

WESTERN ONTARIO GENERAL SERVICE
AREA 86 PANEL66
Area Committee Meeting
January 14, 2017, Cambridge ON

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.

I want to start wishing all of you in Area 86 a Happy and Sober New Year 2017.

CERAASA is fast approaching so here is some more information about it:

C.E.R.A.A.S.A. stands for Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, and is sponsored by the 10 Areas of the Eastern Canada Region:

Area 81 - New Brunswick/Prince Edward Island
Area 82 - Nova Scotia/Newfoundland/Labrador
Area 83 - Eastern Ontario International
Area 84 - Northeast Ontario
Area 85 - Northwest Ontario
Area 86 - Western Ontario
Area 87 - Southwest Quebec
Area 88 - Southeast Quebec
Area 89 - Northeast Quebec
Area 90 - Northwest Quebec

The purpose of C.E.R.A.A.S.A. is to develop greater unity among the members, groups and Areas of the Eastern Canada Region; to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Assembly and the C.E.R.A.A.S.A. committee always try to foster our legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service.

Delegates of the Eastern Canada Region have overall responsibility for implementing C.E.R.A.A.S.A and all current Delegates of the Region should attend. C.E.R.A.A.S.A. guidelines suggest that the cost to attend is determined by the host Area, keeping in mind that the registration fee be reasonably priced to encourage attendance by as many members of Alcoholics Anonymous as possible.

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On the other hand I'm already preparing for the 67th General Service Conference that will take place on April 23-29 2017 at the Hilton Westchester in Rye Brook, NY.

Although I have not received my Communication Kit in the mail, I'm getting familiar with all the information through the Dashboard. There is a preliminary Agenda Items list, which are subject to change, so the final list will be done at the February Board Meeting. Once I have the final one, I'll send the agenda items to the Area Assembly Workshops for their input and consideration at the Area Assembly workshops in March.

When reading the different District meeting minutes and by receiving calls and questions from different AA members in our Area I feel that here is some concern in terms of how we are behaving as members of AA.

- It seems that we are growing some intolerance with fellow members that think different than us.
- Some bullying from old timers to newcomers and past trusted servants to new trusted servants.
- Threats to take actions inside and outside our fellowship if our own ways of doing things or our ideas are not accepted.

As your trusted servant and as a fellow member of this great fellowship I'd like to call to a reflection pm the core principles of Love and Tolerance. One of the great principles that sustain our fellowship is that "we agree to disagree". To respect the "groups conscience" even if that conscience is wrong as it has the "right to be wrong". Let's not forget that each AA entity is autonomous.

If you, your group or your District wants your Delegate to attend your different events, please send me an email and I'll be more than happy to attend, provided that I have no other commitments already booked. First come first serve. If I can't attend, I'll make sure that either the Alternated Delegate or another area officer will attend. I'm here to serve you.

Yours in Service

Fredy M.

Area 86 Western Ontario

Panel 66 Delegate