



## **5. District Committee Member**

Good evening everyone and welcome to our June District Meeting. On June 6<sup>th</sup> myself and Gary C (Alt. DCM) attended the Area meeting in Tuckers Corners. Aare Committees updated us on their respective committees and assured everyone that they are watching expenses closely due to the economic situation that the country finds itself in as AA is not immune to it. Financial reports were given and I will update you later on this evening. Our sincerest thanks to the Coffee Club for making their room available to us because our usual meeting place is under renovations. Yours in love and service, Pat C. DCM

## **GROUPS & MEETINGS REPORTS**

### **Athens 3RD Tradition Group**

Our attendance is good and we have no economic problems at this time. Brian will be celebrating 15 years on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Keep it Simple, Doug M.

### **Autonomy Group – Brockville**

Attendance continues to be strong. We have no celebrations to announce for the month of July. Two members of our group have volunteered for service work with CFTF as the need was expressed by Carolyn. Our applications are currently being processed. I will be discussing with the appropriate members after this meeting tonight the change being made to the start time of our group's meeting. Our members discussed at our last business meeting any concerns or challenges we may be facing in making this change, and feel we have all bases covered. Just for the sake of record, our meeting (Sunday Night Autonomy Group of Brockville) will be changing to a start time of 7pm, effective August 2, 2009, in contrast to the 8pm start we now have. All other aspects of our meeting will remain unchanged. A flyer has been submitted to the Secretary and to the Webmaster as requested. Yours in Service, Wendy M. Alt. GSR.

### **Back to Basics Group – Brockville**

NOT PRESENT

### **Brockville Lunch Bunch Meetings – Brockville**

NOT PRESENT

### **Brockville Sunday AM Group**

NOT PRESENT

### **Grapevine 12&12 Group – Smiths Falls**

We have four celebrations this month; Tilou G. will celebrate 23 years on July 8<sup>th</sup>, Riemke B. will celebrate 1 year on July 14<sup>th</sup>, Melody L. will celebrate 3 years on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings are doing well. Part of the church is under construction, so some of our meetings will be held upstairs. Yours in Service, Debbie M.

### **Heritage Valley Group– Carleton Place**

Good evening everyone, attendance has been very good at our meeting this month. In July Bonnie K will celebrate 28 yrs on July 6<sup>th</sup>, health permitting. Also David A will have 19yrs on July15<sup>th</sup>. A safe and sober summer to all. Yours in service, Paul F

### **Land of Lakes – Sharbot Lake**

NOT PRESENT

### **Living Sober Group – Brockville**

NOT PRESENT

### **Merrickville Sunday Night**

NOT PRESENT

### **Mississippi Group – Carleton Place**

All is well at the Tuesday Mississippi Group in Carleton Place. Attendance has been strong and there are no issues with the group. Celebrating in July at our group will be as follows: Robert A 16 years, Doug T 2 years, and Dwayne K 2 years. Yours in service, Dwayne K.

## **GROUPS & MEETINGS REPORTS (con't)**

### **New Beginnings – Smiths Falls**

The four groups that we look after are doing quite well with good turnouts. We have 2 birthdays this month, Cindy R 6 yrs June 28 and Mervie C 22 years on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Also in July we have 4 birthdays. Tom R and Judy R on July 12 with 12 years and Gearld R with 9 years on that same day. Alan R with 5 years and Ray I with 26 years both on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Yours in Love and Service, Tom R.

### **New Hope Group – Smiths Falls**

NO REPORT

### **Perth Sunday Morning**

Sunday morning is going strong with about 25 people in attendance. We celebrated Marie H's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday this month and there are no birthdays in July. Yours in service, Paul B.

### **Perth Tay Group**

Perth Tay has been enjoying good turnouts. Celebrating this month is Joe W on July 2 with 8 years, Kevin T on July 23<sup>rd</sup> with 4 years, and Bill G (5 years) and Stan C (36 years) on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Yours in service, Tom M.

### **Phoenix Group – Brockville**

NOT PRESENT

### **Saturday Night - Smiths Falls**

All is well, attendance has been steady. Nothing new to report. Yours in service, Richard S.

### **Seaway Group – Brockville**

Last week was the lowest attendance in 35 years according to a few of our older members. This may have been due to the Annual Brock Cottage and Tennant House meeting. We decided to have an open discussion on Gratitude rather than a speaker meeting as our speaker didn't show up either! It was a great meeting. We have 4 celebrations in the month of July. God willing, I (Twyla) will celebrate 3 years with Pat B (18 years) on July 8<sup>th</sup>, Clifford H 1 year on July 15<sup>th</sup>, and Robert T 1 year on July 22. Yours in service, Twyla S.

### **Steps to Freedom – Carleton Place**

Good evening everyone my name is Andrew and I am an alcoholic. The Steps to Freedom Group is going strong. We have had steady attendance all month. There are no birthdays to report this month. Yours in service, Andrew

### **Sunshine Group – Brockville**

Continuing to carry the message of recovery. We welcome visitors who might happen to be in our beautiful town on Thursday at noon. We have 2 celebrations in the month of July, Susan will celebrate her 1<sup>st</sup> year July 2 and Louise will celebrate 9 years on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Yours in Service, Barbara P.

### **12&12 Serenity Group – Perth**

Our meetings are very well attended with some extra summer residents coming to both meetings. We have had a couple of new members join our group and we have distributed Big Books to the Perth area schools. At our next business meeting we are going to decide where we are going to put information out in the public such as doctors' offices, lawyers' offices, etc. We have one anniversary on July 6 at 7:30, Susanne W with 18 years. Yours in Service, Ann T.

### **Westport Group**

Greetings, the Westport by the Book group meets 8:00 pm Wednesday nights at the Westport United Church. The church is located at the southeast corner of Church and Spring Streets. The meeting is wheelchair accessible. We study 2 weeks out of the Big Book and 2 weeks out of the 12 + 12. It is closed meeting open only when we celebrate birthdays, at which time we usually have a speaker. We average 8 to 12 people per week. We are pleased to see our seasonal people return in the summer. Our attendance increases as, a result of summer visitors, to 15 to 20 people per meeting. We welcome AA members from the District and Area to come and visit. Yours in Loving Service, Jen B.

### **Young Peoples Group – Brockville**

NOT PRESENT

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **Archives**

I'm Colleen, Alcoholic and Archivist for District 66. I have handed out group questionnaires, which I am hoping that you will take back to your groups and bring back to me. There is a binder in the Archives which I have brought tonight that contains a few memoirs of groups in the district. My hope is to add as many group histories as possible. The questions are only suggestions, a guideline, to give you some sort of an idea of what it is I am looking for. I'd like to read the first page of the binder tonight which documents the beginning of AA in District 66. My binder contains segments from the following groups: Sat Night Smiths Falls, Heritage Valley and the Perth Big Book Step Discussion Group. Those groups are welcome to fill out the questionnaire or not, as they see fit. I appreciate your help in this endeavor. Yours in Service, Colleen L.

## **Correction and Treatment Facilities**

Hi, my name is Carolyn and I am an alcoholic. I attended the CFTF area meeting last night. CFTF is looking for input from the groups to see if we are willing to take on further commitments, one is in a correctional facility in Ogdensburg and the other is in a correctional facility in Gatineau. They are for male volunteers only and require clearance. The clearance for the Gatineau facility can be done over the phone. This is to put on English meetings. Apparently boarder crossing is not a problem for volunteers going to the Ogdensburg facility. G.S.R's please take this information to your groups and ask if there are any volunteers. If there are not enough volunteers we will not take on these commitments, but we need to know to make the decision. William Hay is also seeking more male volunteers. This also requires 2 years of sobriety and a clearance. The mission in Ottawa is also seeking male volunteers. Let me know if you would like any further information. The Brockville jail commitments seem to be going fairly smoothly except for some people not showing up occasionally. When this happens the other volunteer is no longer allowed in alone. Please make sure to be there if you have volunteered to be. Anyone travelling any distance should always contact the jail before they leave home to find out if there are any lockdowns. The phone # is 341-2870 extension 3227. This is important if you are concerned about not being let in.

The Royal Ottawa staff at the STU in Brockville have written new orders for the Corrections staff. I have been assured this should resolve any problems volunteers have been having getting in. Please remember though that no volunteers will be let in alone. It is important for both volunteers to be there. If you cannot fill your commitment please let me know as soon as possible and I will try to get a replacement. There are 5 volunteers that have decided to take the summer off. I certainly understand them wanting a break but I am now suddenly very short of volunteers again. Please announce this need at your groups and I have the application form with me if anyone is interested. Requirements are again 2 members and 2 years sobriety with no criminal charges in the last 5 (I think) years. I am also asking if I would be able to get some help with all of these facilities. It is getting to be a nightmare trying to get in touch with people in different districts when the CFTF representatives have not had anyone lined up. I am running into a lot of empty spots on the schedules and no names and phone #'s and sometimes wrong phone numbers. If anyone is interested please let me know. My telephone # is 613-267-6988 and my email is [carolynd66@hotmail.com](mailto:carolynd66@hotmail.com). Thank you for the opportunity to do this service. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know members from other areas. Yours in love and service, Carolyn M.

## **Grapevine/Literature**

Not much new to report. I have a good supply of books, also some LARGE PRINT Big Books, Daily Reflections and Came to Believe for sale. I will be going to our trailer for July & August and can be reached on our cell at 613-264-3485 and I will be at the house almost everyday and will check for calls when I am in. The Grapevine news is that I will be passing out order forms for 2010 Calendars and pocket planners. Please follow the instructions on how to order, which are member to group, group to District, District to Area, Area to GSO Grapevine and then in reverse to receive your order. Must have your order back by the August District meeting. Thanks! Yours in service, Stan.

## **Public information & Cooperation with the Professional Community**

I don't have much to report this month. Contact has been made with a few schools and the possibility of coordinating PI presentations when school commences in the Fall seems possible. I want to take this opportunity to ask the G.S.R's to share with their groups the need for assistance in PI education to the public. 1. We need speakers for presentation e.g. Young persons for schools. 2. Ask your members if they know of a school, workplace, business or any organization that may need information on Alcoholics Anonymous. Yours in Service, Rodger C.

## **Self- Support**

Hi friends. Things in Self Support are slow, no phone calls from any G.S.R's inviting Self Support to their group. Happy to see everything is doing good in your District. No pamphlets yet should be here by next meeting. Yours In Sobriety John M, [cederman2001@hotmail.com](mailto:cederman2001@hotmail.com), 613-283-5805

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS (con't)**

## **12 Step Phone Coordinator**

NOT PRESENT

## **Website Chair (www.lanarkleedsaa.org)**

NOT PRESENT

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None to discuss.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Service Information Day, are we holding one in September? (Pat C)

Discussion took place and it was voted to go ahead with the Service Information Day. Brockville was named as the host town and Gary C volunteered to be the Chair. The date will be either Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> OR Saturday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, depending on Sandy Smith's availability. Wendy M volunteered to coordinate the food, Twyla S volunteered to put together the Panels, and Katie B volunteered to help with the hall rental.

### 2. Area Delegate Sandy Smith – set a date for her to give us her report (Pat C)

Sandy can give us her report from GSO at the Service Information Day in September.

### 3. District meeting location for July & August – Coffee Cup available? (Pat C)

The Coffee Club is available and it was decided to meet here for the months of July & August

### 4. Volunteers for CFTF

Carolyn is still looking for volunteers for the Brockville Jail and the Secure Treatment Unit at the Brockville Mental Health Center. Please take this to your groups and discuss the need for this very important part of our service work. We have been asked to help out in another District but discussion lead to the fact that if we are having trouble doing our out District then we best NOT commit to other institutions at this time.

### 5. Literature report & prudent reserve – Twyla

The literature reserve has some confusion around it. It was discussed that Stan received a \$400 prudent reserve in January 2009 when his 2-year term started and also received an inventory of literature. This cleared the air and it is understood that Stan is happy with the arrangement of ordering books on his own VISA, then District repays him with a cheque. Stan is NOT out of pocket for books. There was a motion put forth to give Stan a \$500 Prudent Reserve for Literature but it was DECLINED. Neil had stated last month that a monthly report on were we are with literature would be a great idea and that was briefly discussed. We are looking to know what kind of money we spend monthly to stock books as well as what our inventory of books is. Stan to prepare monthly report.

## **SHARING PORTION**

N/A

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7<sup>TH</sup> TRADITION collected = \$33.88

***NEXT BUSINESS MEETING IS JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 @ 7:30 PM***

CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE AND LORD'S PRAYER AT 8:45PM