

Hello everyone, I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Paradise Group on Hamilton Mountain, I have the honour and privilege to be your Area 86, Western Ontario, Panel 64 Delegate and my name is Jim W.

I wish to thank Fredy, my alternate for stepping up to the plate last week in Kingsville at the roundup and also for reading my report today. Some of you that have called are aware that I have been very ill for the last couple of months side effects from new medications creating nausea, a wonderful cold from my lovely wife 3 weeks ago which has turned into fevers and shakes and with my immune system compromised I have nothing to fight this battle.

Since our last Area Committee meeting I have travelled to many Districts in Western Ontario and have enjoyed your company at your roundups meeting the people behind the scenes making your roundups happen but also those who support what you do by buying tickets. With including my trip to Laval, Quebec next week for the Eastern Canada Regional Forum which I hope that you are all going to I will have travelled over 2000 miles in Area 86 in my journey as your Delegate. 8 groups in Area 86 were asked to participate in the 2014 membership survey. I will be mailing them back to GSO when they are returned in mid-August.

The week after returning from Laval I hope to be attending the District 4 roundup and with a couple service talks planned I hope to be able to have a vacation with my wife on the beach holding hands celebrating our 40th wedding Anniversary.

The following is the first report from Richard B. our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

As your Eastern Canada Regional Trustee, I was privileged to participate in my first July Board Weekend in New York. What an experience! During this year, I will serve on Corrections committee, IC/Regional Forum committee and the International committee.

I am able to report the following news:

1. At 9 a.m. EDT on September 3, 2014, on-line registration opens for the 2015 International Convention in Atlanta.
2. Recruitment is underway for GSO's newly created position of Information Technology Manager.
3. Mary Clare L. has moved from the Regional Forums desk to Literature as a result of Mary D.'s retirement.
4. The Archives video shown at the Conference, *Markings on the Journey*, is available for distribution.
5. aa.org has been set up to receive recurring contributions if any member wants to give monthly.
6. As you know, a new literature price list has been adopted effective October 1, 2014. There has also been a reduction of shipping and handling charges.
7. AAWS made a net profit of \$627,000 for the first six months of 2014; Grapevine made \$155,000. The Reserve Fund presently stands at \$14 million or 9.4 months of expenses.
8. Grapevine will offer *Language of the Heart* as an audiobook beginning late fall. A new publication upcoming will be *Sober and Out* which deals with gay and lesbian alcoholics.
9. Progress continues on including electronic voting for nonelection votes on Thursday of the Conference in 2015.
10. There is a service piece being created on ways to engage more members in Corrections service.
11. The Subcommittee of Finance on La Vina Reporting gave its report and has been asked to do further work on identifying where our nonfinancial reporting of La Vina's financial results can be improved.
12. Two requests to develop literature were forwarded to the Conference Literature Committee for inclusion on their agenda. One was for literature

for the transgender and gender-nonconforming alcoholic; the other was for a book combining the 12x12 with the Concepts.

13. Trustees' PI is working hard to provide a new video PSA.

14. Finally, a study comparing costs to move GSO from our present space in New York to three different U.S. cities vs. staying at our present location was completed and shows that such a move would not be prudent. Consequently, the General Service Board has decided to keep GSO in its present location when its lease expires next year and begin the preliminary work on obtaining a new 10 year lease for our 11th Floor location and remodeling the Office with actual construction to begin after the 2015 International Convention. The present space is as it was when GSO moved there in 1992 except for installing new light fixtures. As part of any remodeling, the Board intends to locate all AA's activities, including the Grapevine, on a single floor.

15. The committee reviewed and discussed the background for Corrections Correspondence Service for Canada. The committee asked staff to provide additional background on C.C.S. in Canada for their November meeting.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you

Richard B.

Eastern Canada Regional Trustee