

Area 82 NS/NL Spring Assembly

May 27th-30th, 2022

Friday May 27th, 2022

The Friday evening Workshop was led by Panel 64 Delegate Dave A of Area 81 who is a long-time friend of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 82. As a Panel 64 delegate, Dave served on the Report and Charter committee. Dave spoke eloquently for almost two hours on the 12 Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous, our Charter and the Annual Report. He then patiently and knowledgeably answered numerous questions on a topic that he knew very well.

Saturday, May 28th

At 9:00 am (AST) Dwayne MacD., welcomed everyone to the area 82 spring Assembly. he then called the meeting to order and asked for a few seconds of silence, followed by the Serenity prayer.

12 Traditions. Was read by Deb C.

Introductions: - Chair- Dwayne MacD., GSD- Trudy D. (sent regrets, not in attendance due to an illness), Alt GSD- Gerry W., Secretary- Monique McL., Treasurer-Jocelyn I., DCM 1- Paul B., DCM 2- Blair A., DCM 3- John W., DCM 4- Pete N., DCM 7- Darrell MacN., Alt-DCM 8- Debbie C., DCM 14- Pam Q., DCM 15- George S. Not in attendance- Districts 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17

Housekeeping- Two-minute talk clock, with a 30 second warning. Dwayne explained some housekeeping rules such as designating as "1" or "2" to verify voting eligibility, to use the "raised hand" icon to gain the attention of the Chair and the use of the green checkmark for a "Yes" and a red "X" for a "No" vote.

Mission Statement Read by Paul B., DCM District 1 "The mission statement of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 82 is to carry the message of hope, strength and knowledge through communication of Alcoholics Anonymous' 12 Steps in an efficient and prudent manner.

Sympathies. Dwayne asked members to call the names of our members who had passed since our last Assembly. It was followed by a moment of silence and remembrance of our friends who had contributed so much to our own lives.

Minutes. To get us back in sync we will read the minutes from both 2021 Assemblies, the Fall and the Spring.

- The minutes of the Spring Assembly (May 2021) were read by Monique McL., with no corrections or omissions. Monique moved the minutes be accepted as read, seconded by Amy A., All were in favor of accepting.
- **No business arising from Spring Assembly minutes**
- The minutes of the Fall Assembly (October 2021) were read by Monique McL., and Gerry W., Pete N., DCM of District 4 noted that his District's report was not cited in the minutes. Monique moved that the Fall 2021 Assembly minutes be accepted with the required correction citing District 4's report, This was seconded by Anne B. (Circle of Sisters Grp) , All were in favor of accepting.
- **Business arising from the Fall 2021 minutes-** Blair A. asked "Are we going to amend the 2019 minutes to document the motion and decision to change the eligibility requirements for Area officers to 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."* ? Monique answered, "There has been a motion to Amend the 2019 minutes (and update Area 82 Guidelines). Our apologies Blair, we'll go ahead and make sure that that's updated". No further business arising.

Approval of the Agenda. The proposed Agenda was reviewed. It was recommended by Paul B, DCM of District 1 that the agenda item regarding the formation of an ad-hoc Financial Committee be moved above all other agenda items referencing financial change. The reasoning was that it would likely push those items to the ad-hoc committee if the committee was approved. After some discussion Dwayne accepted a consensus to modify the order of the Agenda items. Monique McL. moved that the amended Agenda be approved. This was seconded by Paul B.. All approved. (Amended Agenda attached)

DCM reports – see attached. Monique asked for the DCMs to send their reports.

Past Delegates Address- We did not have any Area 82 Past Delegates in attendance today.

Treasurer's Report- attached

Jocelyn motioned that her report be accepted as read. The motion was seconded by Monique. Chairman Dwayne then opened the floor for discussion on the report.

Q. Why was a cheque to an Area officer cashed in December 30th, 2021 when it was meant for January of 2022? **A.** The area officer received their check in December. Because the last two days of the year were a weekend (during the holiday season), they assumed that it would be the same as putting their check in on January 1. That person notified the treasurer and the area chair that the check had gone in early and that had been cashed early. It was not anything crooked, it was a mistake that was made. The officer has already explained and apologized.

Q. Can we have the actual spend for each quarter (compared to budget, year over year as well, in the first half of the report) listed on the report? **A.** Yes. The actual spend for the year is now being added to the report as it was in past years.

Q. Jocelyn, would you be able to share your screen and give us a summary of your report so that we can see it as well? **A.** Yes. Jocelyn shared her spreadsheets showing the total budget, how much was disbursed against that, how much was left in operational account and how much actual expenditures had been accounted for to date.

Q. Is the Treasurer's report reviewed by the Area 82 Executive before it is released to the general AA Area 82 membership? **A.** The report is presented and reviewed by the Area officers and DCM's at the quarterly AO/DCM's meeting. The DCM's are then responsible for getting that information to their groups

Q. Why is there \$1500.00 issued for Zoom when we only have two licenses and who is it issued to? **A.** It is issued to the Alt-GSD and we may need additional licenses before the year is done.

Q. Jocelyn, since there is so much that is confusing in our financial reports over the past month, have you reached out to ask for help from any of the area officers? **A.** Yes, I have asked for help.

The Question and Answer session became a general discussion which lasted approximately an hour. The consensus at the end of that was that many of these issues and questions would probably be appropriately addressed further along in the agenda when the motion to form an ad hoc financial committee comes up.

The question was called by Deb C. and Chairman Dwayne called for a vote on accepting the Treasurer's report. Initial vote was 20 in favor, 6 opposed. Dwayne then called for the minority

voice. After the minority voice was heard at least one person wanted to change their vote to “nay”. The vote was re-taken. The second vote was 20 in favor of accepting 11 opposing. The report was accepted. (five eligible voters did not record a vote during the first ballot)

Motion carried. **Treasurer’s spreadsheets and report are separate attachments.**

Reports-

- Gerry W, our alternate general service delegate gave a detailed report which included his primary activities as Alt. GSD (including attendance at the Eastern Canada Regional Forum), as well as his secondary responsibilities to Remote Communities, Webmaster and Active Area Committees. NS Archivist and NL Archivist reports are usually presented at the Assembly by the AGSD, but because both were in attendance, Gerry stepped aside to allow the two provincial archivists to present their reports.

Alt-GSD Q & A

Q. Will we be able to put a page on the Area 82 website directly targeted to help professionals? **A.** Yes, It is in progress.

Q. Should we have the contact information for the Area Committee Co-chairs more readily available? **A.** Yes. A page dedicated to the Area 82 Committee Co-chair positions is under construction. It will contain an email contact for the current Co-chairs as well which Area 82 positions are currently open.

Q. How effective are the co-chair positions in encouraging the growth of PI/CPC/Corrections/Treatment/GV committees? **A.** It’s a work in progress. Only a couple of the co-chair positions have been filled. I continue to encourage participation in the monthly Active Area Committees meeting held on the last Monday of each month to identify potential growth areas and members who can be helpful in growing this. The meeting occurs on the last Monday of each month at 6:00 pm NS time, 6:30 NL time at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88688093457>

Q. Could you provide the link to that Remote Communities meeting in Makkovik currently sponsored by Area 82? **A.** Yes. It is held at 7:00 pm AST on Wednesday evenings at the link below <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87887876370>

Q. Can you make the Alt-GSD Report available? **A.** Yes. I’ll drop it into the chat area right away and it will be appended to the Minutes

- For health reasons Trudy D. will not be presenting a GSD Report today. Trudy's intent is to have three separate sessions over the next couple of weeks during which she will present her Report from the Conference. The first session will cover the advisory actions at the conference, the second session will cover committee considerations and the third one will be Board reports including financial reports.
- All reports are attached.

Roll Call-

Area Committee and DCM's 13 out of 22

District 1- 8 out of 25

District 10- 3 out of 6

District 2- 5 out of 14

District 11- 1 out of 6

District 3- 4 out of 11

District 12- 0 out of 8

District 4- 0 out of 6

District 13- 0 out of 3

District 5- 0 out of 6

District 14- 0 out of 10

District 6- 5 out of 10

District 15- 5 out of 32

District 7- 4 out of 13

District 16- 0 out of 6

District 8- 0 out of 13

District 17- 1 out of 6

District 9- 0 out of 17

Total of 214 possible voting representatives with 49 in place (eligible)

Old Business:

1. ***(Originally this was Item # 2 but Alt-GSD couldn't find the documents in a timely manner, so we moved on to the second item)***

The first item under old business will be the presentation of the web report and a discussion around the Webmaster position. The full Webmaster report will be attached to the minutes.

A few bullet points;

- the domain name is paid to October 20th, 2023
- web hosting is paid until June of 2024
- Trudy and I agreed to maintain the website from January 1st 2021 until the Spring Assembly where the decision would be reviewed.

- From January until May 2022 we had a total of 30,000 unique visits with an average of about 6000 visits per month. This is roughly on par with statistics from last years report.
 - A single formal quote for professional services was provided by KCD web services. This quote cited a website ordered and clean up fee of \$350.00 a monthly professional web care plan would cost an additional \$99 plus HST monthly. This estimate of \$1700 annually was echoed by informal quotes from two additional service providers.
 - Both Trudy D. and Gerry W. are willing to continue in the position as volunteer Webmaster and both agree that the workload is manageable.
 - It was moved by Gary O, seconded by Paul B, that we keep the status quo until the fall assembly and in the meantime, promote the position and try to find somebody to replace them. After considerable discussion it was decided unanimously to pass the motion and we will revisit the decision at the Fall Assembly.
2. The second item under old business is the call for Co chairs for the active area committees. In Nova Scotia CPC, Treatment and Grapevine Co-Chair positions are open. In Newfoundland CPC, Treatment, Corrections and Grapevine are open. Deb C and Joanne (?) volunteered to help but were not able to take one of the open positions at this time.
- After considerable discussion the consensus was to continue to promote the positions throughout the area. The website will also be updated with a new page detailing the vacant positions.
3. The third item under old business will be a review of the Area 82 guidelines updates. At the last assembly it was pointed out that there were modifications that had been approved at previous assemblies and that these changes to the guidelines had not taken place. Monique told us that those updates have now taken place.
- Because MCYPAA is no longer a viable committee in Area 82 a motion was brought by Gary O., seconded by Michael A that the references to it be removed from the Guidelines. After considerable discussion the question was called and the vote was 35 yea, 5 nay. After the minority voice was heard one person wanted to change their vote. After the re-vote the motion passed by a vote of 34 yea to 6 nays
 - A general conversation followed. The consensus seemed to be that the process of updating the guidelines was confusing and that the agenda item regarding the possible formation of an ad-hoc Guidelines committee might help address this.

New Business:

1. Election of NS Archivist.
 - No resumes have been received for the position of Nova Scotia Archivist. The Chair called three times to determine if there was any interest from the floor. There was none. He asked the assembled body to bring the need back to their Groups for discussion.
 - The Alt-GSD Gerry W, moved that Kathy S-C (the current Archivist) continue in her current role until the Fall Assembly and that we, again promote the position availability until that time. The motion was seconded by John W. The Nova Scotia members in attendance voted unanimously in support of this.

2. Invitation of a GSO Guest to attend the Annual Spring Assembly
 - Gary O. made a motion that we invite a GSO guest to our virtual Spring Assemblies. Darrell MacN. seconded the motion. There would be no financial costs involved. After discussion the vote was 36 yes, 1 no. The minority voice was heard, one member wanted to change their vote. The motion carried upon revoting by 34 yes to 3 no.

At this time, we were at the supper break. Dwayne presented the options of continuing with the Agenda on Sunday morning at 9:00am or to come back after 8:00 pm Saturday night. It was moved by Gerry W and seconded by John W that we return after the Active Areas Committee Workshop to continue with the business on the Agenda. After much discussion and several proposed amendments, it was decided that we should stick to the approved Agenda and continue with the Agenda items on Sunday morning.

Saturday evening- Active area committees' workshop

Sunday, May 29th

Dwayne opened the morning with a moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Twelve Traditions were read.

3. A motion to change the Friday evening Assembly workshop to Sunday and have two meetings of 90 minutes each on Friday for a service meeting to deal with provincial issues for each province was brought by the Area Executive Committee. Dwayne temporarily ceded the chair to Alt-GSD in order to address this motion. After a wide ranging and thoughtful discussion, the vote was taken. The motion was defeated by a vote of 14 for to 16 against. The minority voice was heard, no votes were changed.

4. A motion was brought by the Leah of the District 1, Fresh Start Group and seconded by John W. that an Ad Hoc Committee be formed to review the current Guidelines and make recommendations to Area 82 to ensure that the Guidelines are updated to address issues. After extensive discussion, proposed amendments were voted down 21 opposed 7 in favor. The original motion was revoted and passed unanimously.
5. A motion was brought that the guidelines be amended to include some additional time requirements around minute distribution. In the event that the area Secretary cannot have the minutes prepared and distributed to the Area by the 60 days (*currently in the guidelines*) after the Fall assembly and Spring assembly, then the GSD or Area Chair will assume or assign this responsibility to ensure they are distributed no later than 30 days after the 60-day deadline. A maximum of 90 days. The motion passed by substantial majority (29 for, 2 opposed) after hearing the minority voice.
6. A motion was brought by the Michelle of the Back-to-Basics Group “that an ad hoc Financial Committee be formed to produce a consistent and understandable financial format for each Area Treasurer to be used year to year and at each reporting period, including the quarters and to update the responsibilities of the treasurer at the beginning of and end of fiscal year and to make any recommendations necessary to carry this out” Seconded by Leah C. Alt. GSR Fresh Start Group. An amendment to ensure that each District was represented on the ad-hoc committee was voted down 27 against to 2 for. The original motion was extensively discussed and voted. The original vote was 26 for, 2 against. The minority voice was heard, and one member changed their vote. The motion passed after the second ballot 26 for 3 opposed.
7. A motion was brought by the Area Executive Committee to change the financial guidelines to include the time and date of presentation of the year-end report and accompanying statements. Dwayne ceded the Chair to the Alt-GSD temporarily to speak to this motion. He proposed an amendment to this motion asked that the item not be removed but postponed to the Fall Assembly where they would be discussed if not already dealt with by the ad-hoc committee. This motion was seconded by Pete L. 21 in favor of postponement, 10 opposed. Minority voice was heard. No vote changed.
8. Michelle from Back-to-Basics Group brought a motion that Agenda items 8 through 11 dealing with the questions dealing with finances, be removed from our Agenda at this point today and forwarded to the new ad hoc committee on finances for further consideration. The motion was seconded by Paul B. DCM for District 1. An

amendment to this motion asked that the items not be removed but postponed to the Fall Assembly where they would be discussed if not already dealt with by the ad-hoc committee. The amendment carried by a vote of 27 to 6. The amended motion passed by a vote of 22 for 5 against. The minority voice was heard, and nobody changed their vote.

9. A motion was brought by Leah of the Fresh Start Group to Include monthly Bank Statements with Quarterly Reports. Leah then amended this motion such that the agenda item is not removed but postponed to the Fall Assembly where it would be discussed, if not already dealt with by the ad-hoc committee. The amendment was seconded by Anne P. of the Circle of Sisters Group. The motion carried by a vote of 27 for, 2 opposed. Minority voice was called for. No votes changed.

Ask-it Basket Session

- Q. I am a brand new GSR from the only active group for my district. I'm not aware of a DCM for my District, I haven't seen activity. Can our group join with an adjoining, more active District?
A. Chair took the contact information privately of the individual and promised to follow-up with the information the member would need.
- Q. How is information passed from the Area to groups?
A. Generally, the secretary sends minutes, agendas, notice of meetings to the D to be passed on to the groups in their district.
- Q. Why did the Area 82 Treasurer not provide copies of the bank statements to this assembly, so the financial statements can be compared to the bank statements?
A. The bank statements were sent out with the quarterly report. All the bank statements were sent to every area officer, DCM and Alternate DCM.
- Q. Is it OK to abstain from voting if you are new to the process?
A. If you feel like you don't really have enough information to make a decision, or you're not able to make up your mind, by all means abstain. But remember that you are representing your group. They have given you the right of decision on their behalf. They trust you to use your best judgment. In actual fact, however, we all need advice and should be humble enough to ask for and use it. This is where a service sponsor becomes invaluable.

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- Q. Why do we not budget for income in the annual budget?
- A. We cannot project income in the budget is because we don't know what it will be. As an example, the pandemic was an unforeseen event which seriously curtailed Group contributions.

- Q. Why do amendments to motions not have a minority voice after the vote? I think that all votes should have a minority voice.
- A. That's just a procedural item. The motion for amendment is not a motion that affects the actual voting of the final motion. So, there's no minority voice.

- Q. Why are the actual expenses incurred by the area officers not provided in the financial statements?
- A. The detailed expenses are provided to the Treasurer and are available. This suggestion will likely be addressed by the newly formed ad-hoc committee.

Chairman Dwayne MacD. thanked everyone for their participation and patience.

The Assembly closed with the Responsibility Statement

Spring Assembly 2022

Active Area Committees Workshop

May 28th, 2022

The Active Area Committees workshop began at 6:00 PM with our Alternate General Delegate Gerry W sharing generally about his experience with the various committees that he has served on throughout his time in AA and how that participation had helped him grow in his recovery. Gerry talked about the importance of strong sponsorship and the leadership shown by his sponsor during his formative years in Alcoholics Anonymous. "The three legs of the Recovery, Unity and Service tripod were always considered to be equally important to my sponsor Frank. Frank didn't talk these principles so much as he demonstrated them. He applied them to his daily life. As a direct result of Frank's early guidance, the three legacies have always been a seamless whole in my program."

After retirement in 2017, it became feasible to take longer term commitments at the District and Area 82 levels. I have served as DCM for District 15, Chair for Area 82 and am currently serving as Panel 71 Alternate GSD for Area 82.

Two of the roles filled by the Alternate General Service Delegate are quoted below as they are found on Page 9 of the current Area 82 guidelines (Version 4). They seem most pertinent to this workshop tonight.

- ***The Alternate Delegate is the chair of Cooperating with the Professional Community (C.P.C.), Public Information (P.I.), Treatment, and Corrections committees and the Grapevine representative for the Area. There shall be a Co- Chair elected from each Province for these 5 Committees that the Chair liaises with throughout the year.***
- ***Plan and Chair the Saturday evening Active Area Committee Workshop held at the Assemblies***

At present Mark Z is the co-chair of the Public Information committee for Nova Scotia while Boyd B serves as the co-chair of the PI committee for Newfoundland and Labrador. John W has taken on the Corrections co-chair position for Nova Scotia. Their role, as co-chair, is to help develop committees within Districts that do not currently have one, and to liaise with and support existing committees. The co-chair positions for CPC (Cooperating With the Professional Community), Treatment, Grapevine Representatives and Corrections for Newfoundland and Labrador are currently vacant.

A regular meeting is held on the last Monday of each month via a virtual platform, chaired by the Alternate GSD. The purpose of the regular monthly meeting is to share our combined experiences in Committee work so that it can help newly formed committees or to pick up a few tips from more experienced folks that might be useful to themselves. To that end, attendance by any members who are involved, or who would like to be involved, with any of the various District and Area level Committees around Area 82 is strongly encouraged. We have picked up, and in turn shared, valuable tips and support on topics ranging from Website design, Area Archives, Remote Communities, Telephone Committees as well as the more expected PI, CPC, Treatment, Corrections and GV / LaVina areas.

When Gerry had finally wound down, there followed a general sharing session with a great deal of give and take. Many members shared their personal experience with Committee work at various levels within AA and we compiled a list of helpful suggestions which can bring added energy to these committees.

- Jocelyn B. suggested that we bring a guest speaker to the monthly meeting to address (for 15 minutes) a specific aspect of Committee work that they have a passion for. (eg. ***Tandy from Area 02 Alaska to talk about Remote Communities***)
- Michael H suggests that we discuss / Present on such topics as; “Leadership by Example” ,“ Service Sponsorship” Introducing new members to Service early in their Recovery
- Gary O shared on his experience with “Bridging the Gap” as he works with clients leaving the Crosbie Center
- Leah C. talked about the upcoming ServicePalooza being hosted by District 1&2 on June 18th, 45 Connolly Road, Lower Sackville. All of the Central Services Committees have a display to explain what they do and how to get involved. She also talked about being part of an active home group that finds ways to get new members involved. Usually Service commitments are handled by one experienced member accompanied by a new member.
- Blaise S emphasised the personal approach with newcomers. Take them for coffee and talk about the benefits of Service.
- Ann P shared her experience with trying to get positions filled within her Home group. She took a proactive approach that they either called or texted the members of her group in advance of the Election meeting and asked if they would be willing to serve. this allowed most of the group positions to be filled. The results were somewhat mixed as two ladies had to step down from the position they had accepted but they fill that position in the short term by asking for a volunteer to take notes at the business meeting.

- Bill P started with three points followed by a plan he proposed last year for an Area wide PI / CPC Media Blitz;
 1. His sponsor was a strong service worker and he just assumed that's part of sobriety
 2. AA's membership is rich in skill sets which can be applied to our service work. We need to take the time to find those skill sets within our membership and ease them into committee work.
 3. A members and leadership roles need to be ever mindful that newer members are watching them and that they have to accept the slings and arrows that are part of the job with grace and humility.

Bill P. continued with "This is in the category of a bright idea. The media tends to select a particular month to highlight a particular not for profit organization for some publicity. I would suggest that we select a month such as September 2023 where we (as Area 82) conduct a coordinated media blitz to saturate all available media with the message of AA. This would stay within established AA guidelines of "attraction rather than promotion"" (Possibly involve one or more of our Class A Trustees in this effort ?)

- John W. spoke to his passion for Corrections and to his experience with the somewhat "chancy" way he was mentored into Service. He was given jobs that he felt he wasn't ready for but grew into them.
- Kathy S-C talked about her introduction to Service. She talked about the word "Active" in the Active Area Committees Meeting". Can we be more dynamic? Can we display our enthusiasm more around newcomers? Show them it is fun.
- Blair A asked the question "Are we over complicating the way we do things ?"
- Garnet E spoke to his early experience in Service without guidance and his realization of the need for a Service Sponsor as he grew in Recovery. He also spoke to the mentoring process in both his group, Fresh Start and in the Back to Basics Group.
- Barry spoke about Gratitude is tied to Action. As new members we were always encouraged to participate in Service but it was a natural outgrowth of the Recovery inherent in the Steps.
- Samaira G talked about the influence we can have on new people. If I focus only on the negative experiences in Service and communicate that , the new person will not be attracted. She also talked about the necessity of providing a job description for vacant Committee roles.

- Gary O talked about how he “lucked” into Service early in his Recovery and how it has been integral to his AA life ever since. He also provided a cautionary note about the negative affects of gossip.
- Paul B started his Service career as a greeter at an AA convention and continued in Service as mentored and encouraged by his sponsor. Keep the process simple. Keep my ego out of the way and maintain an open Mind.
- Mary was steered into Service by her sponsor and her Home Group. It was vital to her own Recovery as well as AA as a whole. She cautioned against putting people into positions which will not enhance their sobriety but will in fact, jeopardize it. She talked about screening folks who will potentially fill our Service positions and properly mentoring them.
- Mike C talked about how glad he that he changed his vote on an issue earlier in the day. He realized that he had voted from a selfish point of view. He also talked about personal growth through Service and the power of the Minority Voice.
- Frank E spoke to the affects of the pandemic on his ability to carry the AA message and the adjustment he had to make having moved from an AA environment in an urban area to a rural one.
- Diane H talked about the power of the welcoming nature of AA. Her group showed her how to express Gratitude through Service.
- Pete L reflected on the blessing of virtual meetings. Many of his local groups have older members who do not have good computer skills. He also spoke of the new Reality of smaller face to face groups being less capable of the financial support necessary to send a GSR to face to face gatherings.
- Garnet E talked about the importance of getting the Guidelines right so that we don't keep making the same mistakes over and over.

Closed at 8:10 pm Atlantic time with the Responsibility Statement


 A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'JW' or similar, written in a cursive style.

District 1 DCM Report
Nova Scotia Spring Assembly
May 27-29

Dear members of Alcohols Anonymous my name is Paul B and I am an Alcoholic. It's a honor and privilege to Serve as the DCM for District 1 which has 26 active Groups. The area of District 1 encompasses the southwest of one third of Halifax Regional Municipality. The district borders anywhere from Lunenburg County in the west and in the east it, borders Halifax Harbour, the Bedford Bypass, and Cobequid Road. In the North it borders the 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 gone back to Face to Face and the attendance is picking up.

District 1 Activities

- • Workshops are held in District 1 every other month. All of our workshops are held on zoom with a average attendance of 15 to 25 participants, Please stay tune for our next work shop for it will be posted on the AAhalifax.org Website
- 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.
 - District 1 has a representative at the monthly Central Service Meeting which meets on the first Tuesday of every Month. Central Service represents both District 1 and District2, Our Central Service has various committees like PI, CPC, CORRECTION, Literature to say just a few. I would ask that you check out our Newsletter for more information and it can be found also on AAhalifax.org
 - District 1 has a representative at the Eastern Canadian Forum in PEI. There were roughly 300 people present, and a lot of information to take it in but was well worth the experience. There were around 100 members from Quebec the rest were area 89 90 81 and 8 were from Area 82.

In closing I would like to say thank you to all the members in area 82 of AA in helping to carry the message to the Alcoholic who still suffers,

Paul B

DCM District 1

District 2 DCM Report May 28, 2022

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 15 active registered groups who host a total of 32 meetings a week. Our District meeting is held the third Sunday of each month at 2pm at Club 24. We were meeting on Zoom but have been meeting in person since March. Michael A. is the Alt. DCM, Chris V. recently resigned as Treasurer, and the Secretary position has been vacant.

All groups are now back to meeting in person, except for one group which has decided to meet on Zoom permanently. The Safety Net group which started meeting daily on Zoom at the start of the pandemic continues to meet daily and once a week in person. Group representation at our monthly meeting has been low but I am hopeful it increases as groups are back to meeting in person. District 2 has struggled with holding their bi-monthly workshops but they have resumed in person.

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. The Ad-Hoc Committee for Bridging the Gap is transitioning their findings to the Treatment, Corrections, and Telephone committees. I would like to thank Samaira G., Tim M., Foster L., and Emily S. for filling the vacant executive positions at Central Service in February. More information on what activities and services are being offered is available by visiting aahalifax.org.

The groups have been supporting District 2 financially and is in a position to help with outreach funding where necessary. 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

District 3 DCM Report
Nova Scotia Spring Assembly
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Hi everyone, i am john and i am an alcoholic.

I am also dcm for district 3 which includes 11 groups from Annapolis in the western end of the ns Annapolis valley to kentville in the eastern end

We have 17 meetings per week with at least one each day. One meeting is still “zoom only” and one is a hybrid. The Kingston group has an additional meeting on the third Saturday of each month to celebrate birthdays

We have an information session at 1 pm on the third Sunday of each month (except july, august and december) followed by our district meeting at 2. It is a hybrid meeting. The district meeting is still held in july, august and december

We have a semi active pi/cpc committee, but still very effective with getting the message out there

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of our spirit of rotation and that selection of district positions is 4 short months away, please consider how you can serve and make sure that all groups are aware of this.

We have a district phone which is rotated through just a few of our groups. We also have a phone committee which, with help from other districts, did an amazing job compiling a binder of guidelines for how to use the phone and how to respond to calls. I will never forget all the laughs we had when a couple of the members performed some skits at one of our info sessions. The committee also compiled an extensive list that included members throughout the district willing to do step 12 calls. i also get the scattered email which is accessed through our area website

We have a monthly newsletter which is very informative and entertaining and reaches out to our archivist each month

I missed mentioning in our sympathies 2 members who have passed recently, alex c. from the meadowview group and garth d. from the Cambridge group

I also serve as co-chair for corrections for nova scotia. I have done little work and not participated in our monthly committees meeting on a regular basis. However, i am hoping the little i have done with help from other members is going to provide me the motivation to stop spinning my wheels. Thank you to those who have helped and who are helping.

Thank you all for the opportunity and priviledge to serve. It is an amazing experience and feeding my personal growth trememdously!

AREA 82, DISTRICT 4 DCM REPORT

to the 2022 AREA 82 N.S. / N.L. Spring Assembly (via ZOOM)

May 27th - 29th, 2022

Good day friends, my name is Pete N. the DCM of District 4. Our District consists of six active groups dispersed over a large area from Digby to Amiraaults Hill, southeast of Yarmouth. I am delighted to report that all groups are still in existence and all but one (Digby One Day at a Time Group) are back to live in person meetings. The reason Digby for this is that they hold their meetings at the Digby General Hospital and they have yet, and may never, reopen their doors to outside organizations. As a result, the Group is actively looking for a new home. They still conduct a well-attended evening Zoom meeting seven days a week, which has attracted participants from across Canada as well as some from the U.S. and the U.K.

We are hoping to restart our annual Lighthouse Round-up in the fall, although at least for this year it may be just a one-day event. Tentatively we are looking at Saturday, Oct 20th. We have also recently approached District 3 if they would like to join us as co-hosts. Because it is just going to be the one day, it was also felt that having it at the Rodd's Motel in Yarmouth would be impractical, and so we are negotiating with the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre (ABCC) in Cornwallis Park to host this event. This facility is on the border of Districts 3 & 4 and offers inexpensive lodgings for both the Friday and Saturday nights for those coming from outside the western part of Nova Scotia, as well as a well-appointed dining room. We hope to finalize this arrangement prior to the end of June, and we will ensure that all Groups in Areas 82 and Area 81 are aware.

I am hopeful that the worst is over and that we will be able to maintain some form of normalcy in the future.

Yours in Service ... Pete N

District 6 Report
May 28th, 2022

Hi everybody. I'm Steven, recovered alcoholic, currently serving as the Alternate DCM or District Six.

We currently have 10 active groups in our district which go from Great Village, Bible Hill, Truro through to Shubenacadie.

We're currently still having monthly district meetings just now within our committee.

We've just recently had two district workshops, which were quite a success, the first one being online, which touched on the "AA Home Group, Where it Begins" and our second district workshop was "Unity, our Second Legacy", which we had as a hybrid, both online and in person. That was also recorded for accessibility issues for people who could not make it.

We've currently got a PI chair that's going around here putting up fliers in our own District.

That's all I've got.

Thank you.

Steven D. Alternate DCM, District Six

District 7 Report
May 28th, 2022

Good morning, friends my name is Darrell and I am an alcoholic currently serving as the DCM for District 7.

District 7 consists of Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough counties in NS. Its a large geographic area for just a few groups. District 7 has 13 AA groups with at least 1 meeting every day. 12 of the 13 groups are active and 1 is still closed because of covid. We are having monthly district meetings being attended by roughly half to 2/3rds of groups being represented.

We are trying to do workshops monthly. We have a CPC/PI committee, Detox committee, Institutions/Corrections committee, and a Newsletter committee.

The Pictou detox was closed when the pandemic started and will not reopen. There is a new program at the New Glasgow hospital for mental health and addiction. We are working with them in hopes of bringing AA meetings in at some point. This has proven to be a struggle so far, but we will not give up. So far, they just have daytime programs. We are still not allowed back into the local corrections facility to put on meetings.

Face to face meeting numbers are growing all the time and there are lots of new members coming in. We also still have zoom meetings daily at 10 am and 6pm.

District 7 is currently working on the Nova Scotia Provincial Round Up that will be held on June 10,11,12,2022 in Stellerton NS. For a while we weren't even sure that we could have this face to face Round up but are happy and excited to say it's a go!!! AA is alive and well in district 7!!

Yours in love and service

Darrell MacN

DCM District 7

District 8 Report
May 28th, 2022

Hi friends. I'm Debbie C.

I'm the alternate DCM for District eight. District eight covers a wide area from Canso causeway up route nineteen to Cheticamp and around to Ingonish and down the other side to Baddeck and from Baddeck to Glendale and then over to Isle Madame.

We are a number of small rural groups and during the COVID we have struggled to continue meeting. One meeting has closed permanently. Right now, we have nine active groups meeting face to face weekly, plus two groups, Margaree and Inverness running an additional Zoom meeting once a week. We have one group which is registered with GSO but continues to struggle to stay open, they're open and closed a lot and they do not participate in our district meetings.

We meet face to face monthly but often we are finding we don't have enough attendees for any quorum.

Right now, things are slow in District eight. We are struggling to have those GSRs commit to showing up once a month.

Hopefully during the summer we will be able to infuse new hope and commitment to carry the message in district eight

Respectfully submitted.

Debbie C. Alternate DCM, District 8

DCM Report

District 14

My name is Wayne and I'm an alcoholic and DCM for district 14.

This district has struggled in the last couple of years because of covid and the resulting lack of interest.

On February 28th of 2022 we had a Zoom meeting with the help of District 15 and Area 82. The purpose of the meeting was to get our District up and running again.

On March 20th 2022 we had a meeting for elections of District Committee officers. At that time I accepted the DCM position. Pam Q took on alternate DCM, Gerard M took the position of treasurer and Kayla V accepted the position of secretary.

I am still working on figuring out how many active groups there are in our District. We have lost one meeting in Harbor Main/ Avondale area and we also started a new meeting in South River.

Because of our Geographically large area we have decided to continue using zoom for our district meetings.

We had our first district meeting May 15th. It was a success!

We are healthy financially

Wayne P. DCM District 14

DCM REPORT

DISTRICT 15, AREA 82

MAY 28th, 2022

I am very pleased to be presenting this my third report, as DCM of District 15. Like so many others, this great program continues to provide me, with a life free from active alcoholism.

District 15 continues to experience challenges as a result of the COVID pandemic. Our District Intergroup has been proactive with respect to facilitating group meetings either in person or online. All groups have had their challenges navigating the waves of the pandemic but Intergroup has again done an exceptional job in facilitating and promoting in person, online and hybrid meetings. Late in December of 2021 the District experienced yet another lock down due to the pandemic. Just as things were beginning to open up we were hit with another wave of the virus. This scenario continued until mid-April when restrictions began to be lessened as cases were beginning to drop once again. Currently the District has approximately 42 Groups. There are 36 in-person meetings and 26 online meetings with 7 being hybrid meetings. At this point, it seems online meetings are here to stay. Not only have they served a crucial role during the pandemic but the capability of reaching out to remote communities and to individuals who are unable to attend in person meetings enables AA to reach out to the alcoholic who still suffers like never before. At this point it has not been possible to determine approximate numbers attending these meetings. However, it appears that AA within 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 seventh tradition continues to be lower in comparison to years prior to the Pandemic. The District continues to be in need of volunteers in all areas of service. Maintaining office hours, answering the phone, 12 step calls, CPCPI all require additional participation from the membership. Currently those involved are being stretched very 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 December 2021, Intergroup held a very successful Christmas Dinner and Dance.

The event was attended by approximately 150 people. Just prior to the scheduled event, another partial COVID lock down was implemented and the organizers were able to offer a takeout option for those not wishing to attend in person. This was very much appreciated by everyone and contributed to the true spirit of Christmas.

District 15 decided to develop a District website with a primary focus on promoting the service, program and spiritual side of AA. It is our hope that over time, the site will be a "go to place" for newcomers to have easy access to AA article, news, forums, online meetings, etc. The website was launched in February and has received positive

feedback. Training is about to commence for some members who have volunteered to maintain the site on a go forward basis. On behalf of the district I want to thank Lisa C. for her expertise and service in developing the site.

In February, District 15 was assigned various items from the agenda of the 2022 General Service Conference, for review and input from the groups within the

district. I'm pleased to report that within an extremely tight time frame, the GSRs and their respective groups were able to provide meaningful input and feedback on the topic areas assigned to the District. This feedback was then passed on from the District to the Area 82 Executive.

Fortunately, in March, as COVID cases declined and restrictions were reduced, District 15 Intergroup decided to host a Spring Convention. The convention which was held on April 8-9, 2022, was the first convention held in the district in over two years. There were approximately 145 attendees and it was considered a tremendous success. A special thank you to all of those who volunteered to make this such a successful event. I understand that plans are underway for another convention to be held in the fall of 2022.

As well, for the first time in over two years, an AA Dinner and Dance is being planned for June 10th 2022 in recognition of Founder's Day. The event will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Pleasantville. On behalf of the district I want to thank those members who have come forward to make this event happen.

The District's CPCPI committee continues to be impacted by the pandemic. The committee's outreach to schools, post secondary institutions has been curtailed since the pandemic began in 2020. However in December 2021 the committee ran a series of radio spots on VPCM radio from mid December through to mid January. As well the committee has recently piloted spots on digital media to specifically target various audiences. The results of the pilot will be reviewed as to feedback received and overall cost benefit. AA meetings have recently resumed at Her Majesty's Penitentiary and the Recovery Centre since the most recent lock down ended near the end of March.

In closing I want to thank the executive members of the district Bob H, Geoff S. Nick C. and all our GSRs for their continued support and guidance. To my 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

May 28th, 2021

AREA 82, DISTRICT 17 DCM REPORT

to the 2022 AREA 82 N.S. / N.L. Spring Assembly (via ZOOM)

May 27th - 29th, 2022

I am an alcoholic. My name is Gary O. and I have the privilege of serving District 17 as DCM.

I am a member of the Hansport AA group. We have approximately 80 members in our groups.

District 17 runs west of Mount Uniacke exit three off Route 101 and east of Greenwich Exit 11 off 101. District 17 has six registered AA groups. Wolfville Thursday night and Hansport Monday and Friday night, Downtown Wednesday morning meeting Monday, Wednesday and Fridays., Windsor Saturday night group, Brooklyn Tuesday night and the St. Croix Thursday and Sunday nights. The first Sunday of the month. St. Croix has an open discussion meeting. We have two meetings Wolfville, Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening at the Brooklyn location. All group meeting times are on the area 82 website with locations and time.

I am sorry to report we have one group that shutdown earlier this spring, the Three Mile plains Fresh Start group. A few AA members have started a meeting on Wednesday evening at Brooklyn location doing the Joe and Charlie tapes to keep a meeting on Wednesday evening.

Jeff S is serving as our alternate DCM and District Treasurer. Devon T. is serving the secretary *Nania?* (*unintelligible*) looks after our newsletter. Marsha P is our literature go to. Dwight C. is our a phone service chair and also chairs CPC PI. Pete L chairs our inter district insurance program currently serving districts 3, 7, 10 and 17. We still have room on the policy for any groups looking for insurance. Evelyn C. chairs our Entertainment Committee and all I am also serving as institution and treatment chair working with District 3 chair on Bridging the Gap with Crosby Center clients.

Once a month one of us goes in and meets with the group of clients. We share a bit about our before and after recovery journey. Then we leave time for clients to ask questions they may have about their aftercare program and what, our rooms have to offer. We have people set up with Crosby for when the clients go back to their communities. District Three and district 17 also has an AA group setup to go in on Tuesday evenings and put an AA discussion meeting on.

Groups are finally all open back up some offering a hybrid meeting at the same time. Still not much travel within the groups. Open birthday meetings are starting in some groups while some groups are not there yet and still social distancing. We have, for the most part, been cautious to fully open up as a couple of our senior members caught COVID and we're quite sick.

Discussion on the Windsor and Area Roundup has been started. I will keep you posted if it's a go.

Before I close, I would like to acknowledge that on June 4, Pete L will reach a milestone of 60 years of sobriety. Peter is a great example of AA at work. He is a great example within our district with all the service work and helping the other others that he does. P lease send him a Hello on June 4,

I would like to thank all the AA groups, not only in District 17 but in Area 82 for doing whatever they can to keep the message of Alcoholics Anonymous going either in the meeting rooms or on Zoom. May our Higher Power bless us all. and hopefully we will soon get the in-person Unity back we all once enjoyed as we judge the road to happy Destiny.

Until then Yours in love and Service
DCM District 17. Gary

Alternate GSD Report Assembly 2022

May 28th, 2022

Hi folks,

It has been my privilege to serve Area 82 as your Alternate General Service Delegate since January of 2021.

The role of the Area 82 Alternate Delegate is described on page 9 of our Area 82 Guidelines and more generally on Page 34 of the 2021 Service Manual. My report is loosely structured around the Guidelines.

- ***The Alternate Delegate serves in the absence of the Delegate and is expected to be prepared to assume these duties.*** In this role, I worked closely with our delegate Trudy D to prepare for the General Service Conference. Together we evaluated and distributed the agenda items to the various Districts within Area 82 for discussion and feedback as quickly as we possibly could. There were 99 separate Agenda Items from the 13 Committees . The entire document comprised 1371 pages, mostly background information. The preconference workshop was held virtually on April 2nd and was well attended. We had wonderful and effective feedback from the Districts which participated. Trudy attended the General Service Conference with the benefit of a solid group conscience from Area 82 regarding the agenda items such that, despite a broken arm, she still represented us like a rock star.
 - ***The Alternate Delegate is expected to attend all Area Assemblies and help resolve issues within the districts when invited.*** Since the October 2021 Assembly, physical travel was curtailed somewhat, but in this role I facilitated two hybrid (in-person and virtual) Service meetings (District 12 and District 14) as well as attending numerous virtual District meetings.
 - ***The Alternate Delegate will review the Area website for content and request any changes that are not deemed appropriate for the Area website.*** (This particular part of my duties has been expanded. In conjunction with Trudy D. the Area 82 website is regularly updated and refreshed as necessary. (Full Website report to follow). We have been getting advice and input from members throughout the Area.
1. ***The Alternate Delegate is the chair of Cooperating with the Professional Community (C.P.C.), Public Information (P.I.), Treatment, and Corrections committees and the Grapevine representative for the Area.*** The Active Area Committees meeting (chaired by the Alt-GSD) meets virtually at 6:30 AST on the last Monday of each month at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88688093457> . At this meeting we have sharing from all committees which are actively carrying the AA message of Recovery throughout Area 82. This includes Archives and Remote Communities. A decision was taken at the Fall Assembly in 2020 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, 2021. 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. Since then, John W. has taken the role of Co-Chair for

Corrections in Nova Scotia. The purpose of the Active Area Committees monthly meeting is to encourage sharing of practical experience among the various widely scattered committees. 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. Public Information and CPC committees are active in six Districts within Area 82. Corrections and Treatment committees are active in four Districts. Some Districts have a single umbrella committee which oversees the activities of several committees. Many Districts have a handful of dedicated trusted servants who serve informally as contacts within the District for these tasks as they are needed. 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. A workshop / Sharing Session will be held this evening focused on Active Area Committees from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

- ***The Alternate Delegate may also assume other duties at the request of the Area Committee or Assembly.***
 - 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. This is the license used to conduct the Remote Communities Makkovik meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88688093457>
 - At the beginning of 2022 our Remote Communities Chair had to resign for personal reasons. Shortly afterward an opportunity developed in Makkovik, Labrador which would normally fall under the umbrella of this committee. A professional in the community saw the need for an AA meeting and reached out to AA through the “Contacts” page on the Area 82 website. I’m pleased to say that we now have a viable hybrid meeting in the Firehall at Makkovik. It meets at 7:00pm AST every Wednesday . At the moment there are three sober members in the community supported by a contingent of AA’s from all over North America and even Europe. Area 82 has supplied Big Books and literature from the Remote Communities budget.
 - One unexpected offshoot of this Remote Communities work has been an opportunity to work with the General Service Office Publishing folks to develop a Translation of the Big Book into Inuktutut. The project is in it’s infancy and is steadily becoming more complex, but it’s moving. Who knew there were nineteen dialects of Inuktutut? 🤔
 - In the absence of a Remote Communities Chair the Alternate GSD attends a monthly virtual meeting of all Inter Area Remote Communities Committees (IARCC) for US and Canada where we share ideas about carrying the AA message remotely. Much of the support for the Makkovik meeting came initially from here. Check out the North / South Connection on July 16th, 2022. The flyer is on our Area 82 Events page. Link is pending.
 - The Alternate GSD attends a monthly virtual meeting of all Alternate GSD’s for North America (NAAD) where we share on the roles filled by the Alternate GSD’s in other Areas.

- 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.
 - ***The Alternate Delegate is expected to attend Regional Forums and Canadian Eastern Regional A.A. Service Assembly (C.E.R.A.A.S.A.) as they hold a seat on the CERAASA Steering Committee and are required to be capable to fulfil the duties of the Delegate if necessary.*** I have been attending the bi-monthly CERAASA steering committee meetings where both the Delegate and Alternate are expected to participate. The Area 82 website has both English and French flyers on the "Events" page providing information on the upcoming CERAASA event in St Catherine's Ontario (Area 86) next February. CERAASA takes place every 2 years, on the odd years. It consists of the 10 Areas from 81- 90 that make up Eastern Canada. "The purpose of CERAASA is give GSR's, DCM's, Area Committee Members and AA members a place to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting AA as a whole as well as pertinent aspects of Recovery Unity and Service common to the areas of Eastern Canada Region." ***(from CERAASA Guidelines, 2019)***
 - Regional Forums are held every two years on even years. I was also privileged to attend the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in Charlottetown, PEI on 13th – 15th of May. (Separate report attached)
 - "Regional Forum events allow members throughout the service structure to exchange information. They bring together: The General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., A.A. Grapevine, Inc., The General Service Office and Grapevine staff, A.A. members, Newcomers to service and Trusted servants" ***(from aa.org)***
 - This year Trudy and I attended a virtual Eastern Canada Delegates' Orientation where Trudy gave two presentations, the first was an overview of Area 82, the second applied to her GSC Committee "Treatment and Accessibilities". I was supposed to present as well but was pulled away by a prior Service commitment at District 14. The orientation is designed to familiarize Eastern Canada Delegates and their Alternates with the various Committees they represent at the GSC and the Agenda items they will be asked to address.
 - ***The Alternate Delegate also serves as the Grapevine Rep for Area 82.*** This will eventually be delegated to the two Area co-chairs when elected. For now, I will share the most recent news from "The Grapevine, Our Meeting in Print" by dropping a couple of links and documents into the Chat area. Check out the new Podcasts section about all aspects of Recovery. There are currently 34 Podcast episodes available. Another initiative that individual members can get behind is the "**Carry The Message Project, Give Grapevine or La Viña To An Alcoholic In Need**". If you become part of this project, you will have three options to choose from. Number 1, you can provide the email and street address of, for example, a sponsee and send them a subscription. The second option allows the Grapevine folks to select a recipient of the subscription on your behalf. An example would be an inmate who you may help but never meet. As a third option you can select a gift certificate. A gift card will be sent to your mailing address and you can give it to, for example, a newcomer at your group.
2. The NS Archives position, which has been so capably filled by Kathy S-C will be open for election at this Spring Assembly. Words are inadequate to thank her properly for her Service to Area 82. Both Kathy for NS and Sharon G for NL Archives will be giving a report. I will invite both Kathy and Sharon to share their reports and experience with us now. A full copy of both reports will be included with the Alt-GSD's report.

In closing, I want to thank everyone who has ever been involved in Service at any level to Area 82. My old sponsor saw AA as a tripod where each of the three legs of Recovery, Unity and Service were equally important to our personal and societal stability.

Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need (Page 37 in Service Manual)

(Excerpts from Bill W.'s article in the April 1959 Grapevine. See Concept IX, page C29 of "Twelve Concepts for World Service" for the full article)

Somewhere in our literature there is a statement to this effect: "Our leaders do not drive by mandate: they lead by example." In effect, we are saying to them, "Act for us, but don't boss us...."

Therefore, a leader in A.A. service is a man (or woman) who can personally put principles, plans, and policies into such dedicated and effective action that the rest of us want to back him up and help him with his job. When a leader power-drives us badly, we rebel; but when he too meekly becomes an order-taker and he exercises no judgment of his own — well, he really isn't a leader at all...

Good leadership originates plans, policies, and ideas for the improvement of our Fellowship and its services. But in new and important matters, it will nevertheless consult widely before taking decisions and actions. Good leadership will also remember that a fine plan or idea can come from anybody, anywhere. Consequently, good leadership will often discard its own cherished plans for others that are better, and it will give credit to the source....

Good leadership never passes the buck. Once assured that it has, or can obtain, sufficient general backing, it freely takes decisions and puts them into action forthwith, provided, of course, that such action be within the framework of its defined authority and responsibility....

Another qualification for leadership is give-and-take, the ability to compromise cheerfully whenever a proper compromise can cause a situation to progress in what appears to be the right direction. Compromise comes hard to us all-or-nothing drunks. Nevertheless, we must never lose sight of the fact that progress is nearly always characterized by a series of improving compromises. We cannot, however, compromise always. Now and then, it is truly necessary to stick flat-footed to one's conviction about an issue until it is settled. These are situations for keen timing and careful discrimination as to which course to take....

Leadership is often called upon to face heavy and sometimes long-continued criticism. This is an acid test. There are always the constructive critics, our friends indeed. We ought never fail to give them a careful hearing. We should be willing to let them modify our opinions or change them completely. Often, too, we shall have to disagree and then stand fast without losing their friendship.

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At the recent Regional Forum, I watched new Group and District representatives step up to the microphone and fearlessly ask such questions as, "Can you explain why this number is reported here?", "Why do we as a society do things this particular way?", "Can we change this approach to open the doors of AA even wider?" "Should we change?". I heard all these intelligent questions asked by young folk with solid Recovery and respectful humility in their demeanor. I clearly heard the voices of the future leadership of AA.

2022 Eastern Canada Regional Forum, May 13th – 15th, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

I was granted the great privilege of attending the 2022 ECRF in Charlottetown on the weekend of May 13th – 15th as the Alternate Delegate for Area 82. Our Area 82 Delegate Trudy D. met me at airport on Friday. She, despite her broken wing, managed to somehow become part of the Area 81 Transportation Committee for the event. I will be providing the report on the weekend for both of us.

Once checked in, I wandered around, renewing old acquaintances, meeting new folks and getting used to the lay of the land. At 6:00 PM we started the informal Meet and Greet where I was finally able to meet in-person many of the trusted servants from other Areas in Eastern Canada who were so instrumental in helping Area 82 during the pandemic with their experience. I have served on numerous virtual Committees with these folks and while their faces were familiar from the computer screen it was wonderful to finally meet them in person.

Trudy and I had dinner with Kevin Prior, the Treasurer of GSO

At 7:00 PM the newly elected Eastern Canada Regional Trustee Joyce S. (Class B) called the Regional Forum to order and briefly discussed the upside-down triangle concept of our AA service structure as well as a thumbnail description of the Class A and Class B Trustee roles. She was followed by some opening remarks from our General Service Board Chair, Linda Chezem (Class A Trustee) and by Bob W our GSO General Manager. These opening remarks were followed at 8:00 PM by a video showing the general layout of the General Service Office and how the General Service Board, AAWS and the Grapevine work together and connect to the General Service Conference.

After a short break we came back to hear two short presentations from Dr Al Mooney and Joyce S. Dr Al Mooney who spoke on his role of Class A trustee (non-alcoholic) and by our newly elected Eastern Canada Regional Trustee Joyce S. who filled us in on the role of the Class B Trustees (alcoholic). Linda Chezem then led a thirty-minute sharing session. The availability of live translation service enabled everyone to fully understand both the questions asked and the answers given regardless of which language the question was asked in.

We started Saturday with a Delegates Breakfast attended by Eastern Canada Regional Trustee Joyce S. and most of the delegates and Alternate Delegates from Eastern Canada. It was a great opportunity to meet Joyce and get to know better the other Delegates and Alternates.

At 9:00 AM the Forum reconvened with a series of presentations from four of our delegates. Ann S from Area 89 presented on "The Language Barrier in Parts of N. America" She documented some of the successes and challenges to carrying the AA message. Translations into many indigenous languages, Brail, French, Spanish and ASL are continuing both in written and in audio format.

Normand P from Area 90 presented on "Unity. The Reason Why It's Important" We will pass off the scene and die as a society if we do not maintain Unity. Normand stated that without Unity and inclusiveness we have no message of Recovery to carry to the new member. He cited the example of earlier societies which had failed to Unify around their Primary purpose

Trudy D. from Area 82 presented a deeply moving account of her Recovery journey as it related to "Going Beyond Fear" She talked about how the Steps and the Big Book allowed her to tap into a Higher Power which allows her to overcome Fear daily.

Jeff S from area 90 presented on the topic of "Can We Accept Virtual Groups Into Our Service Structure?" Jeff talked about the proliferation of virtual groups and meetings during the pandemic as

well as some of the pitfalls and benefits to our society resulting from their widespread use. It is recommended that these virtual groups register with GSO as an online group but will be part of the District where they maintain their contact address and bank account. There also currently exist online Districts. This entire process is still evolving.

Following the presentations from the Delegates, Kevin Prior, our current GSO Treasurer (Class A, non-alcoholic), presented his financial report. I will provide a bullet point overview here.

- External audit resulted in a “Clean” opinion from the auditors.
- GSO experienced an Accounting Surplus of 1.7 Million with a cash surplus of \$53 K
- GSO budget includes a Deficit of \$1.35 million to be funded from the 2021 surplus
- Literature gross sales dropped from 13.4 million in 2016 to 12.1 million in 2021
- Literature gross profit dropped from \$10.5 million in 2016 to \$6.3 million in 2021
- Contributions increased from \$7.9 million in 2016 to \$10.8 million in 2021.
 - 45% of total contribution revenue was for contributions of \$50 or less
 - 66% came from contributions of \$100 or less
 - Only 4% percent of contributions revenue came from the over \$500 category
 - The bottom line is that larger contributions from areas and groups are the icing on the cake but the cake is smaller contributions from individuals and groups
 - Online contributions account for 23% of the total in 2021 versus 3% in 2012
- Based on 2021 balance and the 2022 budgeted expenses, 7.84 months of expenses are currently held in reserve. The generally understood target range is 9 to 12 months

Kevin’s presentation was followed by a “What’s on Your Mind?” session conducted by Bob W. our GSO General manager. During this sharing session Bob W called on various GSO staff , trustees or Delegates to respond to questions depending on who he felt could best answer. Many questions were directed at Kevin from the financial side but there was a lot of sharing around the presentations by the four Delegates. Due to time constraints some questions had to be deferred to a later session but were duly addressed.

Between 10:40 and 12 noon four workshops were conducted workshops were conducted in the two smaller rooms upstairs. In the Henry Room, Kimberly M from Area 83 conducted a workshop on “Newcomers in a Virtual World” followed by Bill F from Area 84, whose topic was “How Do We Move Forward with Contemporary Literature”. In the adjacent Johnson Room, Mario L from Area 88 conducted a workshop on LGTBQ plus inclusions and diversity. This session was followed by a workshop on “How to Encourage Service Work” by Fred A. from the host Area 81, PEI and NB.

At noon we had lunch with Sandra W (Director of staff services at GSO), as well as Nay, Morgan and Juliette (GSO staffers)

Following lunch our Trustee at Large for Canada, Trish L, give a presentation on her role titled “AA Around the World’. Trish liaises with other GSO's worldwide and shares the Experience Strength and Hope of the more established North American GSO. She spoke of start-up GSO’s which exist only because of the dedication and determination of a handful of isolated members. The World Service meetings occur once a year. The Big Book is now translated into 72 languages whereas other pieces of literature are translated into 102 languages.

This was followed by a session led by Linda Chezem. Linda talked about the makeup of the two corporate Boards, AAWS Inc. and Grapevine Inc. This led into two, fifteen-minute presentations by Deb K Trustee (Class B) and AAWS Director and Cindy F. Director of Grapevine / LaVina.

Joyce S. then introduced Claude G. , Delegate for Area 87 who spoke for twenty minutes on the topic of “ Diversity - Becoming a Place Where We Are All Welcome”. After a short break we were back in the Main room with Bob W GSO GM in the chair. He introduced Sandra W and Juliette Le.. Sandra spoke about her role of Director of Staff Services while Juliette spoke from the perspective of her role as translator on the topic of “AA and the Art of Translation”

Linda Chezem then conducted another “what's on your mind” sharing session where some questions from prior sessions were addressed.

When we broke for dinner at 5:00pm we were lucky enough to be entertaining Bob W., GSO General Manager. He was very personable, knowledgeable, and straight forward. I truly enjoyed meeting him.

When we reconvened at 7:00pm the Grapevine Director Cindy F presented on Grapevine / La Vina. The Grapevine is supported only by subscriptions, much of the online stuff is free. If you subscribe to the online version of the Grapevine you have access to 33,000 editions. While this helps with popularity and use of the magazine it doesn't really help with the bottom line. Cindy talked about ways to help support the Grapevine and La Vina by encouraging subscriptions. She talked about the new podcasts that are now available, daily inspirational quotes, as well as different types of subscriptions, such as birthday and sponsee gift subscriptions. Another way to contribute is by submitting your story to the Grapevine.

After Cindy's presentation Sandra W, GSO Director of Staff Services, conducted an interesting workshop titled “Who's Not in Our Rooms?”. She talked about inclusion and how we can open doors to alcoholics who are marginalized by social, geographic or demographic factors. She started the workshop section of the session by asking us to break into pairs, preferably with a partner we didn't know to discuss diversity and inclusion. These pairs were then asked to join with another random pair and discuss their findings. After this a general sharing session ensued where folks came to the microphone to share. It was moving to watch many first timers approach that microphone almost overwhelmed by gratitude and emotion.

At 8:15 we came back to a sharing session conducted by three of our Class A (Non-alcoholic) Trustees. All three shared their journey to becoming Class A trustees of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Linda Chezem (non-alcoholic), of Plainfield, Indiana, was selected as chairperson of A.A.'s General Service Board, replacing outgoing board chair Michele Grinberg in June of 2021. Trained as a lawyer, Linda spent 22 years serving as a judge, beginning as the first female Circuit Court judge in Indiana followed by a decade on the Indiana Court of Appeals. She became interested in our plight through her profession and was enlisted by some of the AA people who were active in PI / CPC in her area.

Doctor Al Mooney is recognized as an international author and physician leader. His experience with AA goes back to age of 10 when his parents entered Recovery. He practices addiction and family

medicine in North Carolina and Georgia has been board certified since 1979. Dr Mooney was appointed to the Board of Alcoholics Anonymous as a Class A (non alcoholic) Trustee in August of 2019

Kevin Prior, the new GSO Treasurer came to us from the position of Senior Director of Finance for the Catholic Health Association of the United States. He is from St. Louis, Missouri and was appointed to the Board of GSO this past year.

On Sunday morning we had breakfast with Linda Chezem the Chair of the Board for GSO. She is engaging and very approachable.

Shortly after the breakfast was finished I had to go to the airport to start my journey home. (St John's via Montreal from Charlottetown)

The remainder account of the Regional Forum comes via the good graces of Trudy D and Steven D (ADCM District 6) and I thank them for their input.

The final morning two past Eastern Canada Regional Trustees shared their journey through AA and the experience they gained with AA's Three Legacies.

Bob W (GSO GM) then invited first time Forum attendees to come to the microphone and share their experience with this Regional Forum. Bob W then expressed his gratitude to all the Host Area (Area 81) volunteers, GSO staff, translators of French English and ASL and for all who attended.

I always come away from any AA event buoyed up and filled with gratitude. This one was extra special. In part because it was the first face-to-face event in over two years, but mostly it was special because of the contagious enthusiasm displayed by all the first timers. AA is in good hands from the individual members and Groups at the Top of our structure all the way down to GSO.

Trudy D (GSD, Area 82)

Gerry W. (Alt GSD, Area 82)

It is my belief that AA is in good hands.

Yours in loving service,

Gerry W.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Gerry W.', written in black ink.

Panel 71 Alternate General Service Delegate Area 82

NL Archives Report, May 28th, 2022

I took on the position of archivist for NL about a year ago. To date I have been unable to form a committee, I have asked a number of people but can't find anyone else interested.

The archives are stored in a locker at the U-Haul Storage Building on Kenmount Road. It is an impossible place to work, poor lighting and no particular organization to the materials stored. I did recover the computer that had been bought for the Archives and the work that was done up until about 2003 is scanned and available on that computer. I began by taking one box home at a time, and was able to put together most of the loose materials into two new cartons, which I have itemized.

Unfortunately I had a bad accident at the U-Haul building opening the storage locker to retrieve a display. When I went to open the locker a number of tubs fell out and knocked me to a metal floor and I ended up with 16 staple in my head. I am not blaming anyone, there were three men with me, I just made a mistake in going ahead and opening it myself. It did make me very fearful of going up to that locker again.

Here is the financial report

Jan, 13 2022 -- \$1800 deposited in an account to cover Archival expenses during the year.

Expenses to date:

\$1,241.28 to U-Haul to cover rent until April 13 2023 (12 months rent at \$89.95 plus HST, with one free month for paying for a year)

Lamination at Staples to laminate some items for display -- \$42.68

Two red bins at Canadian Tire - \$32.28

Attend AA Archives virtual meeting -- \$30

External DVD drive -- 24.00

Total spent \$1370.24

Balance: \$479.26

I do find some of the materials in the storage locker curious. There's a complete collection of Grapevines from issue one. While I realize that this is a valuable collection it is also one that takes up a lot of space and is basically inaccessible. Given that all Grapevines are able to be digitally searchable at AA.org it does seem that this is a poor use of limited space.

I know I took this position on for 3 years but the fact is I just can't do it. I'd be happy to help out if anyone else is willing to take on the position of Archivist but I don't think I am the right person for the job.

In service

Sharon

Area 82 NS Archives Report (Given at the Spring Assembly)

May 28th, 2022

Good day to you all. Especial hello to the area officers, DCM's and their alternates GSRs and their alternates and observers. My name is Kathy S-C I am alcoholic. It has been my privilege to hold the position of your area 82 Nova Scotia Archivist. At least for a few more hours anyway.

Little did I know the man who was speaking in my very first meeting 32 years ago would have such an influence on me and my journey in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. That man was Robie C who was the gentleman that started the Nova Scotia archives back in 1974.

With some cartons they found belonging to the LeHave Group and Bridgewater, dating back to its beginning in 1949. From there, he gathered up what he could and started talking about the archives. By 1983, he had gathered up enough to put up a first archives display at the midwinter round up in Halifax.

Sadly, as the archives grew over the years, and through many unfortunate events, the archives depleted to just display boards and a few miscellaneous items.

14 years ago, Warren C., Robie's brother, embarked on the mission to bring back his brother's dream and again, lit the spark for the archives and that is where Gary and I came into the picture.

Warren thought it would enhance our sobriety and our program by helping him with this project. And was he right!

We were handed five Rubbermaid tote tubs of stuff, with no clue what was in them. We just knew they were damp, moldy, and very smelly.

Where to start? That was the question. We brought them to our home out of Warren's tiny workshop in his backyard and started one tub at a time. And most days, it looked like a bomb went off in our rec room, which soon would become the archives room. So began the task of taking things out of the tubs, putting them in their appropriate division, drying them for several days and then putting them into the binders and making displays. This was a labor of love for both of us, and an opportunity for us to learn about the history of AA in Nova Scotia.

This task alone took one year and that was only the five totes we had received initially. Over the past 14 years, we have lovingly brought the archives to what you see today.

Hopefully very soon we will once again be able to travel with the Archives. So members can view them and learn from them. I challenge each and every one of you here today that the next time you see the archives display set up somewhere, go and to see what really is in your archives. They are not just old stuff. They are the history of AA. They are the images of the past times and members. They are treasures that members have passed on to us so we can share in what their journey was like. While talking with the archivists, ask questions, touch the pages that are your history of AA in Nova Scotia.

As you know and have experienced, I could go on and on about the archives but will not. I would like to take time to thank the members who helped us along our path with YOUR archives. Thank you to those who have helped us sort and dry, to those who have helped us file, to scan documents and keep inventory. Thank you to those who have helped us with the technical parts, to those who have helped us with the workshops. And for those who have helped us with the setting up and the tearing down of the displays and the trudge from the car and back to the car with everything. We would especially like to thank those who stood by us, who encouraged us, and especially to those who took the time to come and talk to us, or just to have a look at the displays. There's so much more I could tell you about the archives and the work that is involved, but I will let them speak for themselves. From the bottom of our hearts. We would like to thank our mentors Robie and Warren the members of AA and the area for allowing us to be a part of this journey. It has been our pleasure to be of service to the fellowship in of AA in this very small way.

Yours in loving service.

Kathy.

Area 82 Webmaster Report, May 28th, 2022

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

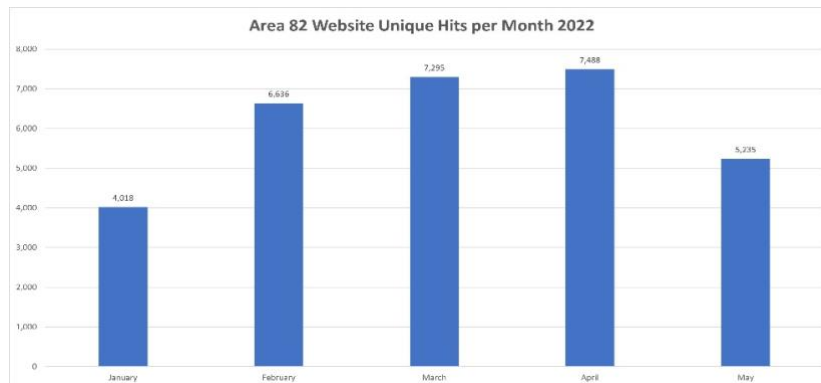
During 2021 we made the decision to migrate hosts to build our website on a new, clean slate.

On the recommendation of our last Webmaster Tyler Graves, we moved to Bluehost as they are one of 3 hosting providers Wordpress recommends.

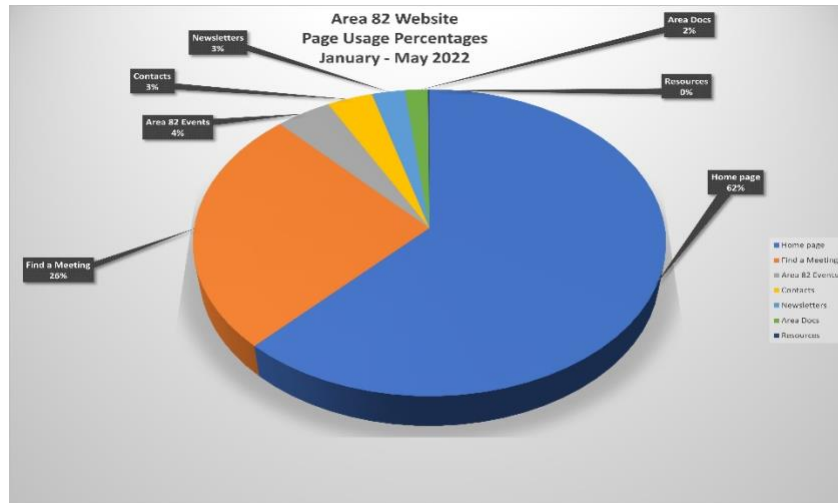
Tyler was unable to continue as Webmaster beyond January 1st, 2022 and it was agreed that Trudy D. and I would, on a trial basis, take the role of Webmasters. We have been jointly maintaining the content of the website since January with advice from Tyler and helpful AA members with skills in this area.

This trial period is to be discussed at the Spring Assembly. At the same time, I was to present a cost estimate for using a commercial service instead of the current volunteer effort. I obtained one formal quote from KCD Web Services. (attached to the bottom of the report) Verbal communications with two other Service providers resulted in similar numbers. I did not ask these for formal quotes but will follow up for written quotes if the Assembly decides this is our way forward.

From January until May 2022, we had a total of 30,000 unique visits with a low of 4000 hits in January to a high of 7500 hits in April. May is showing about 5100 hits as of May 20th when I compiled this report. This is an average of 6,000 visits per month roughly on par with the statistics from last years report (6300 avg).



Our top three pages are our "Home Page", "Find a Meeting" and "Area Events" page, followed by "Newsletters" and "Contact Us" pages. These are our core pages. Over the coming months we will continue adding suggested content to the website to generate new traffic.



Webmaster / Webmistress 😊

Gerry W, / Trudy D.

Quote below is from KCD Web Services

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Hi Gerry,

Thank you for reaching out to me regarding website care on your website (<https://area82aa.org/>). Based on our conversation, the Professional Website Care Plan would serve you very well. Here are the details:

Website Audit and Cleanup \$350 + hst (one-time fee)

Required for websites not created by KCD Web Services

This 'look under the hood' identifies the strengths and weaknesses of your website. A complete review of all plugins and website formatting will be performed. We'll perform a backup of your site and then update plugins, theme and WP core as necessary. We'll perform a security and malware scan. The goal is to get your site in tip top shape before moving it onto the care plan.

Professional Web Care Plan \$99+hst / Monthly

A website is not a “set and forget” part of an organization. As technology evolves, website software is constantly being updated to make it more secure, faster and more visible to search engines. Just like Microsoft Office and your smartphone software needs updating, so too does your website. More importantly though, your website is a crucial resource for your

organization and therefore requires extra care to make sure it continues to work for you. **Our website care plans are designed to provide:** 1. Peace of mind that all software is up to date, secure against any unwelcome attacks and that your website is actually online and operational for your customers and users 2. Quick restore if anything goes wrong 3. Assistance with managing the content on your site 4. Regular monitoring and improvement of search engine visibility and site performance **Includes:** • Priority telephone and email support • Weekly update of WP software & plugins to most recent versions • Daily backups of website files & database • Daily malware testing (& clean-up as needed) • Broken links testing • Spam clean-up • Security & performance scan • Google Analytics install & reporting • Standard SEO • Restore from backup if site breaks or is hacked • 30 minutes of content changes each month

- Licensing of core premium plugins that may be used on the site

Hosting: Currently your website is being hosted by Bluehost. Website hosting is included for sites on a KCD web care plan. It's optional, but will save on hosting fees.

Domain Registration: your domain should always be owned and controlled by you/your organization. I've done a search and the domain registrant is currently The Endurance International Group, Inc. in Massachusetts - I recommended changing this asap if not associated with your organization.

You can find details of the [KCD web care plans here](#). If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a great day, Kathleen



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Treasurers Report given by Jocelyn I., Area82 Treasurer

Area 82 Treasurers Report

May 28th, 2022

I have the honor and privilege to serve as your Area 82, Treasurer, Newfoundland, Labrador, and Nova Scotia. I am a member of the Pioneer group in Deer Lake, Newfoundland.

My term began in July 2021, at which time I received the books from our chairperson and committee members. From there we had to get the account set up with me as area treasurer. It took a while to get set accounts set up. I'm grateful for one of the members took the time to help me set up on Windows 10 as I only had Windows 7 that time. Thank you.

I'd like to share so many things that happened since then. I lost my brother-in-law in September, and I ended up in the hospital in December. Needless to say, I made it through. As your treasurer I will not be reading out the report line for line to you. You already received the financial reports (attached) and if you have any questions, I will gladly answer them.

I will make it simple On January 4, 2022, book and bank balance to May 26 has the Prudent Reserve at \$15,882.77, Upcoming Budget Reserve balance is \$7612.07. Operational account balance is \$7606.45. I already sent out the bank statements and I also updated the ledger. I sent it out the other day on our approved budget of \$30,900. There are no outstanding checks. Group contributions January to May \$5761.34.

Check number 47 to Remote Communities for \$1000.00 wasn't cashed as our Remote Communities Chair stepped down.

Check number 38 to CERAASA was \$174.80. It was taken out in October 2021. I think I made an error but you'll see that later. January returns was \$7760.15

I like to say if you're totally confused by the Treasurer's report so am I. The reason the books do not balance at year end is because all receipts and returns don't come out until January when the year end is December. If you need the budget to balance out changes needs to take place. That is your job. You know that we are trusted servants and if I were an accountant, things would still be complicated.

I feel that with my bookkeeping skills I could learn the responsibilities as your area treasurer. My sponsor suggested I go for Area Treasurer. I decided to put my resume and when I came on Zoom I found out I was the only one submitted my resume. Before the voting took place there

was a lot of controversy around what they were looking for as an area treasurer. I sat and listened and I couldn't believe my ears as to what I was hearing. If it wasn't for my higher power, god, I almost said " Hey, I don't need this". I stayed because I had a moment of great peace which came over me. For those who do not know me, I have been in service for over 25 years or more, I have been on various committees, etc. I was also on Ara 82 for three years 2012-2014 as your secretary registrar.

As your treasurer, I can only do the best job I can. Maybe there's a lesson for me to learn. If you feel I am not doing my job regarding my responsibilities as your Area 82 treasurer, I will be more than gladly give it back to you. By the time we get to know the job, it's time for me to step down.

And I'd like to close my report with Concept 3,
Our entire AA program rests squarely upon the principles of mutual trust. We trust God, we trust AA, we trust each other. Therefore, we cannot less than trust our leaders in service. The right of decision that we offered them, not only the practical means by which they may act and lead effectively, but it is the symbol of our implicit confidence.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area Treasurer. Oh, and thank you for my sobriety. I have a great weekend.

Yours in Service
Jocelyn I.