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Région 87 – 87 Area – Área 87
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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Good morning, everyone, and thanks to each and every one of you for being here this morning. It's because of your personal commitment and involvement that we can collectively gather and work together for our common welfare.

New theme

Each year, the General Service Conference introduces a unifying theme for the following year that reflects the spirit we wish to foster throughout the entire Fellowship. You'll recall that the theme of the 73rd Conference was: *AA's Three Legacies - Our Common Solutions*. For the next one, the 74th Conference in April 2024, the theme chosen in April, in New York, is: ***Connecting with Love, Unity and Service***. You will be seeing it everywhere in our correspondence, agendas, and service publications.

Inter-Regional Committee

As you know, the Steering Committee has been working with the Inter-Regional Committee for years on the project for a single 1-800 help line for the whole of Quebec. Just imagine! This project, common to all four regions, has been on the agenda of the Inter-Regional Committee for over 20 years! Hurrying up slowly may well apply in this instance... but it's also a fine example of "working together for our common welfare".

Ligne 1-866 Ligne AA (1-866 AA Line)

It was well worth believing in the project as, last Saturday, we attended the official launch of our *1-866 Ligne AA* line during the Provincial Assembly hosted by Area 90 in Laval. Sylvain L., President of the Inter-Regional Committee, who presented the project to us in September 2022, made the announcement. From now on, wherever we are in Quebec, we'll be able to be in contact with a live AA respondent in our region, thanks to the automatic connection that will forward the call to the right location.

It was inspiring to see the unity of our four areas around this project. We must congratulate the trusted leaders of the four areas whose hard work made this breakthrough possible. Thanks to this new 1-866-544-6322 (1-866 Ligne AA), the hand of AA helping hand will be even more accessible to the still suffering alcoholic who is seeking our help. Let's be proud of this accomplishment.



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Newcomer's Tokens

On the Thursday before our Inter-Regional Committee meeting, our Service office supervisor, Ginette W., informed me that it was time to order the newcomer's blue tokens. What a happy coincidence, you might say, but after discussions at the Provincial Assembly, Area 87 will be producing the new, revised 1-866-Ligne-AA tokens! And, in another example of "working together", we're going to make quantities available to our friends in other Areas who have already asked for them.

La Vigne Area Representative

We're looking for a La Vigne Area representative to take on the information and promotion activities of La Vigne, as part of our area Literature Committee. We invite you to submit your application to the Literature committee at the following address:
comitedespublications@aa87.org You'll find a description of the duties, on today's Area Committee virtual table.

Alternate Coordinator, Group Services

We are also looking for an Alternate Coordinator for the Group Services Committee. We invite you to send your application to the committee's address: servicesauxgroupes@aa87.org.

Eco Responsible Coffee Cups

District 87-27 has prepared a document that I encourage you to consult on our virtual table. It explains the difference between our traditional Styrofoam cups and compostable cups. I would suggest that our members become more aware of this issue, which can apply to our groups, districts and committees. By putting Styrofoam aside, we can help save our environment.

Safety in A.A.

I would like to thank Districts 87-16 and 87-27 for their invitation to discuss the issue of Safety in A.A. at their district meetings. This is a sensitive subject that many of our members are interested in. We'll have an exchange of views and a question period later this afternoon.

Our treasurer reminds you that you must pay for your lunch in cash. Thank you all for your service to our current and future members.

Kathleen R.
Area 87 Chairperson