pandemic. However now that the fall is here it is hoped that contributions will increase over the fall and winter. The District is in desperate need for volunteers in all areas of service within the district. Maintaining office hours, answering the phone, 12 step calls, CPCPI all require additional participation from the membership. Currently those involved are being stretched far to thinly. There have been several attempts in recent years to attract volunteers but it seems that it has become more difficult to attract and maintain sufficient volunteers in service.

In the spring it had been hoped that an AA convention might be possible for sometime in the fall of 2021. However such plans have been cancelled due to current COVID rates and restrictions. It is still hoped that an AA Dinner and Dance might be possible for the Christmas season but that will not be decided until later in the fall.

The CPCPI Committee resumed meeting in September and is in the process of developing it's plans for the forth coming months within the new order of things. The pandemic continues to impact upon the potential for outreach activities in this area. However the committee is now meeting and will be developing an appropriate plan of action.

In closing I want to thank the executive members of the district Bob H, Geoff S. Nick C. and our GSRs for their continued support and guidance. To fellow DCMs, throughout the area, I look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

Yours in service,

George S.  
DCM, District 15, Area 82

DCM Report District 17 Area 82  
2021 Area 82 Assembly ZOOM October 8<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>

I am an Alcoholic, my name is Gary O. and I have the privilege of serving District 17 as the DCM. District 17 runs West of Mt. Uniacke, Exit 3 off the 101 and East of Greenwich, Exit 11 off the 101. We have 7 Registered AA Groups. Groups consist of Wolfville, Hantsport, Windsor, Windsor Morning Meeting, Brooklyn, Three Mile Plains and St. Croix. We have 13 meetings in the District, mornings, evenings and Zoom. All Groups are meeting in person. If attending the Wolfville Thursday evening meeting, proof of 2 vaccinations are required as per landlord's rules before entering the meeting. The Wolfville Saturday evening meeting has folded due to the lack of support.

Jeff S. is serving as Alt. DCM and District Treasurer, Mary M. is our Secretary, Melanie F. looks after our newsletter, Dwight C. looks after our AA Phone Answering Service 790-6066 and also Chairs CPC/PI, Pete L. Chairs our Inter District Insurance program currently serving District 3, 7, 10 and 17. We still have room for a 5 more Groups on the Policy. Just a reminder to the Groups renewal is just around the corner. Evelyn C. Chairs our Entertainment Committee, I am also Serving as Institutions AA Chair with the Crosbie Center Society and Bridging the Gap with Crosbie Clients while in treatment and when they leave back to their communities which we work jointly with District 3.

Districts 3 and 17 have always had good Unity between our Districts. This year we jointly hosted the 2021 NS Provincial Round up in June on ZOOM with John W as Chair. We had a lot of help from members all over area 82 which was very much appreciated.

It has been a very trying year for AA in District 17 with all the Covid Restrictions. I am sorry to say that during these trying times a few members have lost their sobriety and still struggling. We were not able to hold our Windsor and area Round up in August of 2021. With no AA entertainment gathering, No Open AA meetings, all Closed meetings restricted to (10 persons Max) or have been shut down all together has really affected the Mental Health and sobriety of some members. The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition has been affected for all Groups.

I would like to thank the Entertainment committee for hosting a District 17 AA/Al Anon family afternoon at Smiley's Provincial Park on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Lots of food, music, laughs, fellowship and washer toss. I have to mention Brent McP. and I came away as the washer toss champs for this year. PS we had permission from the park to hold this event.

I would like to thank all the groups not only in District 17 but Area 82 for doing whatever they can to keep the message of Alcoholics Anonymous going either in Meeting Rooms or on ZOOM. May our Higher Power bless us all and hopefully we will soon get the in-person Unity back we once all enjoyed as we Trudge the Road to Happy Destiny till then.

Yours in the love of AA Service

DCM District 17 Gary O.



	Prudent Reserve Acct.			
Date	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
02-Jan	Opening Balance			\$14,387.70
02-Jan	Prudent Reserve Top Up		\$4,966.82	\$19,354.52
Jan05/Sept30	Interest		\$28.11	\$19,382.63
01-Oct	Interest		\$3.19	\$19,385.82
01-Oct	Total		<b>\$4,998.12</b>	<b>\$19,385.82</b>
	Up Coming Budget Reserve Acct			
	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
02-Jan	Opening Balance			\$15,605.28
04-Jan	Transfer to operational Acct.	\$15,605.28		\$0.00
04-Jan	Interest		\$2.59	\$2.59
04-Jan	Bank Fee \$1.00 per dopsit	\$11.00		(\$8.41)
05-Jan	Transfer from operational Acct		\$594.17	\$585.76
01-Feb	Interest		\$0.34	\$586.10
01-Mar	Interest		\$0.09	\$586.19
31-Mar	Group Contributions		\$601.00	\$1,187.19
01-Apr	Interest		\$0.10	\$1,187.29
01-Apr	Bank Fee \$1.00 per dopsit	\$2.00		\$1,185.29
15-Apr	Group Contributions		\$2,083.00	\$3,268.29
15-Apr	Move Prudent Reserve Interest			\$3,268.29
20-Apr	Group Contributions		\$300.00	\$3,568.29
03-May	Interest		\$0.39	\$3,568.68
03-May	Bank Fee \$1.00 per dopsit @13	\$13.00		\$3,555.68
01-Jun	Interest		\$0.60	\$3,556.28
28-Jun	Group Contributions		\$900.00	\$4,456.28
28-Jun	Assembly Registration		\$30.00	\$4,486.28
02-Jul	Interest		\$0.15	\$4,486.43
02-Jul	Bank Fee	\$5.00		\$4,481.43
06-Jul	Group Contributions		\$260.00	\$4,741.43
06-Jul	Assembly Registration		\$20.00	\$4,761.43
14-Jul	Assembly Registration		\$15.00	\$4,776.43
02-Aug	Group Contributions (2)		\$1,762.00	\$6,538.43
02-Sep	Group Contributions (3)		\$850.00	\$7,388.43
01-Oct	Bank Fee \$1.00 per dopsit	\$2.00		\$7,386.43
01-Oct	Deposit Interest		\$1.12	\$7,387.55
		<b>\$15,638.28</b>	<b>\$7,420.55</b>	<b>\$7,387.55</b>

	Operational Acct Cheque Ledger			
	Description	Debit	Credits	Balance
	Opening Balance			\$9,246.45
02-Jan	On Line Banking Transfer		\$15,605.28	
04-Jan	Total			\$24,851.73
05-Jan	Monthly Fee	\$3.75		\$24,847.98
05-Jan	BR to Br-Credit Memo 7593		\$8,362.06	\$33,210.04
	Online Transfer to Deposit Acct3595	\$594.17		\$32,615.87
	Online Transfer to Deposit Acct 7017	\$4,966.82		\$27,649.05
	Cheque #28 Area82 Sec/Reg	\$2,500.00		\$25,149.05
07-Jan	Cheque #24 & 25 Area82 GSD & Chair	\$5,000.00		\$20,149.05
08-Jan	Cheque # 29 Area82 Webmaster	\$500.00		\$19,649.05
12-Jan	Cheque #30 Area82 NS AA Archives	\$2,152.80		\$17,496.25
20-Jan	Monthly Fee	\$3.75		\$17,492.50
01-Feb	Cheque #31&26 ALT GSD & NL Storage	\$3,700.00		\$13,792.75
22-Feb	Monthly Fees	\$3.75		\$13,788.75
01-Mar	Monthly fee	\$3.75		\$13,785.00
01-Apr	Cheque # 32 GSConference	\$2,254.36		\$11,530.64
19-Apr	Cheque#33 Remote Community EXP	\$2,500.00		\$9,030.64
03-May	Monthy Fees	\$3.75		\$9,026.89
01-Jun	Cheque#34 GSConnference Addit.	\$528.64		\$8,494.50
15-Jun	Cheque#35 Webmaster	\$500.00		\$7,994.50
21-Jun	Monthly Fee	\$3.75		\$7,990.75
01-Jul	Monthly Fee	\$3.75		\$7,987.00
02-Aug	Cheque# 36 Web Posting	\$265.39		\$7,721.61
03-Aug	Monthly Fee	\$3.75		\$7,717.86
01-Oct	Cheque # 37 Treasurer	\$1,250.00		\$6,467.86
01-Oct	Monthly Fee	\$3.75		\$6,464.11
		\$26,745.93	\$23,967.34	\$6,464.11
04-Oct	Cheque		\$125.00	
01-Oct	Total Contributions		\$6,756.00	
01-Oct	Accounts Total		\$33,239.37	
01-Oct	Total Prudent Reserve Acct		\$19,382.63	
01-Oct	Total Up Coming Budget Reserve		\$7,387.55	
01-Oct	Total Operational Cheque Ledger		\$6,464.11	

Yours in love & service

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