

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 you all for your kind thoughts, prayers and cards that were sent my way during the time of my illness. It all started with a cold from my wife and no immune system to fight it with. So if you want to say hello and you have a cold, flu, Ebola, not feeling well please just wave from the back of the room.

Thanks to Fredy, my alternate for stepping up to the plate as well as Dale our Chair delivering the Area message for all your roundups.

Some of you have noticed that we have a new face at our Assembly; I would like to introduce Clement C. from the General Service Office whose current assignment is Corrections. I hope you all get a change to welcome Clement to Area 86 and thank him for his service to Alcoholics Anonymous.

While I was away in Florida for the last month I had the opportunity and was invited to the Area 15 Assembly. Area 15 is South Florida, the Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, Antigua, St Maarten & Cayman Islands. Don F. Panel 63 Delegate asked if I would help out with their elections. It went to the Hat for 2 positions and I pulled out the name for the new Panel 65 Chair.

AA Highlights

The A.A. World Services Board met on Friday, September 12, 2014, at the General Service Office in New York, NY. Chair of the A.A.W.S. Board, Billy N. opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

Manager's Report

General Manager Phyllis H., reported that the response of the Fellowship to the opening of registration for the 2015 International Convention in Atlanta was tremendous. When registration opened at 9:00 a.m. EST on September 3, 2014 the system was overwhelmed. However, by late afternoon the website was functioning smoothly and over 10,000 folks registered before midnight!

Wrapping up the Regional Forums schedule for this year, the Southeastern Regional Forum will take place in Isla Verde, Puerto Rico September 26 – 28, 2014. It is exciting to note that there are nearly 200 pre-registered for the Forum. Phyllis noted that although there were Special Forums held in Puerto Rico in 1987 and 1999, we look forward to participating in their first Southeast Regional Forum.

Phyllis also reported that, following the General Service Board's recommendation, we are moving forward with Phase One of the two year project to co-locate the General Service Office and the A.A. Grapevine offices on the 11th Floor of 475 Riverside Drive.

Staff

The 64th General Service Conference Final Report was delivered in three languages the last week in August. Planning for the 65th General Service Conference is moving along and we have started to receive new Panel 65 delegate information.

The Eastern Canada Regional Forum was held August 15-17, 2014 in Laval, Quebec with attendance exceeding 700, including over 400 first time Forum attendees.

In response to a suggestion from the Conference Committee, a new Forum Flyer is being designed and expected to be in use for the 2015 Forums.

Packets containing completed 2014 Membership Surveys are arriving each day from area delegates. Responses will be tallied and reports will be provided to the trustees' Public Information committee at its November 2014 meeting.

Technology/Communication/Services

The Board approved the recommendation of the Technology/Communication/Services ("TCS") committee that the current A.A.W.S. Policy on G.S.O.'s A.A. website be accepted as presented with minor editorial changes reflecting a name change of the A.A.W.S. Committee with oversight of the website.

It was noted that the TCS committee considered a request to add a *La Vigne* flyer to the G.S.R. Kit and took no action, noting that there has been no clearly defined relationship between *La Vigne* and the General Service Conference structure. The committee requested that the General Service Board clarify the relationship between *La Vigne* and the General Service Conference structure.

G.S.O.'s Web Services coordinator attended the inaugural National A.A. Technology Workshop (held August 8-10, 2014 in St. Louis, Missouri) to meet some 50 trusted servants managing local A.A. websites and exchange ideas on using technology to carry the A.A. message. We were able to collect valuable shared experience to enhance G.S.O.'s previously limited sharing from local website committees.

Publishing

For the first seven months of the year, through July 2014, total gross sales were \$9,320,076 -- \$356,335 (2.4%) over estimate for the year to date. For the sales month of July, we saw \$1,172,740 in actual gross sales vs. the \$1,092,300 estimate -- \$80,440 over budget (7.4%) for the month.

Sales in GSO's two Online Stores (bulk orders and direct-to-consumer sales) accounted for 53.23% of all sales in the month of July. For the year to date, web orders total \$4,655,015, or 51.5% of total sales.

The fall 2014 edition of *Box 4-5-9* has been distributed in English and French, with Spanish to follow shortly. The current issue features a front-page story on the 70th anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous in Quebec, Canada. Also, a special trilingual publication, titled "A Brief History of the Big Book" (F-166) was mailed with the fall issue. This booklet covers, in digest form, the history of the first English, Spanish and French editions of Alcoholics Anonymous, recounting the stories of the publication of our basic text in each language.

Finance

The unaudited G.S.O. financial update for the period January 1, 2014 – July 31, 2014 reflected:

Net sales	\$9,347,800
Gross Profit (Literature)	\$5,691,100
Contributions	\$3,880,800
Total operating expenses	\$8,804,100

The Ontario Delegate's Committee Meeting

On February 27th to March 1st 2015

“The aim of this committee is to foster a unified effort, equality of opportunity and participation for all groups in the Ontario Areas of Alcoholics Anonymous.”

“To provide, where required, a blended voice for the four Areas;

To serve as an orientation vehicle for Alternate Delegate;

To be a discussion platform for Delegates on General Service Conference issues; and to cooperate with the Ontario Archive Committee.”

ODC Guidelines, March 1991

Meeting and accommodations will be at:

Crowne Plaza Hotel and Convention Centre

150 King Street East

Hamilton, ON, L8N 1B2

Tel. (905) 528-3451

Fax. (905) 528-8638

www.cphamilton.com

We have secured a number of rooms at a rate of \$129.00 per night plus taxes and must be reserved on or before January 15, 2015 by calling 1-800-2CROWNE by referencing the 'Alcoholics Anonymous Group'.

Meet the Delegates and Alternate Delegates of our four Ontario Areas and our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee representative.

ALL are welcome to attend as observers; attendance is free.

For more information, please contact our Chairperson at: deant@live.ca



The 2015 Canadian Eastern Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly
(C.E.R.A.A.S.A.)
is being held in Mississauga, Ontario
February 20, 21 & 22, 2015

On behalf of the Operating Committee, please accept this invitation to participate in the Canadian Eastern Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly to be held on February 20-22, 2015 in Mississauga, Ontario.

Area 83 is excited and proud to host the 2nd bi-yearly event with a focus on the upcoming General Service Conference. The Assembly is geared to Delegates, DCM's and Alternate DCM's, Service Chairs, GSR's and fellow alcoholics who would like to share in this pre-conference service event. This is also the place to hear the fellowships feelings across ten Areas, not only in their individual Areas. It

is a forum where we all can examine, debate and learn about issues and agenda items facing the upcoming conference.

It is a weekend filled with engaging presentations, sharing topics, ask-it baskets and speakers. And of course there is the awesome banquet Saturday evening with a dance to follow.

<https://www.ceraasa.org/>

Yours in Love and Service

Jim W. Delegate

Area 86 Panel 64



CERAASA 2015

Canadian Eastern Region A.A. Service Assembly

February 20-22, 2015 - Mississauga, Ontario



Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service: The Foundation for Our Future

Please join us to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting A.A.
Service Presentations / Meet new friends / Speakers / Panels / Banquet

Sponsored by the 10 Areas of the Canadian Eastern Region:

Area 81: New Brunswick & Prince Edward Island

Area 82: Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador

Area 83: Eastern Ontario International

Area 84: Northeastern Ontario

Area 85: Northwestern Ontario

Area 86: Western Ontario

Area 87: Southwest Quebec

Area 88: Southeast Quebec

Area 89: Northeast Quebec

Area 90: Northwest Quebec

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mississauga-res@accor.com 905-896-1000 or 1-800-NOVOTEL (Reservation Code CERAASA)

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