

A word from your Alternate Delegate
Area Committee
August 19, 2023

Hello my friends, my name is André Daigle and I'm an alcoholic. It is my honor and privilege to serve as your Area 87 Alternate Delegate.

A) Inventory of Area 87 groups and meetings as of June 6, 2023

As of June 6, 2023 and according to what was available on Meeting Guide on that date, there were 359 registered groups in Area 87 responsible for holding 607 regular meetings per week.

Of the 359 groups, 304 are regular in-person groups, 42 are virtual groups (20 French and 22 English), 12 are in hybrid format, and there's always our mighty "Au bout du fil" telephone group.

Finally, of the 607 regular meetings held per week in Area 87, 12 meetings were still considered inactive, 122 meetings were virtual, 16 were in hybrid format, 12 meetings are still held by phone, and there were 445 regular meetings held in person.

So, if anyone anywhere is reaching out for help, our groups and meetings are always there, and for that, we are responsible.

Thank you all for your hard work.

B) 2024 Provincial Gathering in Ste-Hyacinthe on May 25, 2024

Once a year, on a rotating basis, one of Quebec's four areas (Southwest (87), Southeast (88), Northeast (89), Northwest (90)) hosts a service assembly called Rassemblement provincial. The assembly's program is set by the host area. On May 25, 2024, the Provincial Gathering will be the responsibility of Area 87 / Southwestern Quebec.

Especially for the occasion, we'd like to mark the 80th anniversary of A.A.'s presence in Quebec, and if possible, the launch of the second revised edition of the "The Charisma of an Ambassador" booklet (in French and English). It was on April 7, 1944, that Dave B., a hopeless alcoholic, had the spiritual experience that finally delivered him from the grip of alcoholism. His action, and that of thousands of others, contributed to the growth of the Alcoholics Anonymous fellowship in Quebec. The 2024 Provincial Gathering will be a special opportunity to celebrate our good fortune in having Dave B. among us.

Follow our area announcements until then.

C) Eastern Canada Regional Forum 2024

Regional Forums offer A.A. members in the U.S. and Canada unique opportunities to connect with people from across the A.A. service structure. At the Forums, members can exchange information with representatives from the General Service Board, AAWS, AA Grapevine and the General Service Office.

As you already know, the Eastern Canada Regional Forum will be held August 23-25, 2024 at the Delta Hotel in Ottawa. Don't miss this important service event. It's a unique opportunity to exchange and share ideas on A.A. service. Follow our area announcements.

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We'd also like to take this opportunity to mark the 80th anniversary of A.A.'s presence in Quebec. In collaboration with our Archives Committee, a request has been made to the trusted servants in charge of the Regional Forums of the General Services Office (NY) to present an exhibit highlighting the event. This exhibit will be on site at the Delta Hotel in Ottawa during the event. Discussions are currently well underway, and we hope to be able to present this exhibition, which will bring to life an important part of our history. To be continued.

Finally, as for the question of organizing collective transportation like that of CERAASA 2023 for Forum 2024, this question will be studied closely by the Steering Committee at the beginning of 2024.

D) Calendar of events 2024

The 2024 calendar of activities, which you will find attached in the "chat" tab for those currently on Zoom and the "paper" version available right here in Vaudreuil, contains twenty important dates highlighting the area activities planned for 2024. We're presenting it to you again today, so that you can adjust the dates of your meetings, conventions and other activities planned for 2024 as you see fit.

E) Presentation of La Vigne 2.0

(See attached text)

Regarding all the subjects I've just mentioned, I'd like to remind you that you can contact me at any time, and I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your kind service.

Love & Service,

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2024 Calendar - Area 87

January 20, 2024	GSR Welcome Assembly
February 10, 2024	Area meeting ASO
February 15, 2024	Final Conference Agenda published
February 21, 2024	Agenda items selected for first pre-Conference Zoom meeting (1 hour)
March 9, 2024	Area Assembly / Area Committee after dinner / DCM
March 17, 2024	Delegate orientation (Eastern Canada Region on Zoom)
April 6, 2024	Area Assembly / Area Committee after dinner / Committees
April 21 to 27, 2024	74 th General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous
May 11, 2024	Area meeting ASO
May 18, 2024	Delegate's report to St-Jean-sur-le-Richelieu in hybrid format ? (1 hour + 20 minutes questions)
May 20-23, 2024	Valleyfield ? Delegate Report (1 hour + 20 minutes questions)
May 24-25, 2024	Provincial Gathering - Area 87 in St-Hyacinthe as in 2016 ? 80th anniversary of AA in Quebec. What do we do? Workshops on Concepts III, IV, V, IX (4 concepts = 4 areas; drawn at random) referring to the Twelve Concepts checklist + Archives workshop. 4 workshops in French and one in English. See guidelines of March 7, 2020.
June 3, 2024	Delegate's report to St. Matthias Church in Westmount ? (1 hour + 20 minutes questions)
June 8, 2024	Area Assembly + brunch / Delegate's report to District 02 or 17 ? (1 hour + 20 minutes questions)
August 10, 2024	Area meeting (District to be determined - District 87-14 and 26 at Colonie des Grèves in Contrecoeur?)
Aug. 23 to 25, 2024	Eastern Canada Regional Forum at Ottawa's Delta Hotel. Group transportation? Topic to be brought to January 2024 1st Steering Committee meeting.
Sept. 14, 2024	Area meeting ASO
Oct. 19 or 20, 2024	Area Assembly - Elections of Treasurer, Secretary and alternates
November 9, 2024	Area meeting ASO
December 14, 2024	Area meeting ASO

Appendix

La Vigne 2.0 presentation

Les Éditions La Vigne is the name of the publisher of La Vigne 2.0 magazine. Its primary purpose is to carry the A.A. message to all those interested in alcoholism through articles that reflect the experience, strength and hope of A.A. members and friends on topics related to Recovery, Unity and Service. In all its activities, La Vigne 2.0 strives to operate in accordance with A.A.'s Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts without soliciting contributions from members or A.A. groups to finance its operating expenses.

La Vigne 2.0 is written, edited, illustrated and read by French-speaking A.A. members and others interested in the A.A. program. Its intention is to connect one alcoholic with another.

Often referred to as our "meeting in print", La Vigne 2.0 carries the experience, strength and hope of its contributors, and reflects French-speaking A.A.'s current experience of Recovery, Unity and Service. First published in 1965, La Vigne 2.0 receives no group contributions, but is financed entirely by subscription sales and additional income from the sale of articles produced by Les Éditions La Vigne.

Recommended and recognized by the General Service Conference¹, La Vigne 2.0 publishes the experiences and opinions of French-speaking members of Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as articles on alcoholism. The opinions expressed in its pages are not to be attributed to the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole and do not commit either the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous or La Vigne 2.0.

Any interested A.A. member may write to La Vigne 2.0 to share his or her opinion or experience on a subject related to the Three Legacies of A.A. and possibly be published.

Finally, anyone interested in La Vigne 2.0 can subscribe through lavigneaa.org. The annual subscription includes 6 bi-monthly publications at a cost of \$19.50. A digital version is also available. Printed copies of any issue of La Vigne 2.0 are also available from the Literature counter at the Area Service Office. If you have any questions about La Vigne 2.0, you can contact me at any time.

Thank you for your attention.

¹ General Service Conference Advisory Action (2011) - It was recommended that : The 61st General Service Conference express its appreciation and gratitude for the French-language magazine "La Vigne," and the value it has for French-speaking members of Alcoholics Anonymous and the respect "La Vigne" has shown for the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. (Floor action)

From the 64th General Service Conference Report (2014): Note, page 16 : « Following Donald (Cusson)'s informative presentation on La Vigne, Terry Bedient asked Conference members to inform French-speaking members within their areas, districts and groups about La Vigne. Conference members stood in recognition of La Vigne as the French AA magazine of our Conference structure and that it might serve French-speaking AA member in the U.S. and Canada. »