

**October 11 – Saturday, Fall Assembly Best Western, St. John’s, NL**

Meeting began at 915 am with a moment of silence

Chair address

12 Traditions were read

Introduction of DCMs/alt DCMs and Area Officers D4, D8, D13, D16 not represented (D13/D16 do not have DCMs)

Past Delegates introduced themselves – Gerry W Panel 72, Kirk Panel 69, Una Panel 55

Sympathies were read

Mission Statement was read

Approval of Minutes

Discussion of Minutes – 14 districts were represented at the fall assembly in 2024

Make sure that Zoom situation with future assemblies is more properly communicated

Approval of Agenda

D3 motion read by Jay, Alt DCM D3

Discuss and approve all reports separately for Fall Assemblies

Samaria seconded

Not added to agenda defeated 25-22

D3 Motion read by Jay, Alt DCM D3

Amend the pamphlet Questions and Answers about finding a sponsor

Seconded by Peter/Dwayne

40 in favor 13 against

Motion carried – will be added to the end of new business

Motion to create an ad hoc committee for area inventory by Marie

32 in favor 11 against

Motion carried – will be added to the end of new business

Samaira, Laura

Approved by large consensus

## **DCM Reports**

### **D1 Samaira**

#### **DCM, District 1 Halifax**

#### **Area 82 Nova Scotia & Newfoundland and Labrador**

Good morning friends. My name is Samaira

G., and I'm an alcoholic. I have the privilege of serving as the District Committee Member for District 1. It's an honour to stand before you today and share our final year report for Area 82.

As we come to the close of another service year, I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity to reflect on the work, the challenges, and the growth we've experienced together in District 1. It's been a year of reconnection, of rebuilding our fellowship spirit and renewing our commitment to carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous in Halifax and beyond.

District 1 continues to be home to a vibrant and diverse AA community. We have roughly 38 active groups, with regular meetings taking place across Halifax, Lower Sackville, and surrounding areas. Over the past year, we've seen steady attendance at both in-person and hybrid meetings. While virtual participation has decreased somewhat as members return to in-person fellowship, the hybrid format remains an important option for members who are homebound or living outside the urban core.

I'm pleased to report that several groups celebrated milestone anniversaries this year — including Back to Basics and Living in the Solution. These celebrations were well-attended and reminded us of the enduring power of one alcoholic talking to another, whether that be around a coffee table or through a screen.

Every other month District 1 also workshop on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM all are welcome. They are held on zoom, so no need to drive to the city. Our district hosted a Sponsorship Workshop that brought together members from across the Halifax area. The focus was on strengthening sponsorship relationships and encouraging service beyond the group level. The turnout was strong, and the feedback overwhelmingly positive — many members commented that it helped re-ignite their enthusiasm for working with newcomers.

We also had a workshop led by Basil M on the role of the area treasurer which was highly informative and engaging. Basil was patient throughout the sessions, taking time to clearly explain each aspect of the treasurer's responsibilities and procedures. He created an open and supportive environment, engaging questions and ensuring that everyone of them were thoroughly answered. By the end of the workshop, we had a much clearer understanding of their role and felt confident in carrying out his duties. I would like to sincerely thank Basil again for joining us in District 1 and I encourage all DCMS to contact any of the executives to hold a workshop in your district.

District 1 was also represented at the Mid-Winter Roundup with many GSRs and members attending workshops, panels, and sharing sessions. These gatherings continue to remind us that our unity is stronger than any individual difference and that service is truly love in action.

Our Public Information and CPC Committees continued their steady and faithful work throughout the year. We distributed updated meeting lists to local hospitals, detox centres, and treatment facilities, and maintained contact with professionals at the QEII Health Sciences Centre and the North End Community Health Centre.

We also participated in an information session for social work students at Dalhousie University, sharing what AA is, and what it isn't and emphasizing how professionals can help connect clients to us. The gratitude expressed by those students reminded us that our message still carries weight and relevance in today's world.

Our literature committee ensured that newcomers' packets and pamphlets were restocked regularly, and we have begun discussions about updating our local website to improve

accessibility and meeting information accuracy. District 1 and District 2 have the privilege of having a Central Service with many other committees committed to serving the members of Alcoholics Anonymous please visit our website at [aahalifax.org](http://aahalifax.org) to see the list of all of our committees.

Attendance at our monthly District Committee meetings has been consistent, though we continue to face challenges with filling all service positions. Some groups remain without a GSR's and several committee chairs have rotated out without replacements. This remains an ongoing focus for us.

However, I'm encouraged by the growing awareness among members that service is not just about responsibility — it's a vital part of recovery. Several new GSRs joined our table this year, bringing fresh ideas and renewed energy. Their willingness to learn and serve gives me confidence in the future of District 1.

Our treasurer reported steady contributions, allowing us to meet our obligations and continue supporting Area and GSO. I want to thank all the groups and individuals who contributed financially and spiritually. Every dollar, every act of service, every ride given to a meeting, it all matters.

No year is without its challenges. Communication remains an area for improvement — both within the District and between the District and our groups. We've learned that keeping everyone informed requires persistence and creativity, especially in an age where not all members rely on email or online updates.

We've also felt the lingering impact of the pandemic on group dynamics and participation. Some groups are still rebuilding their membership base and home group service rosters. But even through these difficulties, we've seen resilience and a quiet determination to keep the doors open and the coffee on.

As DCM, I've tried to maintain personal contact with as many GSRs and members as possible, ensuring they know they're supported and connected to the wider fellowship.

I want to extend heartfelt thanks to all our General Service Representatives who show up month after month, often after a long workday, to carry their group's conscience to the District table. Your dedication sustains the democratic heartbeat of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I also want to thank our Secretary, Rob, Treasurer Michelle, and all Committee Chairs for their dependable service. To our Area officers and trusted servants — thank you for your guidance, your patience, and your continued commitment to ensuring our fellowship remains strong and unified.

And finally, to all the members of District 1 — thank you for keeping AA alive in Halifax. Whether you've chaired a meeting, made coffee, greeted a newcomer, or simply shown up when you didn't feel like it — you are the living example of recovery in action.

As I reflect on this past year, I'm reminded of the words in our Responsibility Declaration:

*"I am responsible... when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there — and for that, I am responsible."*

That simple promise continues to guide everything we do as a District. We may not do it perfectly, but we do it together. And through that unity, the message of hope continues to reach those who need it most.

With love and service,

Samaira Girard,

District Committee Member, District 1

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Area 82 — Nova Scotia and Newfoundland & Labrador

**D2 Amy (Alt DCM)**

Giving Bernie's Report in absence

15 active groups. Lost 2 groups this past last year. All groups either have a GSR and or a group contact

District 2 is currently without a treasurer

Difficulties in getting attendance at district meeting and assemblies and people involved in service

We lead by example – we do not direct by mandate

Yours in service,

Bernie S., DCM District 2

Workshop every second month at Club 24 Second Sunday at 2 pm on the Traditions using the Traditions checklist

**D3 Jay (Alt DCM)**

District 3 Alt. DCM report

Fall Assembly, 2025, St. John's Newfoundland

Good day all, my name is Jay and I'm the district 3 alternate DCM. It's an honour to fulfill my service position in this way. I hope to be up here many more times throughout my service journey for years to come – but forgive my inexperience with this first time. Please, no booing or throwing rotten tomatoes.

District 3 ranges from Bridgetown to Wolfville in Nova Scotia. We have 8 groups and 13 meetings per week, including two women's meetings (one in person and one online) and a new LGBT plus group. Unfortunately, one of our groups has closed its doors, the Middleton group.

However, overall, we've seen an uptick in attendance, and have had a steady stream of newcomers at many of our meetings, including young people. I've personally been told by several that they feel very welcomed and supported.

Members of district 3 continue to be dedicated to service and uphold the third pillar of our program. We've seen new people become GSRs and alternate GSRs, and we have a strong emphasis on the spirit of rotation, in groups and at the district level.

Our CPCPI has been working hard and has had great success in finding new avenues to connect with professionals and provide information to the public, ensuring our phone number gets in the hands that need it. As such, we steadily get calls. Our phone is rotated amongst members and it's proven a productive method.

We do all we can to reach those who need us. Bridging the Gap works with District 17 to go into a local treatment facility to connect with clients there, and many of our groups and members of District 17 also go to this facility to host meetings each week. This has been an ongoing success. Recently, we've also reconnected with a detox unit and groups host meetings each week there as well.

Our secretary's minutes are accurate and prompt, and provide us with documentation of our committee reports. We can always rely on her diligence but also get a big smile on our face when she includes a little joke here and there. Service can be fun, THANKFULLY. I'm just a kid, I need entertainment to keep my attention.

I digress. All our trusted servants work hard to keep our district running smoothly.

Our newsletter has received much positive feedback about its format and consistent promptness and accuracy. We remain well informed of AA events and our birthday celebrations are extremely well attended.

Our treasurer has fought tooth and nail to resolve an issue with our financial institution that arose when service positions were rotated last winter. We thank him for his tireless perseverance and dedication. This issue was resolved and no harm came of it. We remain financially secure.

Our literature chair steadily keeps an inventory of diverse AA material available. He also keeps us informed of any deals, changes, or new literature.

In the hour prior to our district meetings, we have an information session which results in great discussions related to the program. Our information session chair does wonderful research and hosts productive, thought-provoking talks regarding our three legacies: recovery, unity, and service.

District three remains very engaged on the Area level as well. We've had great turnout at assemblies and our newly reintroduced service weekend, and we regularly submit motions, host meetings in other districts, and much more. We also had many in attendance at the international convention in Vancouver. Our connection to our area and to AA worldwide is very important to us.

As I said, it's an honour to stand before you today to deliver this report. My love for service has been inspired by many of you area officers and district trusted servants. I thank you for your experience in guiding me and other young people in learning to give back to the program in any way we can.

Thank you, and thank you District 3 AA for giving me and so many others a place we can call home.

That's all from me,

Jay C, Alternate DCM for district 3

**D5 Sheri**

## **DISTRICT FIVE DCM REPORT**

My name is Sheri K and I am an alcoholic. My homegroup is Parrsboro Potluck in Parrsboro, NS and we meet every Monday at 8pm.

We have an active District with Mike C. as ADCM, Theresa F. as Treasurer and Corrections, Peter C as Secretary, Chris P. as Public Information and Wade L. as literature rep. We have a total of 8 active groups where 5 of the meetings have GSRs this term. The groups offer face to face meetings 7 nights a week and we have an online group which offers zoom meetings 4 times a week.

District 5 continues to host AA meetings twice a week at the Detox located in Springhill Hospital with members from Cumberland County.

We continue to try and gain access to the Springhill Prison to offer AA meetings but have not been successful.

Since last fall assembly we hosted a Christmas party for AA and Al-Anon in December 2024. There was a potluck supper followed by a speaker and finished with fellowship. The Friday night group Primary Purpose has started another meeting on Tuesday nights which is a 12 & 12 Meeting. We had a member Ron H. step up to create a private Face Book page to help information get passed throughout the District.

On 6 September 2025 we will co-host along with Al-Anon a one day Roundup at Christ Church Parish Hall n Amherst. The day will include hourly AA and Al-Anon meetings, Fellowship, AA and Al-Anon speakers, lunch and supper followed by a dance.

District 5 recently filed paperwork with the GSO in order to move the O'Rourke Group from Springhill from Area 81 District 3 to Area 82 District 5.

Yours in Fellowship and Serve

Sheri Kenny

DCM District 5

15 Minute Break

**D6 Laura**

## District 6 DCM Report - Fall Assembly 2025

Good morning my name is Laura and I am an alcoholic. I would first of like to thank the host committee and Gerry for making it accessible to everyone. I am and gratefully serve as District Committee Member (DCM) District 6.

My homegroup is the Broad Highway Group we meet at 7:00 pm on Friday nights in Brookfield.

In district 6 we have 11 groups from Shubenacadie, Truro, Bible Hill, Brookfield and Tatamagouche.

We currently have 10 out of 11 GSR's which is more than we have had. We also have a great group of individuals that put on meetings at Eagles Nest Recovery House in Shubenacadie.

We have 3 sub committees.

1. PI
2. Correction
3. CPC

Our ADcm is Sabrina F Treasurer, Kyle L, Secretary, Ian K, PI, Todd, Corrections Kim M, CPC, Mike C.

We had a successful round-up in August with a great turn out of people. It was a great weekend with lots of fellowship + recovery.

Hilroy

Our District meetings have been well attended. In November we will be having a merchant blitz to get more information to the businesses in our district.

We hope have a few workshops coming up as our ADCM has been in touch with our GSD about putting one on.

We hope to have more activities or events in the coming year too, so stay tuned!

In love and Service

Laura C DCM District 6.

**D7 Blaise**

DCM Report – District 7

October 10, 2025

Hi, my name is Blaise Sullivan, DCM for District 7.

We have 15 groups in our district. On average, 11 out of 15 GSRs attend monthly meetings on a regular basis. Our district meetings are held on the third Sunday of every month at the HOW Club in Antigonish.

The following committees are active in district 7 – Corrections, Detox, PI/CPC.

We have a workshop on a regular basis after our monthly meetings.

District 7 is hosting the 2026 NS Provincial Round Up June 12 – 14<sup>th</sup> and most of the committee chair positions are filled.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank District 7 for allowing me to serve in the position of DCM.

Yours in service,

Blaise Sullivan

**D9 Peter**



### **DCM Report – Assembly - Oct. 2025**

Hi, I'm Peter and I'm an alcoholic. I am a member of Lifeline Grp. which meets in North Sydney on Tuesday at 7 o'clock at St. Joseph's Church basement on Archibald Ave. I am currently the DCM representing District 9. District 9 includes the CBRM or Cape Breton Regional Municipality and Iona plus one zoom meeting.

We have 20 groups putting on 26 meetings per week in District 9.

We hold District Meetings typically on the third Sunday of each Month from September through June and pause meetings for July and August. All AA members are welcome to attend and take part and meetings are generally fairly well attended.

We have two active committees namely PI/CPC chaired by Joe Mac and a Corrections committee Chaired by Monty C which currently puts on two meeting on one evening per week at the Cape Breton Correctional Facility. We have a Newsletter which is issued around the first day of every month looked after by the Newsletter editor Erica H. We also host a Mid-Winter roundup which is put on by volunteers throughout District 9. The district officers are John K Alt DCM, Malcolm C District Secretary and Monty C District Treasurer and myself as DCM.

***Yours In Love and Service:***

*Peter M, DCM District 9*

#### **D10 Sherry**

12 active groups, 3 new meetings started

AAA group may be separating into an AA group at some point

QCR codes at post offices and supermarkets for PR

30-second ad on local radio station \$300.00

District Meeting the last Sunday of each month. All groups are represented at district meetings

Roundup in Bridgewater in May

**D12 Alfred**

DCM Report District 12 Assembly Oct 11, 2025

Good morning, friends. My name is Alfred S, and I am an alcoholic, and I am a member of the Country Road Group that has regular closed discussion meetings every Thursday night at St. Michael and all Angels Church, Park Drive, Corner Brook NL at 8:00 PM.

Our district has a Treatment Facility Committee with a group of dedicated volunteers, who host AA speaker meetings at the facility on Thursday night. We also have a PI Committee, and we use a cell phone for 12 step work. It is listed on area 82aa.org, district 12, and announced to public.

District 12 has a total of 8 Groups. From Deer Lake, Corner Brook, and Stephenville. Our district is from St. Anthony to Port Aux Basques and east to Bay Verte. District meetings are well attended. We are getting an Assembly and Round Up Committee in place for next Oct 9, 10, 11, and we have the Bennett Hall booked, and have block of rooms at the Greenwood Inn with rooms at \$131. and tax per night, with a fixed cut-off date: Friday Sept. 25, 2026. More information to follow. With next year an election year we are hoping for a great turn out and looking forward to hosting the assembly, see you there.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and grow in fellowship and service.

Thank You Alfred S.

**D14 Pam**

**District 14**

**DCM Report**

**Service Weekend**

**October 10-12, 2025**

District 14 continues to hold district meetings on a regular basis. District 14 meetings are held on Zoom to support attendance throughout the district. District 14 covers a large geographical area that spans from Conception Bay North to Placentia Bay to Burin Peninsula to Clarenville to Bonavista Peninsula. Most GSRs have attended on a consistent basis, though it dropped off in September. This may be related to missed communications, we are working on addressing this. Our next meeting will be held November 4, 2025 at pm. The groups on the Burin Peninsula are not active within the District. We have reached out to a contact and hope to see them at a District meeting soon.

### **Current Groups:**

- Baccalieu Trail Group (Rose Rotchford – GSR) - Meets Sunday at 8:00 pm on Zoom and Thursday at 8:00 pm at the Anglican Church of the Resurrection in South River. Baccalieu Trail Group will celebrate its 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in September.
- Easy Does It Group (John Lannon – GSR) – Meets Sunday and Wednesday at 8:00 pm at Atlantic Place in Placentia.
- New Horizon’s Group (Paul Sharpe – GSR) – Meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 8:00 pm at 50 Plus Club in Carbonear.
  - The New Horizon’s Group will celebrate its 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - The New Horizon’s Group is holding a meeting on Founders Day, Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. This will be an open meeting followed by food and fellowship.
- Brigus Group (GSR – Norma Jean Burden) – Meets Monday at 8:00 pm at the Postmaster’s Building in Brigus. Brigus group will celebrate its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Clarenville Big Book Study Group (GSR – Gerry Murphy) – Meets Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 pm at G.B. Cross Hospital in Clarenville. The group celebrated its 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- St. Mary’s Group – (Dan St. Croix – GSR) Meets at Dunne Memorial Academy in St. Mary’s.
- Friday Nite Group (Brian Lewis - GSR) – Meets on Friday at 8:00 pm at the I.B.E.W. in Holyrood. The Friday Nite Group celebrated its 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in April.
- Carbonear Lunch Time Group – Meets on Tuesday at 12:00 pm at U-Turn Building in Carbonear.

- Midway Group – Meets on Monday and Friday at 8:00 pm in Clarendville.
- Helping Hands Group – Meets at 10:30 am on Sunday in Marystown
- Mortier Bay Group – Meets Tuesday at 8:00 pm in Burin
- Burin Group – Meets Thursday at 8:00 pm in Burin

### **Treatment Centres:**

District 14 Coordinates a meeting on Tuesday's at 8:00 pm at the Grace Centre, the Addictions Treatment Centre in Harbour Grace.

### **District Events**

On September 22, the Brigus Group celebrated 65 years as a registered group. A speaker meeting was held followed by food and fellowship.

On December 6 – District 14 will hold it's Christmas Dinner and Dance at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Harbour Grace.

Yours in Service,

Pam Quirk, DCM District 14

### **D15 Steve**

Thanks to past DCM Greg H., past DCM and other current district officers

30+ groups and 45 meetings a week in-person, hybrid, and virtual. Several outreach and institution meetings

Regular district meeting at the end of the month virtually on Sunday at 6pm 8-10 average attendance

Workshops around the district

2 workshops in the past 6 months on impediments to service, and the role of the GSR

Enhanced utilization of website

Fortunate for intergroup/central service. Collaboration between intergroup and district

Thanks to those who helped put together the fall assembly

### **D17 Monique**

D17

Good morning, friends my name is Monique McLaughlin and I am an alcoholic. And I have the honor of serving as DCM for District 17 for a second term. I am a member of the Windsor Saturday Night Group, we meet at 6:30 PM and are on our second time around of doing a Big Book study. We are a small district with approximately 50 members, forming 7 registered groups and 1 meeting. District 17 stretches west from Exit 3 on the 101(Mount Uniacke) to the east of exit 11 on the 101 (Greenwich). As I said earlier, our district is small and we support all groups within our district. The Hantsport AA group meet on Monday and Friday nights at 7 PM, The Brooklyn Group meets Tuesday night at 8 PM, Wednesday nights at 7 PM is The Three Mile Plains Fresh Start Group meeting. There are 2 meetings on Thursday night 1 is the Wolfville Group which is a hybrid meeting at 8 PM the other group is the St Croix 12 and 12 Meeting and they also on Sundays, both St. Croix meetings are at 7 PM, the Windsor Mourning Group meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:00 PM. The Wolfille morning meeting meets at 11:00 AM on Tuesday mornings.

Our committee consists of Cyril L., as our alternative DCM, Mike M. is our secretary and Gary O. is our treasurer. Our other committee members are Floyd P. is our PI/CPC representative, John S. is the chairperson for our telephone answering service, Gary O. is the representative for Bridging the Gap and Treatment facilities. I also as the newsletter editor. Lyndy McL. is our entertainment committee chair, Floyd P., is CO chair And I am the treasurer. District 3 and 17 work together putting meetings and Bridging the Gap at the Crosbie House which is a 28 Day treatment facility in Annapolis Valley.

The entertainment committee has put on a couple of events over the summer for our members, The first being a Games Day held at the Brooklyn Meeting location It was enjoyed by the members and their families. The other was a picnic/barbecue in July held at Smiley's Provincial Park. Even though we didn't have camping this year everyone seemed to have a good time. We had hot dogs, sweets, fruit, games and music. The children really enjoyed the candy toss and even some of the big kids did. The committee is working on an improv event, whether it's a game day Music or a bit of both we're not quite sure. We are however planning on having a New Year's Eve dance with a potluck end meeting We are still working out the details on that. The 2025 Windsor and Area mini roundup was another successful weekend. This year we had sandwiches and sweets for lunch and impromptu hot dogs and salad supper. As many of you are aware since we've had to do a few things differently than what it was like before but sometimes change is a good thing.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the committee members for their dedication to our district for the interest in support they for the work they do to keep us going.

Yours in love of AA service

Monique McLaughlin

DCM District 17

### **Past Delegate Addresses**

#### **Kirk – Panel 69 Delegate**

Port Hawksbury Group member

Zoom conference given covid

Gratifying to see how the program works – thank you for the groups and the members of this room for believing I was worthy of doing this type of work. In the words of my service sponsor, if you want to show your gratitude, raise your hand for everything. You owe it to AA. Let your name stand.

#### **Una – Panel 55 Delegate**

The opportunity and the trust the people put in me. It was a wonderful experience.

#### **Gerry – Panel 73 Delegate**

Member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> tradition group in Torbay. Only was able to serve 1 year of term due to health issues. Started early on because his sponsor was a DCM of D4 (now D14). All part of the one thing – recovery and service not separate things. Opportunity to represent.

#### **Basil – Treasurer’s Report**

For financial information please contact the current Area 82 Treasurer, Basil M.

[treasurer@area82aa.org](mailto:treasurer@area82aa.org)

Basil, Peter

Approved by large consensus

No one disapproved

### **Lunch Break**

No Alt GSD Report since no Alt GSD

#### **GSD Report Dwayne**

**To:** The Fall Assembly Area 82

**From:** Dwayne MacD., General Service Delegate, Panel 75, Area 82 NS/NL

**Date:** Saturday, October 11, 2025

**Subject:** General Service Delegate Report: Panel 75 Activities and GSC Highlights

**Report on GSD Activities and Service Highlights**

I am honoured to serve as the General Service Delegate (GSD) for Panel 75, representing Area 82 NS/NL. Due to a work-related no-international-travel order from January to June, I was unable to attend the General Service Conference (GSC) this year. My Alternate GSD, Anne B., graciously and effectively stepped in to represent us. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to Anne for her exceptional service. I know firsthand the pressure of stepping in on short notice, and she did a wonderful job. I will be attending the conference in April and look forward to representing Area 82.

I would like to thank the entire committee for their dedication in organizing this year's Fall Assembly and all the members who attended, both in person and virtually.

We are fortunate to have Rainer, a GSO staff member, joining us as our guest. Rainer made the trip from New York to be with us, and I appreciate his commitment. Rainer was the staff person assigned to the **Literature and Archives** committee, on which Area 82 serves this rotation, and now serves as the **Conference Committee** staff person. He is also the GSO Staff person assigned to Eastern Canada. For many of us, if we contact GSO, our response will likely come from Rainer. He is a wonderful person, and it has been my pleasure to call him a friend. I encourage everyone to take the time to speak with him this weekend so you can learn, as I did, that the staff at GSO are just a bunch of alcoholics like the rest of us.

This year, I am serving on the **Literature and Archives Committee** at the GSC. During the last rotation as a Panel 73 replacement, I had the remarkable honour of being part of the group that approved the **Plain Language Big Book** for publication. That moment was one of the most moving experiences of my life. This year, in preparation for the upcoming **5th Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous**, I had the privilege of reviewing 48 stories that were selected from literally thousands along with other members of the Literature Committee. We each then had the incredibly difficult task of selecting the ten stories we thought should make the 5<sup>th</sup> edition. Our input will be considered as the ten stories that make the book are chosen. As you can imagine, thousands of members sent their stories, and the staff had to whittled it down to 48. They were all amazing. When I get to the conference, I will suggest that the stories that didn't make it be given for publication to The Grapevine.

An audio version of the Plain Language Big Book is anticipated for mid-2026.

I have received notice from the General Service Conference committee-it actually came from Rainer-that the Proposed Agenda Item that Area 82 submitted regarding additional time to review PAIs prior to conferences has been received and is being reviewed for consideration for addition to the agenda of the 76<sup>th</sup> GSC, in April.

This year, I have been blessed to be asked to give numerous workshops, and conduct elections for districts and have had numerous discussions with members from across the area seeking guidance and clarifications. As a person who, not a whole lot of 24s ago, felt worthless; a drain on society, you all have made me feel like a valuable member of AA. I am able to work to pay the debt I owe to this program and to you for the life I get to lead today.

I am always available to members who need guidance. I am quick to respond, and if I do not know the answer, I will tell you that and either find the answer or direct you to the person who can help.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve ASrea 82, and AA as a whole.

I am, as always, your humble trusted servant,

Dwayne MacD.

General Service Delegate, Panel 75, Area 82

Go Jays!

Dwayne, Laura

Resounding acceptance

**NL Archivist Jack (did not receive report)**

**NS Archivist Kathy**

An Overview of the past few months at the archives:

1. Put together binders for all of Area 82's 10 Districts and sorted all the paper meeting minutes from the archives office and organized them by months and years.
2. Designed yearly and monthly tracking sheets to inventory what we have on paper and filed into binders for area & district meetings.
3. Created electronic files to organize each district's minutes, Newsletters, Flyers, bulletins, long-timers' stories, group histories, all various area monthly and quarterly meetings, assemblies, CERRASA, etc. (printing what is digitized is a work in progress to get the past ones to paper form and sort into binders)
4. Downloaded all the last 5-year DCM reports from the Central Service Website that were submitted for districts 1 & 1, as well as various newsletters, round up flyers, etc., from

area website. (on-going monthly and asking members who may have some minutes that we are missing to fill in the blanks.) Still printing digital minutes that we have electronically.

5. Started working on the AA members obituary binder, copying what we have and begun to black out the last names of the deceased and their families' names as to preserve their anonymity, so that we can take them to round-up events. (will take some time to complete).
6. Collecting group history stories as well as AA history from meetings started and closing details, we have one completed group history from The Four Season's Group, in Sackville, Highland Park has one nearly completed to send us, Kathy G. sent us information on two groups from District 6; "Lost and Found Group" & "Truro Young Peoples Group"

One member has some long timers' stories recorded that we will download onto the archive laptop asap, I have several long timers' stories from various groups collected from the Margaree 12 Step groups' 56-year Celebration and will have much of the histories to glean from them.

Two other members have volunteered to transcribe these stories for us.

I have been attending different group meetings in districts 1 & 2 and making appointments with long timers to record their stories at the archives office. (also, will be ongoing)

#### 7. Most urgent request:

PLEASE ASK ALL OF THE GROUPS THAT YOU ARE ASSOCIATED WITH IN YOUR DISTRICT TO COLLECT GROUP HISTORIES AND LONGTRIMERS' STORIES!!!

"I appreciate the fact that you also serve as D.C.M. and this job entails many responsibilities. Certainly, I do not wish to distract you from performing your job as D.C.M. Nevertheless, our Archives need your input. I might suggest that you could do as I am doing with this recommendation, i.e. to call upon A.A. members in your district to assist you in this task.....Communication is vital to our fellowship's smooth functioning, effectiveness and growth. It also plays a pivotal role in generating involvement by A.A. members in A.A. service. If this is true for A.A., as a whole, then I believe it applies to our

functioning as an Archives Committee. As your Chairperson, I not only need your involvement, I want it and welcome it. Having little or no communication with each other on a regular basis during the year lends a sense of isolation and a lack of awareness of our role in dealing with Archives affairs. Lack of regular communication with each other also lends to defeating our purpose of making a joint effort provincewide to continue to build our Archives.

Written by,

Warren C., past Archivist of Area 82, submitted May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1997, at Heather Motel, Stellarton, NS.

Respectfully Submitted in Service,

Kathy Smith, NS Archivist, Area 82

Kathy made motion, Lisa seconded

Resounding acceptance

**Webmaster Report Marie**

Marie made motion, Heather seconded

Resounding acceptance

**Remote Communities Paul**

Remote Community  
assembly Oct 10/25

I want to go over a bit of  
the remote community workshop  
or brainstorming as it was called.

It was on Zoom on July 12.

Four people were present.

I made a short speech and  
Gerry put on a slide presentation.

We had some discussion and

talked about identifying parts of  
the 3 parts of remote communities.

We tried to identify languages  
and cultures particular to this  
area.

Things were mentioned as a new  
pamphlet for the Trans Community  
and new 2SLGBTQ. mtgs starting.

Questioned whether there are  
Brail Big Books for CNIB.

The huge population from India,  
should be reached out to, and

talk about CPC and treatment.

Although attendance was low,  
it was a worthwhile exercise.

I should mention I quite often  
attend the Area's committee mtg.

on the last Monday of the month.

All districts committees are welcome  
and questions could be asked and  
answered at that mtg. any member  
can get involved in committees. over

This mtg. is usually chaired  
by the alt. GSD.  
I'm in the beginning of  
getting a migrant workers  
initiative going. So far fairly  
well received. It may help  
migrant workers to find us.  
There will be another  
Remote Community Forum on Dec. 2.  
It's advertized on the area or  
site under events. I hope  
people will take the time to  
check it out.  
Thanks for listening  
to me  
Paul W. RC chair

Paul made motion, sherry seconded

Resounding acceptance.

### Roll Call

**74 voting members**

**54 groups represented, 12 DCMs, 8 Area members**

Kirk voted by third legacy procedure after 3 votes to reach 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority (51/19)

We decided to allow Greg to represent Third Tradition because he's just outside of the door.

### Elections

Eastern Canada Regional Trustee

Kirk, Trudy, and Tim M. had resumes presented for the position

Kirk voted by third legacy procedure after 3 votes to reach 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority (51/19)

Alt-GSD

Michael H, Paul B applied for positions

Paul B. voted by third legacy procedure after 3 votes to reach 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority (50/23)

Remote Communities Chair

Paul will still on for a few months in the hopes that we can find someone interested in the remote community chair position

George, Monique destroy ballots

15-minute break

### **Old Business**

1. Information – That the 2026 Fall Assembly in Corner Brook elect Alternates for the Area Officer positions if there is no Alternate in place; this stems from a District 3 motion that was passed at the 2024 Fall Assembly
2. Webmaster Guidelines – a motion by Webmaster Marie M. at the '24 Fall Assembly regarding the Updating of the Webmaster Guidelines was tabled to the 2025 Fall Assembly
  - a. 46-25 Passed
  - b. Make sure Marie gives the motion in writing
3. Information – a motion was passed to rescind a 2017 motion regarding misinformation in the minutes; wording was changed and adopted to read “The guidelines are not to supersede the Service Manual”, initially it was to be forwarded to the Spring Assembly but since the Service Weekends have been re-introduced in the Spring time slot, this change has been relocated to Old Business at this, the Fall Assembly; Further, it was agreed at the 2025 Service Weekend to amend this and bring it to 2025 Fall Assembly as the following: “Our AA Guidelines do not conflict with the AA Service Manual.”
4. From the 2023 Fall assembly, a District 17 motion was intended to have Area 82 assist Districts hosting Roundups by covering a financial shortfall should one occur. After much discussion the motion was amended to include “up to \$1,000”; it would appear, from the minutes, that the amendment was voted on but not the full motion including the amendment; this was tabled to the Spring Assembly but with the reinsertion of Service Weekends in the Spring time slot it will now be entertained at this, the Fall 2025 Assembly; to that end, it would be prudent to have District 17 restate the motion with the approved amendment
  - a. Some discussion ensued. We decided this issue had already been put to rest and the district 17 amended motion passed in the Fall of 2023 despite some confusing wording in those minutes from the assembly.

## **New Business**

Budget Proposal and Discussion

For budget information please contact the current Area 82 Treasurer Basil M  
[treasurer@area82aa.org](mailto:treasurer@area82aa.org)

Basil moved, Monique seconded

63-2

Minority voice: Confusion about contingency

Budget passed

Committee struck for NL Service Weekend in District 13, Albatross Hotel

1. Information: NL is currently working on creating a Service Weekend committee; NS now has a working Service Weekend Committee, consisting of George M., Debbi C., Al G., Jason C. and Mark Z.
2. Information: A Provincial Roundup Rotation beyond 2026 will fall within the purview of the NS Service Weekend; the Roundup is not an Area offering but is provincial in nature
3. District 17 Motion: "To sever Area 82 by its Provincial boundaries, resulting in two autonomous Areas of Alcoholics Anonymous" see Dist. 17 rationale

Monique moved, Cyril seconded

Discussion ensued – question was called after about 30 minutes discussion

Motion defeated 60-7

Minority voice was heard

## **Sunday morning October 12<sup>th</sup>**

Meeting started at 905 AM with a MOS followed by the Serenity Prayer

Traditions were read

New Business (continued from Saturday afternoon)

4. Information: Relationship between AA and Al-Anon; George M.

Some questions about New Business Item 2 and how D7 got awarded the NS Provincial Roundup at the last NS Service Weekend

5. Area 82 NL/NS Guidelines – some terminology needs to be amended and updated since reinstating Spring Service Weekends, Mark Z.

- a. Consensus vote – large majority was okay with Mark, George, and Nick working through the changes
6. Information: Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) from GSD Dwayne MacD. From Area 82 to the 76th General Service Assembly ~ brought forward for consideration by the Area 82 Area Committee. WHEREAS: The General Service Conference agenda is not available for review by the General Service delegates until late February, AND, WHEREAS: The General Service Conference takes place only two months after the agenda is released for review, AND, WHEREAS: Most Districts within Areas conduct monthly meetings, and therefore may only have one month to review items, and return to groups for discussion, leaving no time to return for another District meeting for an informed group conscience on the item(s), AND, WHEREAS: Proposed Agenda Items have a deadline of September 30, AND, WHEREAS: PAIs must be reviewed to determine suitability for the Agenda for the Conference, leaving time for an informed discussion, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: THAT: Proposed Agenda Items be added to the agenda in the conference year two years after receipt. (i.e. Agenda items received in September 2026 would be added to the agenda for General Service Conference 78, in 2028; leaving an entire year for review by the groups) and, THAT: A vote of 2/3 of the voting members of the conference the year prior to that scheduled agenda date may, if they determine the agenda item to be of such importance as to require immediate action, add the item to the agenda from the floor.  
So moved by Dwayne MacD
7. Succession Planning for Area 82 Service Positions: Greg H. and Lisa L. Area 82 appears to be lacking in properly preparing new service position electees to basically hit the ground running when they start a new service position. A thorough, fulsome discussion could lay the groundwork for procedures and processes that Area 82 could employ to ensure smooth transitions into new service positions and to further ensure that we comply with AA's all-important spirit of rotation to discourage 'ownership' of AA positions by one or a small number of members. IMPORTANT NOTE: The spirit of the above is, in no way, meant to disparage members who belong to small groups and/or districts and find themselves with the decision to either refill a position they vacated or leave the position unfilled and vacant
  - a.
8. How to get people interested and involved in service and service positions, Greg H. and Lisa L.
9. Floor action 1: Sponsorship Pamphlet amendment via D3 make wording more inclusive – specifically "stick with the winners" may imply sort of judgement as the opposite of winners is losers.
  - a. Lengthy discussion ensued
  - b. Question called after about 40 minutes: 40-5

- c. 25-28 vote
  - d. Minority voice
  - e. Vote changed: 33-15, motion passed
10. Floor action 2: Motion to create an ad hoc committee for area inventory. Motion amended by George for the inventory to take place in February online. Amendment accepted.
- a. Consensus vote
  - b. Motion passed

Ask it Basket: What is meant by panel?

Ask it Basket: Why are we here if the chair is discussing information items not items that need votes/action?

Yours in Service,

Nick Camizzi

Area 82 Secretary/Registrar