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Delegates Report August Area Committee Meeting

Hello friends I am an alcoholic member of the Prince George Group District 21 Hamilton Mountain. I currently have the honour and privilege of serving as your Area 86 Western Ontario Panel 72 Delegate and my name is Jeff S [REDACTED]. First off allow me to personally thank Tony and his crew from district 5 for all their hospitality and for hosting us here today.

At the area committee meeting in May my report centered around the general service conference and covered a lot of what ensued in New York. My report today will focus more on recent events in and around Area 86 and upcoming news from the board and GSO. It has only been a couple of months since we last gathered, and we have been kept busy. I hope you all have been able to enjoy some of the sunny summer days at least the ones that weren't like the AA meetings I attended in the early nineties when you could still smoke. I attended the district 4 Mitchell roundup on the 4th of June and was back in Owen sound on the 10th for the district 9 roundup. I travelled back up to Owen Sound with alternate delegate Dan D. to be part of our Area Grapevine sub-committee chair's Joel S. 10-year celebration on July 8th.

On July 13th there was the first delegates only zoom meeting where we discussed some of the current events and what has and what has not transpired since the 73rd general service conference. I also met virtually with general service board treasurer Kevin P. and current conference finance committee chair Suzanne S. Area 30 Eastern Massachusetts Delegate on the 17th to discuss some of the advisory actions and recommendations from the conference and the financial position heading into the board weekend at the end of July. The CERAASA steering committee continues to meet every two months in July we met on the 27th most of the discussion was around options for improving interpretation and I am confident a resolution will be in place before we get to Newfoundland in 2025. Last weekend Nikki, my daughter Jenna

my granddaughter Aria and myself attended the district 23 roundup in Kingsville it was so nice to be amongst the fellowship sharing with some of my family members the gifts of sobriety. Being in Mitchell, Owen Sound and then Kingsville does the heart good to experience the joy of sobriety with families throughout Area 86. So, thank you to those districts who have reached out and been so hospitable to my family and me. I am looking forward to being in Woodstock, Port Stanley, Sundridge, Windsor, and Cambridge during the weeks ahead. I know some of the other area officers who are pinch hitting at some of the events and are looking forward to spending time with the membership of Area 86.

All the correspondence that I have received from the board and the general service office has been sent out. If you are not receiving these emails, please ensure that our secretary/registrar Jim A. gets your contact information, and it gets passed on to me. These emails should have contained information on printing delays and backorders, three memos' from GSO, vacancy for non-trustee director and a message from Bob W. general manager of GSO to name a few. I also received and sent out the form for submitting a proposed agenda item (it needs to be submitted by September 15th). I just received the report from the board weekend from our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee Joyce S. and emailed it out to the area. Please take a minute and read Joyce's report there is a lot of information in it on what has been put into motion or is already being implemented some of which was reported to you in my May conference report. Updates and information on translation of conference background material, pamphlets in progress, financial reporting, the service manual, fifth edition of the Big Book, and our founders' writings etc. are all contained in the report. Is everybody planning to be with us at the 2025 international conference in Vancouver Joyce mentions in her report that it was recommended to the General Service Board that Trish L. serve as the local Volunteer Welcome Committee chair for the 2025 International Convention. Trish

is a past trustee at large Canada and recently joined us as banquet speaker for CERAASA hosted by Area 86. On Wednesday August 15th and as the result of an advisory action to foster unity, trust, and transparency in the Fellowship, the members of the General Service Conference will meet outside of the annual meeting for general sharing sessions at least two times per year utilizing virtual meeting technology. The General Service Board Chair and Delegate Chair will set the date and time as well as determine what issues currently facing the Fellowship would be chosen as topics. I will report more on this meeting at our Fall assembly. Looking towards the near future the target date (hopeful) for the new Grapevine App is September 15th it should be quite the unveiling as a lot of energy and resources has been put into this project.

The area 86 structure and operating procedures review is scheduled to continue virtually on September 16th from 9 am to 12 pm I hope we all plan to be in attendance and are encouraging all the GSR's to be with us as we progress with this important work. I am looking forward to our Fall assembly back in Oakville on the first weekend in November it will be an election assembly which is always exciting. I know we are all getting those service resumes sharpened up as I trust that all those allowing their name to stand are preparing for the ride of a lifetime as you continue your service journey.

Please encourage your district and group members to join us. Area 86 in my experience has always rose to the occasion and been there when the hand of the still suffering alcoholic was extended that is why we rock right Sandi. Before I wrap up, please keep in mind that we are diligent with anonymity when we post flyers on websites, and social media.

I would like to recognize the Area committee for your continued support as we continue to do this essential work in these extraordinary times and judging by what I have seen lately our labour could be even more valuable now than ever before. To my fellow area 86 officers you

are the best and it truly is a pleasure to serve with and for you. I can be reached at area86delegatep72@gmail.com or through the area website at area86aa.org.

Yours Humbly in Love and Service
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