

DISTRICT 34 Minutes for August 31, 2023 MEETING

1. THE MEETING WAS OPENED BY Bev H. WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOLLOWED BY THE SERENITY PRAYER.

READINGS OF THE: 12 TRADITIONS: Pat

12 CONCEPTS: Debra

ACCEPTANCE OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S DATED MINUTES

Motion: Paul-Erik

Seconded: Steven M

Accepted

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE CURRENT AGENDA

Incorrectly said "June 2023 minutes"

Motion: Jerry to accept corrected agenda.

Seconded: Neil

Accepted

ROLL CALL: The Following Group Service Representatives were in attendance

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| 1. Bath HR Group | 9. Picton New Life Group |
| 2. Bath Rebuilders Group | 10. Second Chance Group |
| 3. Cannifton Friday Night Group | 11. Stirling Friday Night Group |
| 4. Foxboro Friendship Group | 12. Sunrise Group |
| 5. Happy Destiny Group | 13. Trenton Group |
| 6. Lennox Group | 14. Triangle Unity Group |
| 7. New Hope Group | 15. Tweed Group |
| 8. Out of the Fog Group | 16. Women Living Sober Group |

Sub Committees: Public Information
Corrections
Grapevine
Self-support
Treatment
Conference

Officers: Treasurer
Secretary

Visitors: 1

3. GSR GROUP HIGHLIGHT REPORTS: (only rewritten reports that are emailed to you need be included in this section)

Stirling Friday Night Group: I am Steven M., a grateful alcoholic and GSR for the Stirling Friday Night Group. It is with great sadness that I have to announce the sudden passing of one of our long-time members, (Paramedic) Mike S., on August 20th. He will be sorely missed. Our open Friday night speaker meeting and our associated Wednesday night closed 12 + 12 discussion meeting continue to be well attended. Group finances are stable. We welcomed two new members, Mitch and Jason, in August. September birthdays are: Murray O., a recent acquisition from Toronto's East York Group, with 20 years on the 5th., Deandra W. with 2 years on the 13th. and Jane S. with 24 years on the 26th. Murray will be having his 20-year Medallion celebration on September 22nd. All are welcome. Finally, our Group will be belatedly celebrating our 50-year Anniversary on Friday night October 13th. at 8:00 p.m. by way of an open "gratitude" meeting in lieu of a speaker meeting. Sandwiches and our world famous carrot cake along with "AA" coffee, of course, will be served after the meeting. So, come on up over the "Hill"! Thank you.

Bath Rebuilder's Group:

Good evening everyone, my name is Meagan F and I am the GSR for the Bath Rebuilder's Group. There are no medallions to report this month for the month of August. We have an average of 7-9 people per meeting. We remain in good financial standing.

Chad B will celebrate one year of sobriety in our group September 26.

Yours in Service, Meagan F

Lunch Bunch Group:

..I won't be able to attend tonight so here is my report...Our attendance is steady at Ebenzer church from Monday to Friday..

On Saturday at Bethel church our topic meeting is going great, attendance is average.... Our Saturday meeting may be moving from our original room to a room down stairs, this accommodating all members...meaning no more stairs, bathrooms are in the same space....7th tradition is quite healthy..we have an up coming medallion for Brandon D on September 14th...no new members as of this date...In closing on behalf of the Lunch Bunch Group, I want to wish everyone another 25 hrs. Of sobriety

Picton New Life Group:

Our Open Speaker meeting attendance ranges from about 17 to 22 people, still below pre-Covid levels. We remain financially stable.

We are seeking a replacement for Dave H, who recently resigned as our GSR.

We have 12 various World Service Conference Annual Reports, for years from 2002 to 2016 which we would like to donate to District Archives or other interested groups.

On September 11, Madeleine M will be celebrating 40 years of continuous sobriety; her medallion will be scheduled later in the fall.

On September 24 at 10 am our group will be celebrating 20 years for Judith T. All are welcome!

Yours in Service, Rob J Alternate GSR

4. SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS: (only copies of the reports that are emailed to you are included)

Corrections:

* Bath Institution – H-Hour Group– Meetings every other Tuesday at 1300hrs. Great attendance with an average of 15 Men, excellent participation. There is a roster of 27 members and 17 of them are due medallions. To cut down on costs I purchased 1, 5, 10, 15, 30 yr medallions, 36 in all for around \$100 as getting 17 medallions would cost too much to engrave and explained this to the group and they understood. Purchased a box of Big Books from Les B. for \$125. Gave them a bag of under 1 year aluminum chips. Group is donating \$100 to District for their great support, first ever I have seen this.

* Quinte Detention Centre (QDC) - Alternative Times are any evening or anytime on weekends for meetings. Women’s meeting is going well. I will start going in next Thursday to put on meetings. Need Big Books and Grapevines.

* Millhaven Maximum Federal Institution- Behind the Wire Group – Bi- weekly on Tuesdays at 0900hrs and 1300hrs. Currently 1 meeting in Gen Population and one to one meeting in new Unit. Not much attendance of Offenders now as most of the attendees have moved to other Prisons.

Please contact me if you require an application for Quinte Detention Centre or any of District 34’s two Federal Institutions or any corrections assistance cdndishman@hotmail.com

Always require Daily Reflections, Big Books and Grapevines and really appreciate all the Groups who support this endeavor. Always need Volunteers to Carry the Message as Les will be alone all winter while I am away for Bath and Millhaven. Please consider this to enhance your sobriety!

On Tuesday, September 26, 2023 in the morning and afternoon for a PRE-RELEASE FAIR run by the John Howard Society of Eastern Ontario, Les M. will attend both Institutions alternating between Prisons in morning/afternoon to carry the message.

Email cdndishman@hotmail.com for Corrections Application (please indicate Quinte Detention Centre, Bath, or Millhaven) to commit to entering Prisons in our Area in 2023 to help Carry the AA Message! Gods Speed.....Gratefully yours in Service –

Neil W. 613-530-6362 AA Corrections Chair District #34 – Quinte East

Treatment:

I am and alcoholic, a member of the Cannifton Friday Night Group, and your District 34 Treatment Chair and my name is Mike.

The Foster Ave treatment facility is still closed until further notice. Therefore we have not had any meetings there for the past month. Unfortunately the director of the facility has asked me to stop contacting them and that they will notify me when the meetings will continue.

There has been no Bridging the Gap contacts this month.

If anyone would like to volunteer to be a Bridging the Gap Temporary Contact or to go into the treatment centre to put on a meeting, please talk to me after the meeting or contact me anytime.

In Love and Service, Mike Behan

Self-Support:

I am an alcoholic and my name is Theresa.

It has been reported that Self-Support activity at the Area level has been quiet since mid-June as some District Tables do not meet during the summer. There will be updated Birthday / Celebration contribution envelopes, with the address for GSO, available at the Area 83 Fall Assembly. There are no scheduled presentations or service commitments coming up, although I remain available if GSRs would like me to attend.

Many groups report that they prefer to do online contributions to GSO vs. regular mail. It is more efficient and saves time and money (i.e. no envelope/ receipt/ postage costs). Receipts are sent back electronically.

Yours in Service, Theresa B. District 34 Self-Support

Grapevine:

Hello my name is Debra and I am your Grapevine Rep. The only news this month is a reminder to the GSRs, regarding orders for 2024 Pocket Planners and Wall Calendars.

Requests need be in to me by September 7, 2023. Planners are \$7.48 and Calendars are \$13.60 (CAD). Orders go to me; the money goes to Peter, who will send a bulk order into Area. The plan is to pick up the calendars at the Fall Conference. They will be distributed at the October or November district meetings.

Yours in service **Debra (text 613 602 1390)**

5. OFFICERS REPORTS:(only copies of the reports that are emailed to you are included)

TREASURER:

Month of August 2023

Balance forward from last month **\$2,454.16**

Incoming contributions

Cannifton Friday Night - e-transfer \$200.00
 Stirling Friday Night – chq \$100.00

7th Tradition (Dist July) \$77.50

Total Incoming \$377.50

Sub total \$2,831.66

Expenses

pac* TAS July \$121.93

Chq # 271 PIC (spring assembly expense)** \$50.00

Bank Charges \$2.50

Total outgoing \$174.43

Closing Balance \$2657.23

• *pre-authorized chq

Reserve Account	
Balance forward from last month	\$1,033.18
Interest Earned this month	\$2.24
Closing Balance	\$1,035.42

** See Note 1 – Reconciliation with bank balance on Sheet 2

Secretary:

9 Reports emailed to District.

Area 83 Reports forwarded to District:

Date Sent	Subject
Aug 10	GSR Sharing Session - August 15th at 8pm
Aug 10	July, 2023 Regional Report
Aug 10	Proposed Agenda Items Forms for GSC
Aug 14	More on Market Square Event Detail
Aug 15	2024 Pocket Planners and Wall Calendars
Aug 15	Location of Carman's Report
Aug 18	Press Release: Understanding Alcoholics Anonymous
Aug 22	Data Integrity Update
Aug 30	August District Agenda

6. OLD BUSINESS

- Two vacant positions: CPC and Archives
- Using the glide application – <https://area83communications.glideapp.io>
- Support being offered by DCM/ADCM for facilitating group inventories. Please see Glide App for further details.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Notice of Motion - Rotation of location for Assembly. Take to groups for discussion.

Website - Report provided by Carman, to be included with minutes.

Peter moved that the D34 meeting be held in the Quinte Sports and Wellness Centre from Sept 2023 to June 2024. Larger room, same price. Seconded by Debra. Carried

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 28, 2023

8. SHARING TIME:

Randy: Murray W 80th birthday celebration Sept 17th – get details from Randy

Neil: International AA Conference in 2024 will be in Vancouver. Book asap.

9. CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION FOLLOWED BY THE LORD’S PRAYER.