

WESTERN ONTARIO GENERAL SERVICE – AREA 86
PRE-CONFERENCE SPRING ASSEMBLY – MARCH 28, 29 and 30, 2025
OAKVILLE CONFERENCE CENTRE/BRONTE HOLIDAY INN
2525/2515 WYCROFT ROAD, BRONTE, ON
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FRIDAY MARCH 28, 2025

8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Open Speaker meeting Halton Room, Holiday Inn
(Hosted by the Sub Committee Chairs)

9:15 p.m. Ice Cream Social (\$10.00)
Halton Room, Holiday Inn

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

8 :00 a.m. Registration Foyer - OCC

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. First Time Attendee Overview Main Ballroom, OCC

8:45 – 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Serenity Prayer Main Ballroom, OCC

9:05 – 10:20 a.m. Workshops

Secretaries/Treasurers	Main Ballroom, OCC	Jim A and Jeff S
Public Information	Halton Room East, Holiday Inn	Janice F & Heidi P (D1)
Intergroup/Literature	Bronte Room, Holiday Inn	Tammy S & Karen F (D3)
Remote Comm./Access	Pre-function Room C, O	Karen F & David N (D2)
Corrections	Halton Room West, Holiday Inn	Stephen H & Tim D (D4)
Archives (For Past Delegates/ Invited Guests only)		Royal Room, Holiday Inn

10:35 – 11:50 a.m. Workshops

CPC	Bronte Room, Holiday Inn	Sarah R & John B (D5)
Grapevine	Halton Room West, Holiday Inn	Jeff C & Kathy H (D6)
Bridging the Gap	Prefunction Room C, OCC	Josh E & Jaye A (D7)
Technology	Halton Room East, Holiday Inn	Dave D & Ann A (D8)
Archives	Royal Room, Holiday Inn	Marlene S & Wayne M(D9)
Treatment	Main Ballroom, OCC	Pam F & Doug P (D11)

11:50 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (Majestic Suite - Lower Level, Holiday Inn)

1:00 p.m. Open Assembly

1. 12 Concepts
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Fall 2024 Assembly Minutes
4. 7th Tradition – Self Support
5. Alternate Delegate's Report
6. Delegate's Report

Tammy S
Dan D

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Election - for position of Secretary/Registrar Jeff S

2:15 – 2:30 Break

2:30 – 3:30 Area Sub-Committee Reports (written/electronic copies to secretary)

3:30 – 4:00 Presentation: Grapevine Alan W, Delegate Area 84

4:00 – 4:15 Break

4:15 – 5:15 Workshops

G.S.R. School	Main Ballroom, OCC	Dale S and Sandi W
D.C.M. School	Royal Room, Holiday Inn	Dan D
Alt. D.C.M. school	Bronte Room, Holiday Inn	Tammy S
Concepts 7 - 9	Halton Room West Holiday Inn	Percy G
Traditions 7 - 9	Halton Room East Holiday Inn	Jan L and Fredy M
Area Sub-Committee chairs	Prefunction Room C, OCC	

5:15 – 6:00 p.m. Break

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Banquet – Ballroom A, OCC

7:30 – 7:45 p.m. Break

7:45 – 9:00 p.m. Speaker Meeting Ballroom A, OCC

9:15 p.m. Ask It Basket Chair – Dan D, Panel - Past Delegates, Area 84 Delegate
Ballroom A, OCC

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. AA Open Meeting, Halton Room, Holiday Inn (District 12 to host)

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. First Time Attendee Orientation

9:00 a.m. Reconvene the Assembly (Ballroom, OCC)

1. 12 Concepts

2. Roll Call of the Assembly

Secretary

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3. Correspondence
4. **Financial Review Committee Report** Fredy M
5. 2024 year end Financial Statement Treasurer, Jim A
6. 2025 Financial Forecast Treasurer, Jim A
7. 2025 Financial Statement (to February 28 2025) Treasurer, Jim A
8. 7th Tradition – Self Support and District Announcements

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	BREAK
10:15 – 11:20 a.m.	District Committee Member Reports (written reports to secretary)
11:20 – 11:50	General Sharing Session
11:50 – 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH (Majestic Suite, Lower Level, Holiday Inn)
1:00 p.m. – End	

Old Business

1. **Report – Ad Hoc Committee** – Feasibility of Post-Conference Assembly
Jeff S

Background: An ad hoc committee was formed to investigate the feasibility of holding a post conference assembly each spring rather than holding a pre-conference assembly. The rationale behind this investigation was two fold. First, the advent of holding virtual workshops allows the Delegate the information and input needed on the various conference agenda items so a pre-conference assembly is not necessary for that purpose. Second, a post-conference assembly would enable the Delegate to provide a report from the conference to the Area 86 full assembly in the spring, rather than the fall.

2. **Structure and Operating Procedures (“SOP’s”)** Ad Hoc Committee Report and Recommendations
Percy G

Background: The Ad Hoc Committee previously approved by the assembly, in accordance with our current SOP’s, has reviewed the SOP’s and provided a series of recommended changes.

New Business

1. **MOTION** by Dan D (Delegate): That Area 86 contribute \$400.00 as its proportionate share of the cost of a CERASSA hospitality suite at the 2025 World Conference in Vancouver

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Background – Tim M, Past Delegate Area 82 and current Hospitality Room Chair (as appointed by the delegates of Eastern Canada Region) has asked Area members to contribute \$400.00 each to cover the costs of the 2025 Hospitality Suite at the International Convention in Vancouver in July, 2025. The current known expenses total \$3000.00 and the amount requested will provide a \$1000.00 buffer to cover unforeseen expenses. Any surplus funds will be returned to the participating areas proportionately. The funds include costs for purchasing Regional Pins, projection screen rental, maple candy and room decorations.

2. **MOTION** by District 25 that Area 86 create an Area Committee Member position for the telephone answering service.

Background: District 25 has had a telephone answering service for many years, answering calls to those looking for help with their problems with alcohol and sometimes from their families and friends. For many of us, our first contact with AA was calling the number in our areas leading us to the program.

Historically the telephone answering service, to my knowledge, started as a function of AA inter-groups. As many intergroups broke into Districts, districts continued the service independently.

Our district often receives calls from outside of our district, many from Bolton, Brampton, Mississauga and sometimes out of province. The phone is often carried by volunteers from various groups, service positions and lengths of sobriety. The TAS maintains contact lists as best as possible, however contacts change and some out of area contacts unknown. Discussion at our district has raised possibilities of the benefits of combining and collaborating with the area BTG and or Technology sub-committee, working together to ensure communication, processes, updates, etc. are current and again, collaborative. We have seen groups in our district hesitate to volunteer taking the phone and see value in information gathering and sharing on a broader scale through workshops and consistent communication. Our district sees this being most possible and effective through having a contact (perhaps a coordinator role) at the area level, perhaps under the umbrella of one or more of the existing committees.

3. **MOTION:** BY Dan D – to approve the expense of a guest speaker to attend the Area 86 2025 Fall Assembly.
4. Roll Call for Panel 76 area officers – potential candidates for Fall Assembly elections

MOTION: to close the assembly

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Motion to close the assembly with the Declaration of Unity followed by the Lord's Prayer (for those who wish).

This we owe to A.A.'s future: to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.

Yours in Service

Jay R

Chairperson, Area 86 Panel 74

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Upcoming Area 86 Meetings

Area Committee Meeting	May 24, 2025 Hosted by District 7 Details TBA
Area Committee Meeting	August 23, 2025 Hosted by District 15
2025 Fall Assembly	Oakville Conference Centre / Holiday Inn & Suites, Oakville Bronte October 31, November 1 and 2, 2025
Area Committee Meeting	November 29, 2025 (tentative date pending location confirmation) Hosted by District 2