

# SOUTH EAST TEXAS AREA

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2014

## DELEGATE

### **HELLO SE TX AREA 67!**

As I write to you tonight I have presented my General Service Conference Report to three districts. Melissa has been with me and we are having a great time presenting what happened at the 64th Annual General Service Conference this year. You all will soon hear all about it and be informed.

I could not have been more prepared. Primarily because of SETA 67 member's collective focus of getting me ready for the 64th General Service Conference. I had many preliminary thoughts about the agenda items that were discussed and voted on at the conference this year. I asked my higher power for guidance each day.

I appreciated all the love, prayers and well wishes I received all during the week, especially the Diet Coke care package. The Hilton Westchester in Rye, NY, was a Pepsi only hotel!

Now, on with the business of communicating to you...

### **KEY ADVISORY ACTIONS PASSED AT THE 64TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE:**

These are some Conference Advisory Actions that I did not include in my report, so I will share them here. We will have copies of all the Advisory Actions, Additional Committee Considerations and Floor Actions at the Area Assembly:

#### **A. Agenda**

It was recommended that:

1. The theme for the 2015 General Service Conference be: "Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service – The Foundation for Our Future"
2. The following be presentation/discussion topics for the 2015 General Service Conference:  
"Our Common Welfare through Gratitude in Action"
  - a. Diversity in A.A. - Our Heritage of Inclusion
  - b. Safety and Respect – Practicing the Principles Begins in our Home Group
  - c. Safeguarding our Traditions through the Evolution of Technology
  - d. Inventory – Looking Back to Move Ahead

#### **B. Archives**

It was recommended that:

The updated video *Markings on the Journey* is approved.

### **Exciting news everyone!**

Our G.S.O. website redesign ([www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)) is completed and up and running.

Please check it out it is quite an impressive job.

- Complete updated.
- Easy to navigate.
- Hopefully easier to locate information you need.

Let me know what you think anytime!

Love and service,

Patrick C.  
Delegate Panel 63, Area 67

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**C. Cooperation with the Professional Community**

It was recommended that:

The statement in the section Referrals from Court and Treatment Facilities to A.A. on page 4 in the pamphlet "If You Are a Professional..." is revised.

**D. Corrections**

It was recommended that:

A new video be developed to replace "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.

**E. International Conventions/Regional Forums**

It was recommended that:

1. An anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony be taken at the 2015 International Convention.
2. An encrypted, anonymity-protected Internet broadcast of the 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony be approved.

**F. Literature**

It was recommended that:

1. The revised pamphlet "Circles of Love and Service" be approved.
2. A correction to inaccurate text related to the addition of appendices on page XI in the Preface of Alcoholics Anonymous, be revised.

**G. Policy/Admissions**

It was recommended that:

1. During a two-year trial period the General Service Conference include one day of electronic voting on all nonelection votes.

**H. Public Information**

It was recommended that:

1. A new public service announcement be produced in 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.

**I. Grapevine & Treatment Facilities/Special Needs/Accessibilities**

No recommendations.

***FINAL COMMENTS:*****Change comes from within our fellowship**

I want to remind everyone that our fellowship is precious and we need to work to keep it in fit spiritual condition.

As I have mentioned there are several areas of concern that we need to continue to seek positive action and movement towards a healthy future.

Some of the issues I have learned we need to focus on are:

- Protecting Anonymity
- Safety in A.A.
- Singleness of Purpose
- Self-support
- Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues
- What challenges do you think we are facing?

It is in our hands to utilize the conference process to seek the changes we would like to see to mold our future.

I challenge each of you and your groups to discuss these issues and determine if there are any potential agenda items that you want to put forth to be considered for the 65th General Service Conference.

***REMEMBER:***

My focus is to inform you about Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole and to be the voice of your ideas, experiences and collective group conscience. I know our Area is in your capable hands.

Please let me know how I can help you, your Group or District.

With much gratitude,

Patrick C.  
Delegate, Panel 63, Area 67,  
E-mail: delegate-63@aa-seta.org

## ALTERNATE DELEGATE

### HELLO TO AREA 67!

The last two months have been an active time in Area 67. I've attended District meetings and several workshops, including a Grapevine Workshop that was co-hosted by District 20.

This was a "working" workshop at which we all wrote articles to submit for possible publication in future Grapevine magazines.

Barbara G, Area Grapevine Chair, provided topics that sparked memories of many of my own personal experiences – I could have written pages and pages on five or six of the selections!

There was also a presentation on how to submit an article verbally. The workshop was well attended by a good representation of our membership, from newcomers to those with long-term sobriety – exactly the kind of cross-section that makes for a well-rounded issue of our "Meeting in Print".

### SETA GRATITUDE DINNER

Planning continues on our annual SETA Gratitude Dinner. The flyers, provided by this year's co-host, District 40, are in the works and will be available at the July Assembly. The Committee, chaired by Amy E of this year's host, District 51, has chosen the menu which will be Tex-Mex.

Several slots are available including decorations and set-up and break-down operations. Think about what you and your District would like to do to participate this year.

A theme has also been selected: "Life will take on new meaning", from page 89 of the Big Book. That phrase has always held a special significance for me, as it has for scores of recovering alcoholics. It has seemed even more poignant (and apropos) in relation to my expanded activities and experiences this year.

I've had the opportunity to continue to work with Patrick in regards to the 2014 General

Service Conference – now with the results of the Conference.

Participating in the process and being a part of this Fellowship has truly brought new meaning to my life.

Patrick and I have begun the next stage – which is when our Delegate "links" SETA 67 to AA as a whole, by reporting those results to the membership.

I look forward to visiting your District and to continuing to participate in the process.

In A.A. love and gratitude,

Melissa R  
Alternate Delegate  
Panel 63, Area 67



## ALTERNATE CHAIR

District 70 will be our host for our July Assembly and I know that they will bring it like they did last year at the Gratitude Dinner.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone next month, and especially looking forward to the addition of the Job Fair on Saturday.

This is an opportunity to learn about the SETA positions the assembly will elect servants for in October.

I hope you will take the chance and learn firsthand, the experience, strength and hope, from the folks that are currently serving in these positions.

Also, do not forget to make your reservations at the Sheraton North Houston at George Bush Intercontinental through this link: [www.sheraton.com/northhouston](http://www.sheraton.com/northhouston) or call them directly at (281) 442-5100.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve.

Best,

Troy B.  
Alt. Chair

*A Declaration of  
Unity*

*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.*

*I am  
responsible...When  
anyone, anywhere,  
reaches out for help, I  
want the hand of A.A.  
always to be there and  
for that: I am  
responsible.*

## ARCHIVES

### “Without Preserving History, There Is No Future”

On both sides of our bed we have piled high all sorts of promising reading material. (Books are crammed in shelves and distributed wherever possible on available surfaces within a pint size townhouse.)

Anyway, we had settled in for the night, when Mike found an article from a non-profit magazine entitled, “Without Preserving History, There is No Future.”

Must mean something I told myself!

We all know we can't turn our backs on our past, the desperation we experienced while we suffered from the disease and the steps we took in search of a solution.

We dare not forget that our reprieve from alcohol is conditional and we risk everything when we forget to learn, love and appreciate the past as a source of inspiration and support! Aha!

Though the article Mike read was about another world geographically and culturally, far from the one we know from our experiences in our meetings and service work, the message is the same.

The body of knowledge that is our collective story, teaches us “to learn, love and appreciate” the past as a source of inspiration and support.

The interviews, photographs and documents we collect and preserve from our past strengthen us in moving forward one day at a time with a greater understanding.

Area Archives Committee

Sarah D.  
SETA Archivist

## OFICINA INTERGRUPA HISPANA

Hello, I am Eliseo & I wish you a happy 24. I attended the assembly and it made me happy to see that the Hispanic community is working hard to spread alcohol awareness.

In regards to the AA Hispanics, there are a lot of anniversaries in the months of May & June so there is a lot of celebrating to do.

Also, we are working diligently in passing the message along to those who suffer from alcoholism. I am very pleased with being able to give information from the

Spanish speaking community to the English speaking community.

I am in contact with the multilingual committee and Deborah the delegate. We are trying to find a way to have more communication with our delegate Patrick.

I hope that your contributions to AA with you all are fruitful. I wish you all a happy 24.

Thank you.

Elisio S.  
Oficina Intergroupa Hispana

## GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE



Happy 70th Birthday to our "meeting in print". 2014 is the year to celebrate our monthly magazine that is written and supported by AA members. No monies are received from group, district, or area contributions. We rely on subscriptions and book sales printed by the Grapevine, Inc.

Today the magazine comes without staples so they can be carried into jails and institutions. Some members are under the impression that the Grapevine is an outside entity and not part of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is true that the magazine is not conference-approved literature because of the lengthy edits required before actual print. Therefore, we are called the International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous and recognized as a great recovery tool.

Are you aware of the **free daily quote** from the Grapevine that can be sent to your phone or computer? From this download, I learned a little history about the early days of our magazine.

AA Co-Founder, Bill W. in June 1959 wrote "An Anniversary Letter" in The Language of the Heart. It reads "The memory of some of those first editorial meetings will linger with me always." Seated around a table in a tiny cheerless room some place downtown, the founders pored over their freshly written copy for the first issues. In those days

the enthusiastic founders did everything. Not only did they do the art work, write the bulk of the stories, they kept the books, they paid the printing bill, they typed the address on each copy and finally licked all the stamps. So went the happy monthly paroxysm of creating what was to become the principal monthly journal of our whole society."

### **GV Spotlight shines on Judy M. who serves as the Grapevine Rep for District 81.**

Judy has been a remarkable example of inviting others to accompany her as she practices the 3rd Legacy of Service. She always arrives with her van filled with women wanting to attend the AA meeting next door or someone interested in our Area GV Committee.

At the last monthly GV meeting she brought Martha P. who is standing as Grapevine Rep for Texas City "518" Group. Judy also asked the Grapevine Committee to be present Sept. 19-21 in Galveston for The Traditions and Concepts Weekend on the Beach hosted by SETA District 81. We are honored to participate and shall bring copies of the 12 Traditions and Concepts checklists, Area GV display, copies of Grapevine, and literature for sale.

The Area Grapevine Committee meets each month at the Delta Club on the third Thursday at 7:30 pm except during area assemblies. Then we meet at the Sheraton on JFK Boulevard on Saturday at 4:30.

In service and appreciation for all you do,

Barbara G.  
SETA 67 Grapevine Chair

### **Grapevine Addresses**

#### **New York Office**

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New York, NY 10115

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La Vina, P.O. Box  
422483  
Palm Coast, FL 32142-2483



**DISTRICT MEMBERS**

District 10 DCM - Katherine M.  
District 10 Alt DCM – OPEN

District 20 DCM - D. Ford S.  
District 20 Alt DCM - Bryan B.

District 31 DCM - West G.  
District 31 Alt DCM - Kathleen T.

District 32 DCM - Jeff H.  
District 32 Alt DCM - Ginny M.

District 33 DCM - Harold C.  
District 33 Alt DCM – Bill W.

District 40 DCM - Jes K.  
District 40 Alt DCM - Michelle H.

District 51 DCM - Lee H.  
District 51 Alt DCM - Amy E.

District 52 DCM – Nancy O.  
District 52 Alt DCM - Debbie C.

District 60 DCM - Sylvester W.  
District 60 Alt DCM – OPEN

District 62 DCM - Francisco M.  
District 62 Alt DCM - Agustin C.

District 63 DCM - Daniel F.  
District 63 Alt DCM - Jose Luis D.

District 64 DCM - Octavio G.  
District 64 Alt DCM - Jose H.

District 65 DCM - Joel B.  
District 65 Alt DCM – Dimas S.

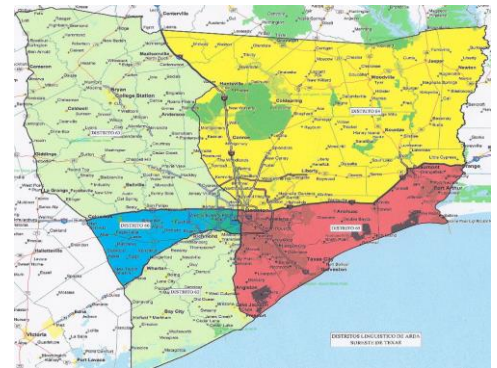
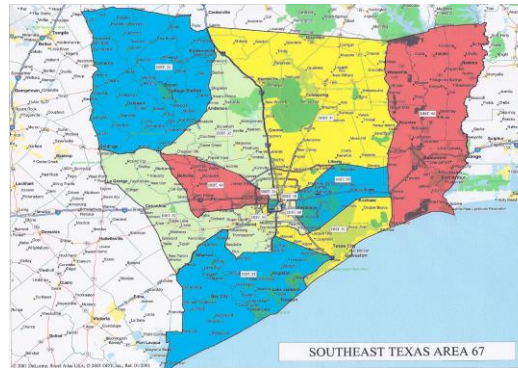
District 66 DCM - Miguel O.  
District 66 Alt DCM - Martin M.

District 70 DCM - Ray R.  
District 70 Alt DCM - Sheyanne F.

District 81 DCM - Stevvi M.  
District 81 Alt DCM - Melody W.

District 82 DCM - Rick M.  
District 82 Alt DCM - Dennis G.

District 90 DCM - Ricky L.  
District 90 Alt DCM - A.B. B.

**ALL DISTRICTS OF AREA 67****DISTRICT 70**

2014 is as challenging for us as 2013 so here we go. North shore held their annual workshop on Sunday June 8th . Their theme is “AA in 2014” with focus on Progression of AA over the Years, and Anonymity. It was well attended with visitors from several other groups.

District – 70 with district – 60 are hosting the July assembly together, it looks like we are about ready.

We are planning a job fair in Aug. or Sept. A flyer will be posted when we get the details completed.

John H. brought a pleasant treat to our May meeting of cake and ice cream. There was more than enough for all present, thanks John.

We moved our June meeting to the 29th for this month only, with father’s day on our normal slot and the state convention on the following Sunday.

Ray R.  
District 70 DCM

**DISTRICT 82**

There are a few noteworthy items from District 82 this quarter. First of all, the Brockman Road Group is returning to their five day a week meeting schedule. The seven day a schedule did not work out.

The Eye Opener Meeting on the other hand has added an additional meeting to their schedule. This meeting now takes place at 6:00 AM on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Attendance has been steady and provides a convenient meeting for shift workers and early risers.

The District Committee changes its meeting location every six months and beginning with the July meeting, we will be meeting at

the Alvin Taylor Street Club. This will be the location for the balance of 2014. Our meetings start at 3:00 PM on the first Sunday of the month.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our annual Unity Day celebration this year. A chairperson for the event could not found. This event usually takes place on the second Saturday of August.

We are looking forward to hearing Patrick’s Delegate report when he and Melissa attend our August committee meeting.

In service,  
Rick M.  
District Committee Member 82

# Communicating our Legacies Vital in a Changing World

## AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA Saturday July 12, 2014

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Registration Opens	District 70 and District 60	Lobby
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Area Committee Meeting		Ballroom
<b>8:30 AM</b>	GSR Workshop (a recorder is needed for the workshop) Room is on second floor Meeting is in Spanish and English		Galveston
<b>9:45 AM</b>	.....B.....R.....E.....A.....K.....		
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Open General Assembly: Tradition 3 2015 Budget Workshop</b>	<b>District 70 and District 60</b>	<b>Ballroom</b>
<b>10:40 AM</b>	<b>Funding Translators to SWRAASA</b>		
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>District Committee Member Reports</b>		
<b>12:00 PM</b>	.....L.....U.....N.....C.....H.....		
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Open Afternoon Session Concept 3</b>	<b>District 70 and District 60</b>	<b>Ballroom</b>
	<b>General Service Conference Report</b>		
		<b>Delegate</b>	
<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Service Job Fair (second Floor rooms will be used)</b>		
<b>3:45 PM</b>	<b>Trustee Report</b>		<b>Trustee</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>SETA SERVICE COMMITTEES:</b>		
	Archives.....Embassy	GVR.....El Paso	Newsletter.....Forum
	CPC.....Galveston	LaVina.....San Antonio	PI.....Galveston
	CFC.....Houston	Literature.....Ballroom	SCAP.....Ballroom
	Finance.....Austin	Multi-Lingual....Ballroom	TFC.....Riviera
	ITC-Web.....Ballroom		
<b>5:45 PM</b>	.....D.....I.....N.....N.....E.....R.....		
<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Service Committees' Reports</b>		
<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>GSR Ask It Basket</b>		
<b>9:00 PM</b>	<b>Close</b>		

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# Communicating our Legacies Vital in a Changing World

## AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA Sunday July 13, 2014

<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>AA Meeting</b>	
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Open Meeting – Prayer	Chairperson – Ron C
	Preamble to SETA Policies & Procedures Manual	Alt. Chair – Troy B
	Roll Call & INTRO OF AREA COMMITTEE	Registrar - Linda
	Recognize: New GSRs, past Delegates, guests	Chairperson
	January and April Area Assembly Minutes	Secretary – Melanie M
	Treasurer’s Report	Treasurer – Kris H
	Delegate Report	Delegate - Patrick C
	Alternate Delegate’s Report	Al Del - Melissa R
	2015 SETA Convention Update	2015 Conv. Chair - David
	Reports from Saturday’s Workshops	
	GSR Workshops	
	GSR Ask it Basket	
	Roll-Call for VOTING	Registrar
	Unfinished Business	
	Election of Literature and LaVina Chairpersons	
	Ad Hoc Committee on Election Procedures	
	2015 Budget	
	New Business	
	- Funding Translators to SWRAASA	
	Announcements –	Alt. Chair
	October Assembly Host District	
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Close Meeting - Responsibility Statement:	

***I am responsible...When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there and for that: I am responsible***

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