

## Delegate's Report

Good day to you All. Here we are in the second year of the term and it looks like it is full speed ahead. I'm just getting over a nasty bug I picked up from somewhere and if you think I sound bad now you should have heard me a few days ago

Welcome to the newly amalgamated District 11 London Middlesex District Committee Member Ed S. I had the privilege of conducting the election in between snow storms there in London. Big thanks also to Don S. for being my host that night.

The General Service Office is gearing up for the 61<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference from May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>. The emails are flying, just over 200 so far. The Board weekend is the last weekend of this month and the final list of Agenda Items will be born that weekend. Sub-Committee's: I will do as I did last year; download the Agenda Items per Committee off the Conference Dashboard. If your Committee has a light load I may add a couple items from a Committee with a heavier task, in other words, I will spread the load.

The first event this year is the Bradford Roundup. I already have my work schedule set up until the end of May. In order that I/other Area Officers may get around to as many of your events as possible, please get the dates to me A.S.A.P.

The Ontario Delegate's Committee meeting will fast be upon us and there are flyers here today and I also emailed a copy to all the Districts earlier this week. We only host this event every 4 years. The District 1 Host Committee Chair (Janice F.) is here today.

A couple weeks later we'll be in London for our Area Assembly. The invited guest is our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee Donald C. who was elected at last year's Conference.

There will be Trustee elections this year that I will be privileged to be a part of as well. We will be electing a new Trustee-At-Large Canada as Jo-Anne L.'s term will end at this year's Conference. As you know our nominee from Area 86 is our Panel 58 Delegate Martin A.

Before you know it I'll be off to New York. The possible Agenda items from our Fall Assembly were sent the Conference Coordinator and were forwarded to the appropriate Trustees Committee.

I also received a request to change the wording in the video 'Hope' with respect to the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and Uncle Sam. Oddly enough, another Area lodged a similar complaint. Actually, that is the Conference Committee I belong to: the Treatment Facilities/Special Needs - Accessibilities Committee. I hope that materializes as an Agenda item so I will be able to speak on it. The change won't happen quickly as it will be during the next revision that a change will be made if approved.

There was also some lobbying going on trying to bring attention to some items getting on the Conference Agenda: this is wrong and I won't give any more air time to the topic since my reports are on our Website at: [www.area86aa.org](http://www.area86aa.org) Enough said.

Financially last year was a challenge for Area 86. We were forced to dip into our Prudent Reserve and the Groups and Districts came through with flying colours - give yourself a hand. I don't want to steal any of Mary's thunder but you have the Year End Financial Statement in front of you. Let's continue this trend into this year so Area 86 will be remain self supporting and continue to supply the services we are used to providing.

I was really pleased to see our expenses for most part come in under budget. Here again, give your selves another hand. A lot of the District events we went to this past year were self-supporting by offsetting our travel and accommodation expenses, it shows on the bottom line and we thank you for that.

Please let me have the dates of your District events as soon as possible so we can map out another successful year here in Area 86.

Also, there have been a few changes to our Area Committee list just before the end of last year and I'm sure a few more will pop up here this afternoon. PLEASE D.C.M.'s forward these lists to whoever is sending out your minutes. Also, make sure these lists are PURGED in other words, don't just add the corrections, remove the old addresses as well - thank you!

If there any concerns with Area 86 and how we are doing don't hesitate to contact me. I don't have all the answers - never will, but I won't stop until I find an answer for you. My contact information is on the Area Committee list.

Thank you to all the Districts and Intergroups that send me your minutes as I'm able to keep up on how we are doing here in Area 86.

I thank God each day for Alcoholics Anonymous. I ask for help in morning and give thanks each evening before retiring.

It really is an honour and a privilege to be serving as your Panel 60 Delegate.

I thank you most of all for my sobriety and allowing me to enhance that sobriety through service work here in Area 86 Western Ontario.

May God Bless as I remain yours in humble service,

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