

WESTERN ONTARIO GENERAL SERVICE
AREA 86 PANEL66
Area Committee Meeting
Owen Sound August 12, 2017

Hi Ladies and Gentlemen:

I'm an alcoholic member of the Sunday Nighters for Uptighters in Barrie and I currently have the honor and privilege of serving as Area 86 Western Ontario Panel 66 Delegate and my name is Fredy M.

There is not much to report at this time other than I have been busy attending various roundups in the Area. It's amazing to see how well and alive AA is in our Area.

I received a report on groups in our area contributing to GSO and it shows in percentage terms, that as of June 30, 2017 groups have contributed 29.09% compared to 29.75% in 2016 at the same date. That means that group contributions to our area are lower by 0.66% compared to last year.

I really hope that as members of this great fellowship we encourage our groups to contribute to GSO and perhaps some day we, as a fellowship, can be fully self supported. It doesn't take that much to achieve it, if we all skip 3 to 5 cups of coffee a year and instead we send that money (US \$7.27 approx. CAD \$9.10) to GSO. This is something I encourage you to share at your group meetings.

The Trustee's Committee on Literature has an opening for a Nontrustee Appointed Committee Member. They are looking for members with experience and familiarity with the use of technology and communications tools, and also experience in AA service and in carrying the message to young people.

The Yellow Card regarding safety in AA is a service material that is now available online and hard copy. Groups can request it from the Literature dept. and the code is F-211 if I'm not mistaken.

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Raising awareness about safety issues in our fellowship doesn't mean becoming an "AA police" singling out people and putting labels on them. I have heard things like that happening in a few groups in different districts of our Area. I strongly believe that the principles found in our Traditions can be used to avoid all these types of problems, in other words, we should spend more time studying the Traditions than labelling our fellow members.

I still have half a dozen roundups to attend until the end of the year, and I'm looking forward to see and share with you at the Fall Assembly in Kitchener on November 3-5.

Yours in Service,

Fredy M.

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