



# MEETING MINUTES FOR DISTRICT 66 SERVICE MEETING (AREA 83) (March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010)

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## **2. SECRETARY REPORT**

Thank you to Greg our Webmaster who has the Agenda and Minutes posted on our Website. I am requesting \$50 from the table to cover my expenses for printing and copying of minutes and agendas as I can no longer provide them for free. Yours in service, Twyla S.

## **3. REGISTRAR**

NOT PRESENT

## **4. ALTERNATE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER**

I had the pleasure of attending the Area Assembly in Kingston on March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> and as usual found it very interesting. I am looking forward to the Round up in Perth on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April. I am enjoying my position of Alt. DCM and I hope I can keep on serving you for quite some time. Yours in love and service, Gary C.

## **5. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER**

I attended the Assembly in Kingston last weekend. Once again it was a great weekend. General attendance was roughly the same as last falls assembly. The workshops were well presented and each one drew good attendance. A large number of people attended Friday night open speaker meeting with Terry G. DCM of District 22 Scarborough, shared her message with us. Saturday's banquet was well attended and the speaker was Jo-Anne L. from Winnipeg. She is the Canadian Trustee at Large. Sunday's business meeting progressed very smoothly. A new item under new business was discussed and dealt with. A motion by Jean F., DCM of district 58 Ottawa Bytown presented the motion to have the area form an Adhoc committee to look into the problem of low group turn out at the Assemblies. After due discussion the motion was defeated. A few attendance facts to present to you. District 66 54% of groups were represented Area as a whole 35% of groups represented. All in all a great weekend and my thanks to you the District table for financial support to attend the Assembly on your behalf. Yours in love and service, Pat C., DCM

## **GROUPS & MEETINGS REPORTS:**

### **Almonte Group – Almonte**

NOT PRESENT

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

Meeting well attended. Birthday for April is on the 27<sup>th</sup> for Jim St. P 30 years. Yours in service, Doug M, "keep it simple"

### **Autonomy Group – Brockville**

We have one birthday to announce for the month of April. Phil K. will be celebrating his 1<sup>st</sup> year of continuous sobriety on Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>, at the 7pm meeting. A 'feel good' story occurred earlier in the month that I would like to share with you. I was notified by a Good Samaritan who placed a call to the A.A. phone number listed in the phonebook that a medallion had been found in the Perth area. After taking the information from this kind woman and thanking her for taking the time to call and let someone know what she had found, I set about the potentially impossible job of locating a person for whom I only had a first name, absolutely no description and who could have literally been from anywhere on the globe. Needless to say, this is the first time I have ever considered anonymity a barrier! So after making a few calls to local GSR's in hopes that maybe they would recognize the name on the medallion, and coming up short, I turned to the internet and e-mailed everyone on my Golden Triangle, District 66 contact list, many of whom are sitting at this table tonight. And although no one I reached directly actually knew the owner of the medallion, within 12 hours of the first phone call and e-mail going out, the owner was found through the efforts of others reaching out to people they knew and so on and so on. Now the real 'feel good' part of this story, is the ending of course, which I am getting too!, and that is that this special medallion (that was picked up by a caring citizen who was *not* a member of this great fellowship), this medallion belonged to a woman who hadn't even seen it yet, as it was to be presented to her a week later at her 25 year celebration. That medallion passed through many hands, figuratively speaking, to get to its very important destination and it could never have happened without the help of all of you. So thank you all again, in person, for caring enough about a complete stranger to have taken the time out of your busy day to help make this happen. As stated on page 84 of the Big Book, Fourth Addition, "We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows". And I lastly I promise to keep this short, I had the privilege of attending the Area Assembly in Kingston this past weekend and I would just like to say that it was a great pleasure to be in the company of others who share the same enthusiasm for service as myself. A great weekend! Yours in service, Wendy M.

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

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

Our group is growing. Not much else to report. Yours in service, Ken D.

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

Group is doing very well. Getting new faces (new sobriety) a lot. We keep losing members to treatment centres temporarily (five at the moment). Looking forward to having them back soon. Made our first contribution to District this month, so our feet are well planted. Have been getting positive feedback regarding noon meetings. This allows Brockville in having two meetings a day. That's Great! Yours in service, Denise M.

### **Glad Awakenings Women's Group– Brockville**

NOT PRESENT BUT REPORT SUBMITTED

Spring is here and attendance is steady at Glad Awakenings on Monday evenings. We have said "Good bye" to six women from Tennant House who have gone home and we wish them well in their journeys in sobriety. As always, we welcome the newcomers. We have no birthdays in April but continue to attract new members and invite women from the area to join us. Women's meetings are very special and we'd love to meet you. Yours in service, Penney P.

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

Both meetings are doing well. We have one member celebrating in April; Jude K. will be celebrating 20 years on April 6th. Yours in Service, Debbie M.

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

The Month of March has been a good one at the Heritage Valley Group. Our group anniversary was well attended. Everyone had lots to eat and Jim S had a great message for all. As well I attended the Area Assembly in Kingston, another great event. To start off the month of April one of our founding members Bob H will celebrate 22 yrs on Monday April 5 2010. Hope everyone has a great Spring. Yours in service, Paul F

### **Land of Lakes – Sharbot Lake**

NOT PRESENT BUT REPORT SUBMITTED

Attendance is up and the group is doing well. We are averaging between 10 - 15 people per meeting, sometimes getting as many as 20. We lost Susan S. this past month who will be greatly missed. 30 year anniversary of the Land o Lakes group is coming up at the end of June on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Our usual potluck dinner followed by our regular open speaker/birthday night will be put on. Supper at 7:00, regular meeting at 8:30, fellowship all night! Yours in service, Art H.

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

The meeting has approximately 25 people and the topics are from the "Living Sober" book and seem to be very well received with lots of good discussion. Yours in service, Susan S.

### **Merrickville Sunday Night**

REPORT NOT SUBMITTED

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

NOT PRESENT

### **New Beginnings – Smiths Falls**

All meetings are well attended. Birthdays for April are Larry D 23 years on the 26<sup>th</sup> and Jamie C. 5 years on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Yours in service, Larry D.

### **New Hope Group – Smiths Falls**

Attendance has been good at most meetings, except our Business Meetings. Our member celebrating on March 29 was Bob J. with 4 years. Celebrating the end on April will be Steve K. with 18 years. Representing our group at assembly last weekend was our alternate GSR, Terry K. Yours in service, Bud P.

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### **Perth Sunday Morning**

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

### **Perth Tay Group**

Our group is having very good turnouts to our meeting. A great informative weekend was spent in Kingston at the Area 83 Assembly and Info day. Celebrations this month is on the 15<sup>th</sup>, Colleen L. has 12 years. Yours in service, Tom M.

### **Phoenix Group – Brockville**

The meetings are starting to pickup in attendance to 8-10 people for the Big Book study and 10-15 for the topic discussion. Three new members have signed up in the last month. Yours in service, Brian M.

### **Saturday Morning 12 Step Group – Brockville**

We have changed our name to the "Sober Sunrise Group". John M is now the alternate GSR. Attendance is up to approx 12 on average. We work on the Steps which seems to benefit the two treatment centers because it provides a safe environment to share and all enjoy the sharing. We are also pleased to make our first contribution to District tonight. Gratefully yours in service, Clifford and John M. Another Sober Sunrise!!

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

Nothing to report. No celebrations in April. Yours in service, Richard S.

### **Seaway Group – Brockville**

Ann T – 36 years and Jim S – 23 years will both celebrate on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Reported by Gary C and Jim S.

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

NOT PRESENT

### **Sunday Morning Group – Brockville**

NOT PRESENT BUT REPORT SUBMITTED

Brockville Sunday Morning Group has officially voted in myself, Dianna T., as G.S.R. An alternate G.S.R. is to be discussed at next business meeting along with official voting in of same, if selected. An email message was forwarded to the Registrar providing my name and address as well as the name of the previous G.S.R. I am replacing in order to update A.A. Directory information. Request has been made to provide Ms. T. with a G.S.R. Kit as soon as possible. Attendance at the Brockville Sunday Morning Group is steady averaging approximately 20 - 25 people. Still low attendance at Business Meetings. We, as a group, are currently working on promoting both. No birthday celebrations to announce in the month of April. Revision on Brockville Sunday Morning Group's Feb. 24'10 Report to Area regarding Sarah M.'s two year celebration to show March 07, 2010 not March 14, 2010. Yours in service, Dianna T.

### **Sunshine Group – Brockville**

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

### **12&12 Serenity Group – Perth**

Our meetings are well attended as are our business meetings. We have 2 celebrations in April. On April 5<sup>th</sup> Janet C will celebrate 15 years and on the 12<sup>th</sup> Kyle O will celebrate 1 year. Have a happy and sober Spring. Yours in service, Ann T.

### **Westport Group**

NOT PRESENT

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

NOT PRESENT

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## **SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:**

### **Archives**

The Group History is filling up quite nicely, and the histories continue to trickle in. I will be setting up an archive table at the District Roundup, so please drop by and take a look. I have constructed a presentation set up for Archives – please let me know what you think. I would like to ask the Table if I would be able to have some money to buy a few things in order to maintain archives. I did a quick shopping list, based on what I feel I have immediate needs for. I am looking for a legal size binder, legal size sheet protectors and also letter size sheet protectors. I'd also like a couple of letter size binders, but I may have what I need in my cupboards. One quote was for \$62 plus tax, free shipping. The other was for much less \$40 plus tax, but shipping was an additional \$40. I would prefer to shop first, and then present a bill to be reimbursed with if that is possible, as I am bargain hunting, and have only gotten a couple of quick quotes. I may be able to substitute items to get what I feel I need in a more cost efficient manner.  
Yours in service, Colleen L.

### **Correction Facilities**

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

\*\*See Treatment Facilities for information.

### **District Spring Round-up**

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

### **Literature/ Grapevine**

NOT PRESENT

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

I have made copies of the AA guidelines for public information. Anyone wanting a copy can obtain one through myself. Many times in public information we are asked what AA is and what it has to offer the public. I have made copies of the AA fax sheet.

1. Preamble
2. What AA does
3. What AA does not do

I was requested by Wendy, a member of the Autonomy group for AA approved literature for members of the Clergy. The pamphlets that are appropriate and very good are:

1. Members of the Clergy ask about alcoholics anonymous.
2. If you are a Professional
3. The AA facts sheet

Anyone wanting pamphlets to spread the message of AA please see myself. Yours in Service, Rodger C

### **Self- Support**

Like I said earlier I attended the Assembly in Kingston and went to the Self-support workshop where I learned a lot about the position. I also attended a self support meeting by invitation on Sunday morning. Here all the support chairs shared their involvement and what they were doing to promote self support. Self support is much much more than just money. It is getting newcomers to meetings and right now there is very much a lack of information at group level. It was suggested that all GSR's go to their groups and ask all the members if they really know what self support is all about and bring the results back to your self support chair at District. Yours in love and service, Gary C.

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### **SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS: (con't)**

#### **Treatment Facilities**

I am pleased to say the commitments have been fulfilled at Alwood and Newgate 180 for Men this month. There were two commitments missed at Alwood in a row and they were very disappointed. The kids really look forward to these meetings each week. I phone the volunteer members and remind them of their commitments unless the representative for that district does not pass on their name and phone numbers to me. These are always the ones that the problems arise with. I have been pushing the reps for this information each month but some insist that the volunteers have already confirmed. Alwood is such an easy commitment to fill in this area, even at short notice that it is never necessary for the kids to miss a meeting. I will continue to push for the information I need each week.

I am again requesting \$350 to donate to CFTF for this area. It is more money that we asked for last year, but there is such a need for literature in every non-profit site that we serve. There has been a larger and larger need for money at the Ottawa Detox Management Centre and even though they have a bigger budget than any other in this area, they are still only able to supply meeting lists to the people there. These people have to go out to an AA meeting to get their own big book. There will never be enough money to keep every site well stocked but each penny helps and we are very grateful to get it.

I would like to ask all of the GSR's to remind their group members that we always looking for used copies of the Grapevine, Big Books or AA literature that may be willing to pass along. We can always find someone who appreciates the chance to read these magazines and books. Thank you for the opportunity to continue doing this service for District 66. Cliff. H. is doing a wonderful job getting clearances and scheduling the volunteer members for the meetings at the Brockville Mental Health Centre and the Brockville Jail. I am so grateful that he stepped up and took on this commitment from me. It was too much with the five different sites and I would have had to step back entirely. This is a very important service to the alcoholic who still suffers and for that we are responsible. Yours in love and service, Carolyn M.

#### **12-Step Phone Coordinator**

Saturday night group is taking the phones for April. May through to December is free for the taking. My computer is having problems and I viewed the emails 2 days late. Yours in service, Brian M.

#### **Website Chair ([www.lanarkleedsaa.org](http://www.lanarkleedsaa.org))**

Nothing to report. Everything is running smoothly, no downtime. Yours in Service, Greg L.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Area CFTF Donation request of \$350 by Carolyn. Motioned by Brian, seconded by Paul F. Carried
2. Hall rental fee – Neil has paid \$180 for half of 2009 and up until June 2010 so that we are current and ahead.

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## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Service Information Day in the Fall – are you having it again this year? Question arose about moving it to somewhere different from Brockville, like maybe Perth. Also questions as to why we invite our Delegate to report when she does so twice a year at the Service Assembly. Tabled.
  2. AA TV Ads – Faces are being shown in the ads and as well on the new AA Video called HOPE. Please take this back to your group and asks for their feedback and bring back to the table.
  3. Fall Corn roast – Gerry M asked if the District would be interested in backing a Corn roast in Brockville at St. Lawrence Park. This is to be taken to your group and ask if they support District backing this event.
  4. Colleen is requesting \$70 for Archives – Motion by Barbara and seconded by Ken. Carried
  5. Twyla is requesting \$50 for Secretary supplies – Motion by Paul, seconded by Clifford. Carried
  6. A donation of 6 Big Books is needed from our Literature for the Spring Round-up. Motion by Ron, seconded by Debbie. Carried
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7<sup>TH</sup> TRADITION collected = \$53.44

***NEXT DISTRICT MEETING IS APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 @ 7:30 PM***

MEETING CLOSED AT 8:55 PM WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE AND LORD'S PRAYER