

SOUTH EAST TEXAS AREA

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2014

DELEGATE

HELLO SE TX AREA 67!

I just returned from a few days of VACATION and today, September 8, 2014, is my father's 79th birthday. I am blessed with a sober life that "our" beloved fellowship has given me to live. As I write to you today all but one district has received the 64th GSC Delegates report. It seems like this journey just started and now we are having our elections again. I look forward to participating in our area however God wants me to be engaged.

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

CHECK OUT THE DELEGATE'S PAGE ON OUR SETA WEBSITE:

Check out the Delegate's Webpage Link at our SETA Website: <http://www.aa-seta.org/>

I have posted all the tools you need to report to your groups about what happened at the 64th General Service Conference that you elected me to attend and represent your voice and vote.

5 TOOLS TO HELP YOU INFORM YOUR GROUP'S MEMBERS:

1. **Delegate Report Conference Advisory Actions:** These actions must be acted upon by the Trustees. This report includes the original Agenda Item, Summarization of the Background material, what the Delegate needs to know questions and finally, the result/outcome of the Conference
2. **Finance Packet:** Hand-outs of the Finance slides from the Delegate's General Service Conference Report
3. **Additional Considerations, Recommendations & Floor Actions:** Hand-out of recommended actions from the General Service Conference. These items are not required to be acted upon.

4. **Delegate Experience:** A written day to day report of Patrick's experience at the 2014 General Service Conference
5. **Delegate PowerPoint Presentation:** (PDF) The report Patrick presented at the July Area Assembly

Information from the General Service Board Meeting Minutes from August 4, 2014:

Remember the conference process goes on all year round so here is some information from the latest General Service Board Weekend held in New York. Trustees are working hard for us.

Interesting items from the Trustees Committee on the General Service Conference:

The committee agreed to forward to the Trustee's Public Information Committee a request that the Conference Advisory Action from the 61st General Service Conference regarding the "Policy on actors portraying A.A. members or potential A.A. members in videos produced by the General Service Board or its affiliates" be rescinded.

The committee agreed to forward a request to "Task the staff of the General Service Office with the development of a website template that could be used by the areas and districts within the U.S. and Canada.

- The committee agreed to forward a request to "Task the staff of the General Service Office with developing a searchable, web-based, mobile-friendly database of meetings in the U.S. that is consistent with the records of the General Service Office. The database would also be available to Areas and Districts and should include an interactive map. Only meetings that desire a web-presence should be included in the database.

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- The committee agreed to forward to the General Service Board a request to consider the “idea of a non-geographic district” comprised of the North American –based Online A.A. Groups. Perhaps such a district could be adopted by a delegate area so that the consciences of these groups could be included in the GSC process.

Interesting items from the Trustees Committee on Literature:

- *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* with the *Twelve Concepts for World Service*.

Interesting items from the A.A.W.S., Inc. report:

- A new feature “Recurring Contributions” was introduced in April, 2014 to the Contributions online portal of our website www.aa.org.
- The A.A.W.S. Board approved the following recommendations from the Technology/Communications/Services Committee; that the conference-approved video, “Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous” be posted on www.aa.org.
- The A.A.W.S. Board approved the following recommendations from the Technology/Communications/Services Committee; to move ahead with the GSO’s plan to produce in-house, Web-only videos.

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. More information will be presented in my delegate’s report at the upcoming October Area Assembly.

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

ALTERNATE DELEGATE

It's September, in an "even" year. Daily thunderstorms, premature Halloween displays and breezes that carry a hint of the cooler weather that's coming – those things have always characterized early September for me. As much as I've always loved these first signs of Fall, the thought of September 'in an even year' has come to signify so much more.

Around this time, I often reflect on my first experience at an Area 67 Assembly. I was a brand-new Alternate GSR who frankly didn't understand much of anything discussed, debated or voted on in the general assemblies I attended that weekend.

What I did understand was that I had stumbled onto a large collection of recovering alcoholics who were dedicated to a level of service I had previously been unaware of. I understood that I wanted, deeply and profoundly, to be a part of it. I felt like I had come home.

Some of the faces have changed since that weekend, but a surprising number of them still attend regularly today. Then again, maybe it isn't surprising at all – just an example of the dedication I sensed during that very first weekend.

Service has been the mainstay of my recovery. It has been my salvation more times than I can count. The phrase "Don't rotate out, rotate on", first heard (where else?) at an Area Assembly, has always held a lot of significance for me and those faces that appear at SETA year after year continue to be my example and my inspiration.

So it's September in an "even" year. It's a time of winding down along with whiffs of new beginnings: Area Elections are only a few weeks away...

October will reveal our service opportunities for the upcoming term, with all the fresh experiences and new relationships that come with them. Service *does* entail sacrifice; but those opportunities we experience, the friendships we forge and the daily reprieve we reap are definitely our rewards.

And so I look forward to that weekend when Area 67 once again practices our principle of rotation, and when I'll learn where God wants me to serve Him and our beloved Fellowship next!

In A.A. love and service,

Melissa R
Alternate Delegate
Panel 63, Area 67

**32nd Annual
SETA Gratitude Dinner**

November 16, 2014

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

“Life Will Take On New Meaning”

Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 89

Hosted by: District 51
Co-Host: District 40
Affiliated Spanish Host: District 66

VFW Post 8790 Spring Branch
1560 Foley Street
Houston, TX 77055

gratitude-dinner@aa-seta.org

***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.*

CHAIR

The next Area Assembly for Panel 63 will be on October 4th and 5th at the Sheraton North Houston. This is our rotation/election weekend. So we will have a Third Legacy Workshop on Saturday along with four workshops on Agenda items. We will vote on these four items on Sunday. Also on Sunday will be the election of the new Panel of Area Officers and Area Committee Chairpersons.

There will be a Service Job Fair conducted on Saturday evening. This one will be similar (speed dating format) to the one in July but will be for the Service Committees Chairperson positions. Hopefully it will be as much fun and spark as much enthusiasm as the July service job fair.

As usual we will have the DCMs reports to the Area, GSR workshops, Area Service Committee meetings and reports, GSR Ask It Basket and a morning AA meeting on Sunday. It will a great weekend filled with the spirit of rotation. Hope to see everyone in attendance.

As my time as Area Chairperson draws to an end I am filled with gratitude to the Area and to God for the opportunity to serve. I have found the job of Area Chairperson to be the best job I have ever had the pleasure of serving in. It

has taught me a great deal about AA, the Area and also myself.

One of the greatest lessons I have learned is one of Patience. Patience is one of the virtues that I have never been overly filled with. I don't like change but if change is going to happen let's go ahead and get it over with. But Patience is one of the clear directives that God has given me though out the years and one that I had to learn more about in the job of Area Chairperson. I have learned that Patience is not about the waiting. That Patience is an action.

It is like the example that was told to me early in my sobriety. There are two farmers that both pray to God for rain. One farmer gets up from his knees and immediately begins to prepare his field. Patience when linked with faith is about preparing the field and being assured that God will do his part.

Every Friday night before the Assembly I hit my knees and pray that God grant me the Patience to be of service. I enter Saturday not knowing if I will be up to the task or will fall flat on my face. But I am sure that if my fields are prepared and my actions can match my faith, the miracle of rain will occur and everything will be exactly like it is supposed to be.

Trudging the road,

Ron C
Area Chairperson

Agenda Item:

Spanish Translation of commemorative edition of the Big Book

Motion: District 64 moves that the commemorative edition of the Big Book of AA celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Alcoholic Anonymous Big Book be published in Spanish.

GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE



District 31 has invited the SETA Grapevine Committee to join them October 18 from 2-5 pm at the Shadydale Group on Laura Koppe. Panelists will be discussing AAWS and Grapevine literature... as a tool in recovery, the fact that printed material can be passed on as opposed to our popular electronic technology, and any new offerings of products. As commonplace for two years, there will be a free raffle to give away a soft cover copy of *The Language of the Heart*.

Members of the Grapevine Committee and the Display will be present at the Gratitude Dinner this year. The date is Nov. 16 at the VFW Post 8790 Spring Branch, 1560 Foley Street from 2-6 pm.

GV Spotlight shines on Windy M. who is GSR for Step Sisters group in Spring.

Windy submitted a photo taken from her upstairs porch that she considers her sacred spot in the house. It was not only accepted by the Grapevine, Inc. but also utilized as the cover of the 2015 GV Calendar.

You can easily see why this tranquil spot was chosen as the sun is closing on another sober day. Copies of the calendar and pocket planners will be available at the Oct. SETA assembly.

Join us as we celebrate

The **Grapevine's 70th Birthday** at the Intergroup Conference Center, 4140-D Directors Row, Houston, TX 77092. We didn't want the year to lapse without a whoopee party to honor "our meeting in print", so be there on **December 6th from 1-5 pm.**

Panelists from the SETA Grapevine Committee, Intergroup CFC Committee, and Intergroup staff will be available for the first workshop. They will be discussing the GV magazine and products, how Grapevine subscriptions can be sent to the "Adopt an Inmate" program, and we will be introduced to new pamphlets and our 75th Anniversary AA book. Prepare for a humorous Grapevine skit and snacks will be whoopie pies and old-fashioned ice cream floats. Lastly and most importantly, we will host a Writing, Recording, Photography workshop for our members to contribute articles for upcoming issues.

A second panel will outline Grapevine Guidelines for writing or recording a 7 minute talk. Suggested topics from the GV will be provided to spark your thoughts. There will be tables, pens, paper and a quiet atmosphere for you to write. Bring a picture of your home group on your telephone, and we will help you upload it to "If these Walls Could Talk". A smaller room will be available for the Audio Strategy so write your comments prior to arriving and we will have Committee members help with the upload on cell phones. Let's represent Southeast Texas Area 67 in future magazines.

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

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STATE CONVENTION ATTENDANCE PROMOTION (SCAP)

Howdy from College Station,

I have enjoyed serving as your SCAP (State Convention Attendance Promotion) Chair for the last 3 years. If you know anyone who would like to step up for this fun, fun committee, please let me know.

I hope someone steps up so SCAP can have a Hospitality Suite at the SETA Convention January 16-18 at Moody Gardens, in Galveston.

SCAP will have a table at the Gratitude Dinner, November 16 2:00 – 6:00 pm at the VFW Post 8790 Spring Brach, 1560 Foley Street.

The 2015 State Convention will be in the Midland/Odessa area. The Chair is having problems with the hotel so a date and place are not set yet. The hotel they had chosen decided not to honor their agreement.

I would like to thank Becky R., Carol F., Connie W., Bill W., Bob F., Betsy G., Kris H., Melissa R., Patrick C., Ron C. and all the volunteers for helping me over the last three years. This was quite a fun learning experience. Be sure and thank people working Hospitality Suites, it takes a lot of time and money to put them together.

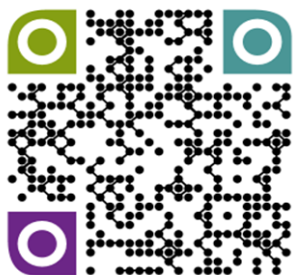
In Service,

Francia C.
Outgoing SCAP Chair



53rd Annual SETA Convention

Moody Gardens Hotel | Galveston
January 16-18, 2015



**Galveston
draws a
Texas-sized
crowd!**

**Reserve
your hotel
room early!**

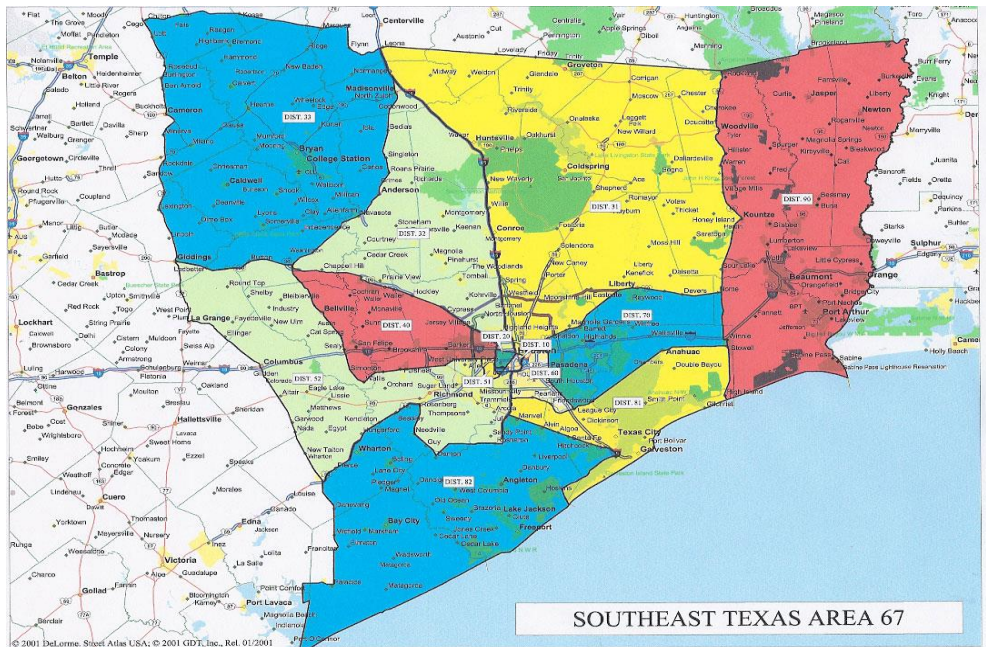
**Don't miss
out on all
the fun and
fellowship!**

Come join us on January 16th in Galveston, Texas for the 53rd Annual SETA Convention. Online registration and information can be found @ www.setaconvention.org.

Hospitably Rooms are \$375 per night and there are two rooms left that can be reserved. If your district is interested in hosting a hospitality room please contact the convention chair @ conv-galveston@aa-seta.org prior to making the reservations with the hotel.

We are looking for members who can assist at the convention for being responsible for short periods of time for literature sales, registration, security, chairing marathon meetings, first timers and greeters. If you are interested in participating in these excellent service opportunities submit your name and contact information to conv-galveston@aa-seta.org.

ENGLISH DISTRICTS OF AREA 67



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 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.

DISTRICT 20

District 20 continues to explore ways to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

We completed our April 26, 2014 Grapevine workshop held in coordination with the SETA Grapevine committee. We had 20 attendees writing and recording their stories for submission to the Grapevine. Photographs were also submitted for the Grapevine “If These Rooms Could Talk” of meeting spaces in our Area.

We are exploring ways to distribute AA literature to organizations in our District. Our next workshop will be conducted in the fall on archives and another in late October staying sober and surviving the Holidays.

Several District 20 members are planning the trip to Corpus Christi to attend SWRRSSA in October.

We’ve received word that a new group has formed in our district which we will reach out to get them involved in District and SETA service positions.

District 20 has volunteered to help with deserts at the 2014 Gratitude Dinner in November. Larry L, one of our GSR’s is the co-chair of the CFC Conference on Sept. 12, 13 and 14.

District 20 is funding 4 La Vina subscriptions for the SETA CFC committee.

District 20 continues its traditional first Saturday Speaker Meeting following the District meeting each month except July.

Regards, Ford S.

DCM District 20

DISTRICT 40

I'm sure we've all heard the old saying that, "We learn how to do our jobs effectively about the time our term is up."

As this Assembly rolls around, District 40 will have already held it's elections for the next rotation & caught the excitement that comes with the Area's elections this weekend. Hopefully, all travel plans for SWRAASA are solidified & we are marking our calendars for the Gratitude Dinner in November!

District 40 has had its season of growth and change this year. We started off with the majority of positions filled only to become open again, our GSR workshop lit a few sparks for service in a few fellow members, a good strong number of members continue to serve our District and serve us well.

As a result of our District inventory a Visitation Committee was created to develop an efficient way for all District members to help the DCM and Alternate go and visit our 93 groups. This has proven to be very beneficial in our efforts to reach out as well as update our list of groups with accurate information.

Some of these changes were welcomed and has helped to keep the fires lit and some of these changes were disheartening but has grown us into a more unified committee. We are at that place were now that our terms are almost over, we know what to do and how to do it more effectively.

Not knowing as I write this who will be standing for what, how many members will show up and stand or who God will pick for each position, has me in a curious state. What I do know is that as a District we are extremely blessed to have a group of "past servants" that continue to suit up and show and lead us by example. If we continue to try and live these spiritual principles personally and as a District, we surely cannot fail in our efforts to try and help.

I look forward to what the last quarter of this current rotation has in store for me, my District, my Area and my friends.

Please come and visit us on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Bear Creek Community Center and help us learn and grow into the servants and District we are meant to be!

Michelle H.
D40 Alt. DCM

DISTRICT 82

Two groups in District will celebrate anniversaries in the coming quarter. The Alvin Group will celebrate 48 years on October 12th at the Alvin Taylor Street Club.

The Bay City Group will celebrate its anniversary on November 8th at the Bay City Service Center. Please check the District 82 page on aa-seta.org for details on both events.

At the September District Committee meeting we held our annual elections. We now have a new DCM, Alternate DCM, Treasurer, and CPC Chair. We are in need of a Secretary and other committee chairs.

We look forward to hosting the Area Assembly in October and participating in the Gratitude Dinner in November.

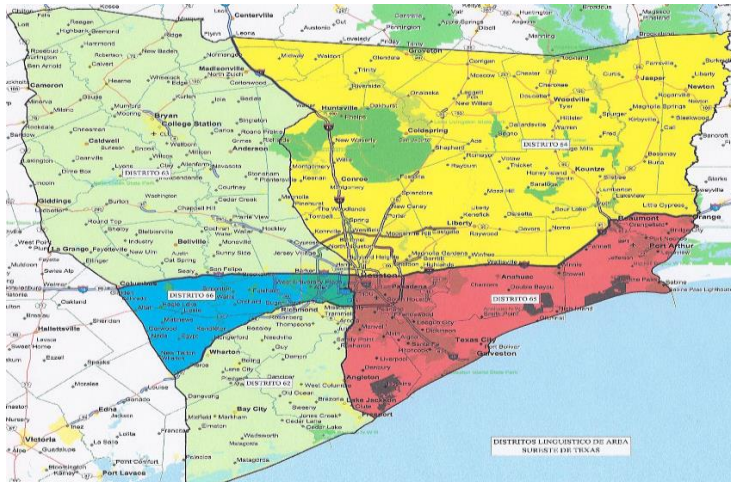
The District 82 Committee will meet for the rest of 2014 at the Alvin Taylor Street Club in Alvin. Our meetings begin at 3:00 PM and take place on the first Sunday of the month except the month of October when we will meet on October 19th.

Check out our page on aa-seta.org for information on meetings and events in District 82.

In Service,

Rick M.
District 82 DCM

SPANISH DISTRICTS OF AREA 67



DISTRICT MEMBERS

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

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

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

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

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

DISTRICT 62

Hello everyone. District 62 contains 8 groups, with 5 to 6 GSR's attending to our district meeting. We meet every Saturday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. and we do not meet the weekend prior to any assembly or convention.

We have 3 active committees: La Vina committee, Correctional committee and Literature committee. We attend to District meetings, attend and support all AA area 67 and Hispanics events. We meet at 620 FM 1092, Suite 212 Stafford Texas 77477.

Francisco M.

DISTRICT 63

Friends in Alcoholics Anonymous. Greetings from District 63. Happy 24 hours of sobriety!

District 63, has 11 groups, 6 GSR's are present on Saturdays at 6:00 pm for our meeting. The other groups are encouraged to send their representatives.

We have three committees, La Vina, literature and corrections. We have service manual study meeting for 30 minutes every Saturday.

The La Vina meets Saturdays from 5:00pm-6:00pm. It has a raffle every 15 days, total 6, RLVs and current 135 subscriptions. It shares with the district in the role of magazine.

Literature is working well and has a raffle every 15 days, will raffle a service manual. In box \$87.00 dollars.

Corrections, has 3 members and they go and share with message of service, to motivate others, we

also have the blue cans. Account has \$166.50 dollars, and are present at the area Committee, the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

The district shares on Friday in role of the groups. We share with groups or districts in rotation around the district unit, Also we are present in the district boards. When any event, area of Southeast Texas, (mushroom) or Hispanic assemblies, meets the district Thursday, at 8:00 pm.

The district collaborates with, \$ 50:00 dollars to the SETA and we collaborate with something to the hospitality room...When can you.

Thanks in advance,

MCD, Daniel F.

Alternate, MCD, José Luis D

Communicating our Legacies Vital in a Changing World

AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA Saturday October 4, 2014

8:00 AM	Registration Opens	District 82	Lobby
8:30 AM	Area Committee Meeting		Ballroom
8:30 AM	GSR Workshop (a recorder is needed for the workshop) Room is on second floor Meeting is in Spanish and English		Galveston
9:45 AM B.....R.....E.....A.....K.....		
10:00 AM	Open General Assembly: Tradition 10 District 82		Ballroom
	Third Legacy Voting Workshop		
	Support for GSC Agenda Item – Spanish Translation of 75th Anniversary Big Book		
11:00 AM	District Committee Member Reports		
12:00 PM L.....U.....N.....C.....H.....		
1:00 PM	Open Afternoon Session Concept 10	District 82	Ballroom
	Funding Translator’s Hotel nights at Assemblies Workshop		
	Voting Privileged for LCMs Workshop		
1:45 PM	Service Job Fair (second Floor rooms will be used)		
4:00 PM	Alt. Delegate Travel Reimbursement Workshop		Ballroom
4:30 PM	SETA SERVICE COMMITTEES:		
	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		
5:45 PM D.....I.....N.....N.....E.....R.....		
7:00 PM	Service Committees’ Reports		
8:00 PM	GSR Ask It Basket		
9:00 PM	Close		

 All Standing Committees, DCMs, Area Officers, Workshops, & Delegates please submit written reports
 to the Area Secretary so they are included in the minutes of the Area’s meetings.



Communicating our Legacies Vital in a Changing World

AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA Sunday October 5, 2014

7:00 A	AA Meeting	
8:30 AM	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
	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
	2016 SETA Convention Update	2016 Conv. Chair - Mary
	Reports from Saturday’s Workshops	
	GSR Workshops	
	GSR Ask it Basket	
	Roll Call for VOTING	Registrar
	Unfinished Business	
	Election of Literature Chairperson	
	Ad Hoc Committee on Election Procedures	
	New Business	
	- GSC Agenda Item - Spanish Translation of 75 th Anniversary Big Book	
	- Funding Translator Friday Night Hotel at Assembly	
	- Voting Privilege for LCMs of District 65	
	- Alt- Delegate Travel Reimbursement	
	Elections	
	Regional Trustee Nomination, Delegate, Alt Delegate, Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson	
	Secretary, Alternate Secretary Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, Registrar, Alternate Registrar and All	
	Standing Committee Chairpersons	
	Announcements –	Alt. Chair
3:30 PM	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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