

MEETING MINUTES FOR DISTRICT 66 SERVICE MEETING (AREA 83) (January 27th, 2010)

4. ALTERNATE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER

I had the pleasure of going to Sharbot Lake Monday evening to attend 3 celebrations totaling 29 years of sobriety. I am getting excited about all the things coming up like our District Round-up and the Spring Assembly. Thank you, in love and service, Gary C.

5. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER

It is great to see all of you again. Since our last meeting myself and Gary C. attended the Area meeting in Tuckers Corners on January 9th and as usual it was a great meeting. The financial report was presented and our Area is in good shape. A lot of business was dealt with. I have with me tonight copies of the minutes of the Fall Assembly for each of the groups. I suggest that you review this with your groups as there is a lot of information that should be of interest to the general membership. At this time I wish to extend on behalf of the district sincere thanks to Tom and his crew at the coffee club for their hospitality in making a place for our district meetings over the past few months. It was really great. That's all for now. Yours in love and service, Pat C., DCM

**Question about a phone number to contact someone about volunteering for the Eastern Canada Hospitality suite in San Antonio rather than the Internet. Pat to follow-up.

GROUPS & MEETINGS REPORTS:

Almonte Group – Almonte

NOT PRESENT

Athens 3RD Tradition Group

NOT PRESENT

Autonomy Group – Brockville

All continues to be well with our monthly meeting, attendance is strong. We only have 1 birthday to announce for the month of February. Wendy M. will be celebrating 5 years on the 21st. A few members of our group are organizing a separate Step Group using the Big Book as a guide, which will be open to anyone interested in attending. Once times and dates are sorted out, we will be sure to get the word out for anyone wanting to join us. Yours in service Wendy M.

Back to Basics Group – Brockville

On the 22nd of January James had his 2nd birthday. I would like to introduce Tari, the Alternate GSR. This is her first District meeting. Our transition is going well with a lot of support. Yours in service, Ken D.

Brockville Lunch Bunch Meetings – Brockville

Attendance in January picked up. Out of town guests are attending from across the border. Mary M celebrated her first year in January and Laura P will be celebrating her 4th year on January 29th. We are always looking for support at our lunch meetings. Yours in Service, Denise M

Glad Awakenings Woman's Group– Brockville

Glad Awakenings Women's Group meets Monday nights at 8:00 pm at St. Lawrence Church, Park and Pine Streets in Brockville. Although the group began 22 years ago in Anne T's home, we have only been registered with AA in New York since Jan. 1, 2010. We felt this was an exciting way to begin the New Year as the group has grown substantially and has become a regular meeting for many women. We welcome any out of town visitors.

Glad Awakenings is a closed discussion group for women only except for the last Monday of every month when it is an OPEN speaker meeting for women only. We have a small core of members among whom the various positions and duties are divided. Attendance at our meetings is usually between 20 and 25 people. Usually, about one third of the women attending Glad Awakenings are from the treatment centre, Tennant House, and many graduates who stay in Brockville continue to attend. The Tennant House residents often take part in the readings and as they become more confident, will even chair meetings. Rose V., recently arrived from Vancouver, BC will celebrate 3 years on Feb. 8th with us. And while Wendy M. will celebrate at her home group, we will also honour her 5th birthday on Feb. 22nd. Yours in service, Penney P.

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Grapevine 12&12 Group – Smiths Falls

Both meetings are doing well. We have two celebrations in February, Randy C has 7 years, and Ann has 3 years, they are both celebrating Feb. 23rd. Yours in service, Debbie M.

Heritage Valley Group– Carleton Place

Hope everyone has had a great start to 2010. We at the Heritage Valley Group have had very good attendance to start the New Year off. On Feb 1, Paul F will celebrate 8 years of continuous sobriety. On March 15th our group will celebrate our 21 year anniversary with a pot luck dinner at 6:00pm and a speaker meeting to follow, with an out of town speaker at 8:00pm. Yours in service, Paul F

Land of Lakes – Sharbot Lake

NOT PRESENT

Living Sober Group – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

Merrickville Sunday Night

NOT PRESENT BUT REPORT SUBMITTED

We had a celebration in Merrickville on Sunday, Jan 24 for Steve D who has achieved 5 years of continuous sobriety. He says "Thanks to everyone for my sobriety". Yours in love and service, Ron W.

Mississippi Group – Carleton Place

NOT PRESENT

New Beginnings – Smiths Falls

NOT PRESENT

New Hope Group – Smiths Falls

Attendance has been averaging 18 to 19 per meeting. Members celebrating on Feb. 22 are: Morgan P. with 3 years and Walter K. with 18 years. Yours in service, Bud P.

Perth Sunday Morning

NOT PRESENT BUT REPORT SUBMITTED

The Perth Sunday Morning Meeting is going strong. We average about 20 to 25 each meeting and have good discussions with many people sharing their experiences. I'm sorry I couldn't make this district meeting tonight, but need to throw my support to the Lanark Highlands Wednesday night meeting which is struggling as of late. Yours in service, Paul B

Perth Tay Group

Perth Tay has been having good turnouts during these cold winter nights. Celebrating this month are Feb 4th, Don P with 34 years, Feb 11th, Tom K with 32 years, and March 11th, Dave C with 14 years. Yours in service, Tom M.

Phoenix Group – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

Saturday Morning 12 Step Group – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

Saturday Night - Smiths Falls

Greetings from the Smiths Falls Saturday Night Group. All is well. Blair B will be celebrating 32 years in February, his sobriety date is the 22nd, and we have not yet had our business meeting this month to confirm which Saturday night he will be celebrating but it will likely be on the 27th. Yours in service, Richard S.

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Seaway Group – Brockville

Tonight, Kim H will be celebrating his first year of sobriety. We also have a few celebrations in the month of February. Paul will be celebrating his 30th year on February 3rd and Sheila B will celebrate 38 years on Feb 10th. Yours in service, Gerald B.

Steps to Freedom – Carleton Place

I will not be attending the District Table anymore as I have moved out of the District. Sincerely, Andrew

Sunshine Group – Brockville

We are officially registered with New York. Our group is actually 10.5 years old. Will send our group number to the Secretary/Registrar for inclusion in minutes and whatever else. Heidi J celebrated her first year in January. Our group participated with gratitude and enthusiasm in the Alkathon at both Christmas and New Years with speakers for both meetings. We welcome visitors to Brockville who are able to take in a meeting on THURSDAY AT NOON. Jim M's reminiscences of the Sunshine Group in particular and Brockville AA in general has been submitted to Colleen for archives and enthusiastically received. To be displayed at the District Round-up. Yours in service, Barbara P.

12&12 Serenity Group – Perth

Both of our meetings are well attended. We have a nice mix of newcomers and long term AA's. We have one celebration in February. John has 1 year next Monday, February 1st at 7:30pm. It will be a speaker meeting. Please come and support him. Yours in service, Ann T.

Westport Group

NOT PRESENT

Young Peoples Group – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

Alkathon

The 2009 Alkathon was a great success in Brockville. It was held over a 24 hours at Xmas time and also at New Years. The total attendance for the entire event was in the vicinity of 250 people. We had 12 hours of meetings on the 24th and also on the 31st. Most of the time slots were filled by local groups and there was a lot of new sobriety in attendance. Food donations exceeded what was required, so we had to dispose of some of it to the local treatment centres. It appeared that all those who attended had a good time and appreciated the effort. It did keep us sober. We sincerely thank the District for giving us the opportunity of hosting this event and look forward to redoing it next year. In the event that Brockville is hosting next year a co-chairperson has been found and she is willing to chair for next year. Following is the financial breakdown of the event;

District advance	\$200.00
Rent advance	\$100.00
Expenses	\$314.77
Private donations	\$135.00
7th Tradition	\$302.42
Returning to District	\$300.00
Profit	\$122.65 (**To be brought forth as New business)

Thanking you for the opportunity to enhance my sobriety, I remain yours in Service, Gerry M., Alkathon Chair

Archives

NO REPORT

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Correction Facilities

NOT PRESENT

Meetings on Monday nights at the STU at the Brockville Mental Health Centre have been changed to the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month rather than every week.

District Spring Round-up

10 people were present at our meeting Jan 13th. All position looked like there are filled for now. District table will be approached tonight under new business for the start up float of \$800. Next meeting is February 11th at 7:00 pm in Perth and March 23rd at 7:00 pm in Athens. Yours in service, Jim S.

Literature/ Grapevine

Sales had been slow near the end of the year (2009) but have picked up in the last couple of weeks. I will be sending an order in next week as I am getting low in Big Books, 12 X 12, and Living Sober. Yours in service, Stan C.

Public information & Cooperation with the Professional Community

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Self- Support

NO CHAIR AT PRESENT TIME

**To be filled in the interim by our Alt. DCM, Gary C.

Treatment Facilities

I am pleased to be here tonight. The meetings at Alwood and Newgate 180 for Men have been running along smoothly this month. There was confusion at the beginning of the year about the scheduling of all the districts but that has been straightened out. This happens at the beginning of every year and all of these commitments were met anyway. That's progress. I did not make it to the area CFTF committee meeting last night. There were so many people unable to attend that there would have been little accomplished anyway. I am looking forward to attending in February. Yours in service, Carolyn M.

12-Step Phone Coordinator

NOT PRESENT

Website Chair (www.lanarkleedsaa.org)

NOT PRESENT BUT REPORT SUBMITTED

First let me say that I am going to try to be at the next District Table in February. I have not been able to attend for a multitude of reasons. I do have to say that I am a little offended that I receive emails and comments directed towards my not being at district table, 'stepping down' and 'answering where I was' when I feel I have done a thorough job of keeping the website and the meeting list updated and I don't appreciate being put in the position of answering to anyone for my whereabouts. That being said, I have been on top of doing the updates to the website when they are sent to me, through the website email address. You may notice a cleaner and easier to navigate site as I have removed a lot of left-over files and re-organized the links section. I will have the printable meeting list posted with the current month and new year (February 2010). Our traffic remains consistent at approximately 170 visits monthly, and the site has been up 99% of the time according to logs. The majority of the traffic is directed to first; the (html) meeting list, and second, the (printable) paper one, so our primary purpose is still being met. Please note that if you are interested in having a flyer posted to the website from our district it would also be prudent to include our district website address (www.lanarkleedsaa.org) somewhere on your flyer for cross-referencing. Also, if you have any flyers, etc. you would like to have posted to the website, please save them in (.jpg) or (.pdf) format, all other formats will be returned. I hope to be able to get to the district table in February to see all your smiling faces! Yours in Service, Greg L.

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Self Support Chair needed – Pat C

No one volunteered for the position, therefore our Alt. DCM; Gary C. will fill the position in the interim

2. Eastern Canada Regional Assembly – Pat C

This was discussed and voted on at the last Area meeting on January 9th, with our District supporting the idea. The overall vote was NO.

3. UCLG Information Session update – Twyla S

The United Counties of Leeds & Grenville had requested that the community agencies for addictions provide information session to their 80 staff members over a 2 day period (Jan 13 & 20). Alcoholics Anonymous was invited and I was happy to arrange our participation after speaking with Rodger (PICPC). Myself and Wendy M attended all 4 sessions with a consistent message.

What AA is, what AA isn't and how do you get in contact with AA and help your client get to a meeting. The main website for AA, as well as our District and the surrounding Districts website addresses were all passed along to the workers. The sessions were only 20 minutes in length and I think this is a wonderful thing happening in our community. Education is the starting point. Such agencies as Tri County Addiction Services, SMART Recovery, Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Alwood Treatment Centre, Brock Cottage & Tennant House, and Motherwise were present.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PICPC – RODGER C

Committee meeting to be held on February 24th @ 7:00 pm PRIOR to our District meeting.

2. Round up float money - STAN C

\$800.00 float was requested by Stan and Neil will write the cheque

3. Ontario Delegate Convention Donation– PAT C

Is being hosted in Ottawa on October 22 & 23, 2010. A motion was put on the table to forward \$150.00 as our donation from District 66. Paul motioned, Colleen seconded, passed.

4. Area Assemblies – Pat C

Pat shared information regarding the upcoming Assembly in Kingston on March 26-28. The hotel is extremely busy with a hockey tournament in town and if you do not already have a room booked you may want to call ahead. Also, to be on the safe side, rebook your room for the Fall when you check out.

5. Ottawa Traditions Workshop – Pat C

The Ottawa Valley is looking at hosting a Traditions Workshop and the date is TBA.

6. District Alkathon Chair & Monies – Gerry M

The co-chair for this year's event was Denise M who is willing to step up to Chair for the 2010-2011 Alkathon. Gerry motioned that the profit from the Alkathon of \$122.65 be forwarded to the St. Lawrence Anglican Church as an addition to the \$100 we already paid for rent as this was a very reasonable amount for a 48 hour rental. Colleen seconded the motion and it was passed.

SHARING PORTION:

DCM area expense for January 2010 submitted by Pat C in the amount of \$25.00.

7TH TRADITION collected = \$ 38.85

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 24TH, 2010 @ 7:30 PM

MEETING CLOSED AT 8:25 PM WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE AND LORD'S PRAYER
