

GREATER TORONTO AREA INTERGROUP

GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010

The meeting convened at 8 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read by Trevor O. (Mississauga). **THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anniversary, Aurora, Back to Basics (Richmond Hill), Bayview, Bellamy, Bathurst, Beyond Belief, Birds of a Feather, Bloordale, Bramalea Care & Share, Chartwell, Credit Valley, Daily Reflections, East York, Eventide, Fellowship, Glenholme, Hill, K.F., Keep It Simple (Scarborough), Key to Serenity, Kingsway, Lakeshore, Leslie, Living Sober, Maple, Markham Village, Meadowvale South, Melrose, Mississauga, Mount Royal-York, Newmarket, Pine Hills, Principles Before Personalities, Prince Edward, Recovery (Thornhill), Rox Glen Traditional, Royal York, S.O.S., Shepherd, Streetsville, Sunday Northwestern, Sunnyside, Thornhill, Trial & Error, Tuesday Night Discussion, Twelfth Tradition, Unionville, Welcome, Westmoreland, Weston Sunday Open, Willowdale, Yorkville. **District Liaisons:** Districts 02, 04, 06, 10, 18, and 22. **Subcommittee Chairs:** Access Ability, Info AA Day, Public Information, Twelfth Step, Website/BT, and W.S.O.H. 2009.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – January 2010: It was pointed out that the District 22 Liaison was present at the last meeting, but was not recorded. With this change noted, MOTION to adopt Minutes as amended moved by Larry (Bathurst) and seconded by Judith (Bellamy). MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRPERSON’S OPENING REMARKS – John C. (Half Century), incoming Executive Committee Chair: John gave kudos to Florence B., past Operating Chair, for all her efforts during her tenure. He shared that he was a grateful alcoholic; that gratitude is “the granddaddy of all emotions”. John thanked all those present for being committed to service.

Collection of the 7th Tradition, which totaled \$412.02.

FINANCE REPORT – Don M. (Hill), Finance Chair:

Finance Report for the month of January 2010

ALL FINANCE REPORTS ARE PRELIMINARY, PENDING YEAR-END ADJUSTMENTS FOR BOTH 2008 AND 2009

Summary:

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>NET INCOME</u>
January	\$15,788	\$12,801	\$2,987
Comparison to Budget	-33	-170	137

In order to comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, the GTAI Income Statement now includes Unrealized Gains or Losses on Investment. This amount represents the change in market value of Prudent Reserve Investments. These gains or losses are not funds received or spent. The market value of investments is irrelevant to our financial position until the investments are actually sold. The impact of this accounting change is to add \$3,271 to January Income. Before this adjustment, January Income was \$3,365, under budget due to group donations being lower than expected. Total expenses were in line with budget. A small under run in committee expenses was offset by an over run in contract services due to computer problems. **Prudent Reserve** as of January 31, 2010 – Book Value + Accrued Interest: \$135,801.

Don added that we are “lagging in Gratitude contributions”, and asked reps to emphasize to their groups how much appreciated all donations are to Intergroup, and how important it is to continue in this practice. He also asked reps to fill out an Intergroup Rep Form, so we can have accurate contact information for your group.

MOTION to adopt Finance Report moved by Patrick (Glenholme) and seconded by Colin (Markland Wood).
MOTION CARRIED.

Subcommittee Reports

ACCESS ABILITY – **Donna M.** (Sunnyside), **Chairperson:** *(The following report is on file)* There were 7 members attending the meeting. We were mostly involved with preparations for upcoming events. We have received our invitation for Mayfest and will start early to get ASL Interpreters. The main problem we discussed was the big decrease in visitors to the subcommittee tables at the ORC, since they have been moved to that separate room. We are hoping that it may be possible to move back into the hallway or, at least, to open the doors between the Canadian & Ontario Rooms between meetings. Otherwise, we are ready for the ORC. We also dealt with some housekeeping chores: literature storage and transportation to events, now that Stephanie is coming back. There will be more information later regarding a new chairperson. *There will be no Access Ability meeting in March.* **Next meeting:** Sun. Apr.18 at 11 a.m. at 234.

Questions: John (Kingsway): What do we do to accommodate the deaf alcoholic? Donna: The deaf person handles getting an Interpreter. Your group needs to indicate in your meeting listing if ASL Interpreters are allowed at closed discussion meetings. Valerie (Mount Royal-York): What and when is Mayfest? Donna: It is a cultural festival for the Deaf Community. It will be held May 14 at the St. Lawrence Centre.

ARCHIVES – **Glenn G.** (East York), **Executive Committee Liaison:** There was no meeting of Archives in February. Glenn was sad to report that two members of this committee had passed away recently (Benny L. /Beaches and Frank/Weston). **Next meeting:** Sun. Mar.14 at 10 a.m. at 234.

CORRECTIONS – no report given. **Next meeting:** Mon. Mar.1 at 7:30 p.m. at 234.

COOPERATION with the PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC) – no report given. **Next meeting:** Mon. Mar.8 at 7 p.m. at 234.

INFORMATION AA DAY 2010 – **Phil M.** (Bloordale), **2010 event Chair:** This month’s meeting proved to be a poor turnout (due to inclement weather); there was no quorum. Preparations are being made for the day; the GSO Speaker and Area Delegate have been booked. The event will take place on Sat. May 29 all day at Lansing United Church (Yonge and Sheppard subway). Cost of the day is \$5, and includes a pot luck luncheon. This is a joint venture between Intergroup and the 9 service districts. Subcommittee panels will also be present. Event tickets/flyers will be made available next month. **Next meeting:** Mon. Mar.29 at 7:30 p.m. at 234.

ORC 2010 – **Jim A.** (St. Andrew’s Saturday Night), **2010 event Treasurer:** It’s only 3 week away! The event, themed ‘*Celebrating Sobriety*’ will be held March 19, 20, and 21 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. **Registration: \$30. Banquet: additional \$60.** There are early bird draws for those who register early (monthly draws for CDs and 2 prizes of one free room night at the Hotel). There are rooms still available (\$170/night; ask for ORC room rate). For room inquiries, please call toll-free 1-888-441-1414. ***Volunteers are still needed!*** Please contact Tim (P.I./Hospitality Chair) at 416-724-8395.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – **Vivien C.** (Fellowship), **Chairperson** *(written report on file):* The meeting in February was cancelled. The following items were brought to the Floor’s attention:

- Toronto District School Board vetting status: we are waiting for the decision, which should be after March 10 (Vetting is the approval process of allowing organizations to make presentations to schools).
- We will be scheduling another ‘Speaking at Non-AA Meetings’ Workshop in April or May.
- Young People’s Posters from GSO are available for \$1.00 each. Please make sure you write the GTAI phone number on the poster.
- We will be participating in the upcoming ORC and Info AA Day events.
- We are participating at the Ryerson Healthy School Expo on Monday March 1.
- We have been asked to do a radio interview.
- Speaking requests have been received from private schools.

For any P.I. inquiries/information, you can contact Vivien at vivienhockeymom@hotmail.com. **Next meeting:** Mon. Mar.15 at 7:30 p.m. at 234.

RECEPTION CENTRE – Glenn G. (East York), **Executive Committee Liaison:** 80 members were present this evening (50 of these group reps).

TREATMENT FACILITIES – no report given. **Next meeting:** Thurs. Mar.18 at 7:30 p.m. at 234.

TWELFTH STEP – Jim O. (Markland Wood), **Chairperson:** Phone scheduling is going well. All greeters will be given Spares Lists so they can schedule their own replacements if they can’t make a shift. The updated 12 Step Call List is being utilized. There was some extensive construction repair work done at 234, and phone calls were re-routed to volunteer’s homes; this went fairly smoothly. This committee will be present at the ORC and Info AA Day. ***We need volunteers!*** One year of continuous sobriety and a Phone Training Session is needed to be on the phones. **Next Phone Training:** Sun.Mar.28 at 1:30 p.m. at 234. **Next meeting:** Fri. Mar.26 at 7 p.m. at 234.

WEBSITE/BETTER TIMES – Aaron K. (Yorkville), **Chairperson** (*written report on file*): The ***Website is looking for a new Webmaster.*** Please contact us if you’re interested. The Website/Better Times would like to welcome the new committee members; we are looking forward to working with you and to keep helping the still-suffering alcoholic and all AA members. Please keep sending in submissions for publication **by the 10th of the month** for Better Times. Notices will be posted online immediately. **Next meeting:** Sat. Mar.13 at 1 p.m. at 234.

WINTER SEASON OPEN HOUSE 2009 – Vlad G. (Mississauga), **2009 event Chairperson:** Vlad thanked all who attended the event. He also thanked committee members, all cooks, drivers, the webmaster, and office staff for all their invaluable help. All leftover food was donated to the Good Shepherd. Vlad commented emphatically: “I would like to do it all again!!! It was fun!!!” **Next meeting** of this committee will commence in September.

Unfinished Business FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS_____

Bob D. (Weston) inquired as to **whether there will be a Literature table at the ORC.** Glenn G. (East York) answered that we would make sure this would be in place for the event.

John C. (Half Century), Executive Committee Chair, announced that one of the **Executive Committee members has resigned** for personal reasons. This means that **another EC member must be elected.** The requirements are at least 2 years for continuous sobriety, and this position is a 1-year commitment, with an option for serve for a second year term. **Nominations will be taken at the March General Meeting.**

New Business

Tom W., group rep for the Aurora Group, posed the following question to Floor members (*hard copy on file*):

“Our group wants to know if it is possible for Toronto Intergroup to have a ‘**no long distance fee call number**’ for those callers outside the 416 area code, to enable access to GTA’s A.A. answering service, information, and help. This affects our area of York Region and others areas as well. These areas are represented by and support the GTA Intergroup.”

Jim A. (St. Andrew’s Saturday Night), DCM for Dist.18, mentioned that this item would be useful for discussion at the upcoming Joint Sharing Meeting (between Intergroup and the 9 service districts).

John C. (Half Century) stressed that we would be talking about this item thoroughly and it will be addressed at the next General Meeting.

Russell (Lakeshore) announced the relocation of the Lakeshore Group (Sundays and Thursdays WEST) to: Mimico Presbyterian Church, 119 Mimico Ave. at Royal York Rd. This will be the location for the next 8-9 months.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 30 at 8 p.m. at Lansing United Church. *This will be a Workshop Meeting for new reps.*