

SOUTH EAST TEXAS AREA

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2015

DELEGATE

GREETINGS SE TEXAS AREA 67!

I would like to begin by expressing my gratitude for the opportunity to serve Area 67 and Alcoholics Anonymous in the role of Area Delegate. I'm filled with humility for the trust and support that has been demonstrated; and to honor that trust, I pledge to perform my duties to the very best of my ability.

I'm looking forward to meeting with the incoming DCMs, GSRs and their Alternates and to serving with Area 67's new panel of Trusted Servants, especially Ronald C., SETA 67's incoming Alternate Delegate.

SWRAASA 2014

SW Texas Area 68 put on a great event last October. The final number of registrants was (686), and of that number, SETA 67 was very well represented. The Delegates of the Southwest Region gave good presentations on their topics, the Trustees Sharing Session was thought-provoking, and the Alternate Delegates' presentations on the Concepts and the celebration of the Big Book's 75th Anniversary were likewise interesting and entertaining.

My thanks to SETA's own Kris H, Ronald C, and Paul and Zaz M for the great job they all did in presenting their Workshops: Treasurer, Area Chair, and Traditions 9 and 10, respectively. Additional thanks are owed to the SETA Multi-Lingual Committee members who were present and available for translating throughout the weekend.

BOX 459

A reminder that Box 459, published quarterly by the General Service Office, is a wonderful source of information, articles and updates on pertinent items and issues of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Winter Issue has information about the upcoming International Convention, changes in G.S.O. staff and 2015 Regional Forums, to name a few. Hard copy can be had for \$3.50 per year per subscription, or register for free digital subscriptions on the G.S.O. A. A. website: www.aa.org.

Another point of interest is Experience, Strength and Hope, a compilation of A.A. stories that were dropped from the

first three editions of the Big Book. This anthology, originally published in 2003, has a new look with its brightly colored dust cover and is also available in Spanish.

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE MEETING

The Trustees had their last quarterly meeting of 2014 in early November; it was also the last event to be held in Rye Brook, N.Y. as the next two General Service Conferences will be held in Manhattan at Times Square.

Items of interest from that report include the following:

26,000 were registered for the International Convention as of early November;

G.S.O. received a \$1.8 million order from Hazelden, processed prior to the October 1st literature price increase;

total Gross Sales for A.A.W.S. for the first nine months of 2014 ending September 30th, were \$14,345,500 – 15% over the estimate for the year to date;

The Grapevine realized a net income of \$232,430 for the first nine months ending September 30th, well over the budgeted amount of \$67,620; and the proposed policy for "La Vina Reporting" was adopted.

I have much more to share with you and I look forward to doing that at the January SETA Convention at Galveston's beautiful Moody Gardens Hotel. I'm pleased to say that our SW Regional Trustee, Clayton V will be a keynote speaker at the Convention. I'm sure you'll all be interested in all he has to share with us as well!

Please let me know how I can be of service to you, your Groups and your Districts.

In A.A. love and service,
Melissa R
Delegate - Panel 65, SETA 67
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ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Greetings Area 67.

I am thrilled to serve as the incoming Alternate Delegate for Panel 65. I'm sure I share the mixed emotions of others, about the end of Panel 63. I will miss the friendships that were formed, the new responsibilities I was exposed to and the fellowship of the Area. I know these experiences won't be ending but transforming. I am excited about the new bonds of fellowship that will be formed with the new Panel 65 Trusted Servants.

Our annual Gratitude Dinner was held November 16, 2014. I was truly amazed by the number of people in attendance (approximately 375 people). The food was excellent and the two speakers just blew me away. Melissa and all the Districts volunteers did an outstanding job and deserve all of our appreciation.

SWRAASA (South West Regional AA Service Association) was held October 10-12, 2014 in Corpus Christi Texas. It was awesome to celebrate sobriety and service with people from throughout the region. On the agenda were three workshops presented by people from within our Area. Kris, Paul and Zaz did wonderful and informative presentations, and I got to share my experience as an Area Chairperson. What I found truly inspiring was listening to the Trustees sharing session.

CHAIR

The new year is upon us and a new panel is about to step into new service positions. I would be lying if I said that I wasn't nervous about chairing the Assembly. You all have put a lot of faith in me and in God, and that I have a God. Yes, I have a God and he has been getting frantic prayers from me since early October. These prayers happen most often when I wake up in the middle of the night with the reoccurring nightmare of all the Past Delegates charging to the microphone because I have done something wrong! I promise to do my absolute best for the good of AA and for our Area.

Since our Area Committee and Assembly meetings coincide with the SETA Annual Convention, our agendas will be brief and we will have no "workshops." So please take the time to review the agenda, minutes from October and discuss few items we have to vote on with your groups.

We are still in need of an Area Archives Chairperson, a

The message that they communicated was that as they rotate on, they know AA is in good hands. Our hands. If you would like more information, the SWRAASA Highlights are posted on the SETA website on the Regional and State Events web page.

The Southwest Regional Forum is October 9-11, 2015 in St. Louis Missouri. It is hosted by Area 38 (Eastern Missouri), so save the date. For more information the flyer is posted on the SETA website on the Regional and State Events web page.

Yesterday I was informed that my first sponsor had passed away. He was a young man with a lot to live for. I hadn't spoken to him in about 3-4 years and hadn't actually seen him for about 8 years. But hearing the news shook me and made my world smaller. I know that God needed him somewhere else but still....

I could tell you about his laughter, his dedication, and his ability to reach out to newcomers. I could also mention the frequent kicks in the butt he delivered to me. But I won't. I will leave you with the words from the Big Book, which he often repeated to me. That to this day I hear with his voice when I get discouraged, tired or angry. The spiritual life is not a theory. We have to live it.

Ron C
Panel 65 Alternate Delegate

Chairperson for the 2017 SETA Convention, which will be held in Houston, and sadly, Debra R. has stepped down as Registrar so that position will need to be filled too. Finally, the IT Committee has submitted a motion to fund a representative to the National AA Technical Workshop.

I want to close by thanking the last panel for their service and especially my dear friend Patrick C. for his tireless work as Delegate. It seems to me that each year the service bar gets raised a bit more making the Area a better one. I look forward to working with this panel to raise the bar even more. I look forward to seeing you all soon at Assembly/Convention weekend. You won't be able to miss me, I will be the one behind the podium sweating bullets!

Yours in Service,

Troy B.
Chair

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRUSTEE NOMINEE

Hello from Galveston, TX. I wanted to say thank you to all of you for electing me your nominee for the Southwest Regional Trustee position. There has been some confusion about the election as some members have called and congratulated me for my becoming the Southwest Regional Trustee.

Each Area in the Southwest Region submits a nominee I am just a nominee and I am one of 11 other members of AA that have been nominated from our region as candidates for the Southwest Regional Trustee position.

The 10 other candidates are very qualified and all of the candidates will be presented at the 2015 General Service Conference for election. It is an honor to be you candidate. I look forward to seeing you all in Galveston at our annual assembly and convention.

Have a great Christmas and a wonderful Holiday

In love and service,

Paul M.
Panel 53/Area 67

GRAPEVINE



The Grapevine Committee celebrated 70 years of our "meeting in print" with a successful writing workshop on Dec. 6 at Houston Intergroup.

We learned about the history of our magazine, the "Adopt an Inmate" subscription program, raised \$105 to send back issues into the TX prisons, and realized how Intergroup cooperates with GV in product sales and committee positions.

More than 30 were in attendance. We broke for snacks and everyone enjoyed the whoopie pies. Two subscriptions were given away but both winners were current subscribers. They asked the Committee to send the magazines to prison recipients.

The discount price was utilized from GV so we purchased two subscriptions for \$42. We also gave away a copy of the 2015 wall calendar, pocket planner,

and a book about young people in AA. Next we heard two great panelists explain the writing guidelines and audio strategy with copies of topics available. After a Q&A session, the writings began. One article was written for the GV but many took the information home with them.

The Anniversary PP presentation from GV was displayed throughout the workshop with lots of handouts available.

GV Spotlight shines on a Mystery Person???
Someone was chosen to have their article published in March 2015 issue of the Grapevine. Here are two hints regarding the secret writer. (1) They attended the District 20 writing workshop in April and (2) they will serve SETA in 2015-16. I can't wait to read the article and know there will be more future submissions from Southeast Texas.

I wish to thank those who gave me the opportunity to serve as the Grapevine chair for the past two years. It has been a learning experience with lots of Committee challenges but wonderful GvRs who helped when asked without complaint or excuse. It was so refreshing to see a service Committee work and cooperate so smoothly. The incoming chair, Harold C., will do a great job and I welcome his ideas and willingness to serve.

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

*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.*

PUBLIC INFORMATION

I am very excited to begin my term as your Area PI Chair. Our First meeting will be January 19th ,7:30 at the Council on Alcohol and Drugs, 303 Jackson Hill Rd. Houston 77077. Check the marquee in the lobby to find the room number.

For those who find it difficult to attend in person we will be utilizing the Go To Meeting Format so you can sign in from your computer or call in by phone to participate. The details for the sign in will be distributed by the area prior to the meeting.

Every month we will hold our meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month (except Assembly months) same time and location and of course I welcome you to attend the meeting remotely.

I hope that we can find many ways to be helpful to the public throughout the year. I will be at the SETA Convention in January to answer questions and to listen to how you would like to be a part of the Committee. Thank you for this opportunity to be of service

Kate E.
pi-chair@ aa-seta.org

NEWSLETTER

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Area Newsletter Chair for the past two years. This year at our service committee roundtables, I discussed the newsletter multiple times with the different groups.

With each introduction to the newsletter and the committee, I felt two things. One is I still don't want to see the newsletter disappear. Second, is I realized there was still much work to do.

I have read some very great articles and have always looked forward to reading and presenting your experience, strength

and hope. I know our next committee chair, Ana D., will do well in carrying this committee forward.

At our last committee meeting we discussed a few ideas. We'd like to invite all District Newsletter Chairs to the next committee meeting. Please find Ana or myself at the SETA Convention during the assembly or email news-chair@aa-seta.org if you are serving as a newsletter chair for your district or if you're interested in finding out more about our committee.

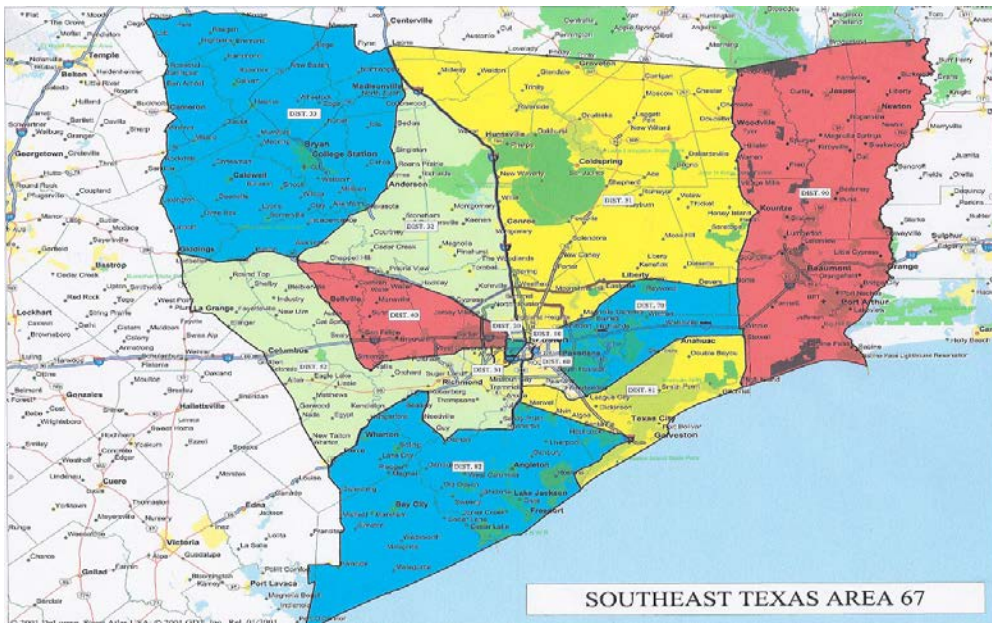
Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Brad H.

Agenda Item: Annual National Alcoholics Anonymous Technology Workshop (NAATW)

Motion 1: Expense to attend the annual National AA Technology Workshop (NAATW) not to exceed \$1,800.00 be added to the 2015 IT Committee Budget

Motion 2: The IT Committee requests a budget line item to be added to the IT Committee Budget for 2015 and years following for one committee member to attend the annual National AA Technology Workshop (NAATW)

ENGLISH DISTRICTS OF AREA 67



DISTRICT MEMBERS

**District 10 DCM - Michael A.
District 10 Alt DCM - Tracy W.**

**District 20 DCM - Charity D.
District 20 Alt DCM - Rachel R.**

**District 31 DCM - Andie H.
District 31 Alt DCM - Buddie M.**

**District 32 DCM - Ginny M.
District 32 Alt DCM - Brian D.**

**District 33 DCM - Bill W.
District 33 Alt DCM - Franca C.**

**District 40 DCM - Michelle H.
District 40 Alt DCM - Corrie H.**

**District 51 DCM - Amy E.
District 51 Alt DCM - Randy H.**

**District 52 DCM - Dana G,
District 52 Alt DCM - Diana S.**

**District 60 DCM - Jesse F.
District 60 Alt DCM - OPEN**

**District 70 DCM - Ron S.
District 70 Alt DCM - Terri H.**

**District 81 DCM - Melody W.
District 81 Alt DCM - Christina E.**

**District 82 DCM - Sherry B.
District 82 Alt DCM - Marty W.**

**District 90 DCM - A.B. B.
District 90 Alt DCM - Sal S.**

DISTRICT 82

It's hard to believe that we are here at the end of 2014, and hence the end of the current rotation. It has been an eventful two years and it is time to rotate into new positions and new opportunities.

District 82 groups and members have been very active over the last two years in carrying the message and in General Service, and we know that this will continue. Several of our members are currently serving on the 2015 SETA Convention Committee and several others are either chairing, co-chairing or serving as members of Area standing committees.

We are looking forward to several group anniversaries and hopefully at least one workshop in the coming year.

I believe District 82 is facing an exciting future. Southern Brazoria County and Matagorda County (which make up most of District 82) are facing unprecedented growth. In fact, it could be called explosive growth. This can only mean more recovered alcoholics looking for meetings, more still suffering alcoholics seeking

recovery, and more agencies and families seeking help for clients and loved ones. This represents a huge opportunity for our fellowship to carry the message and our groups and standing committees will need to be proactive in preparing for this influx. As a district, we will need more participation on our standing committees.

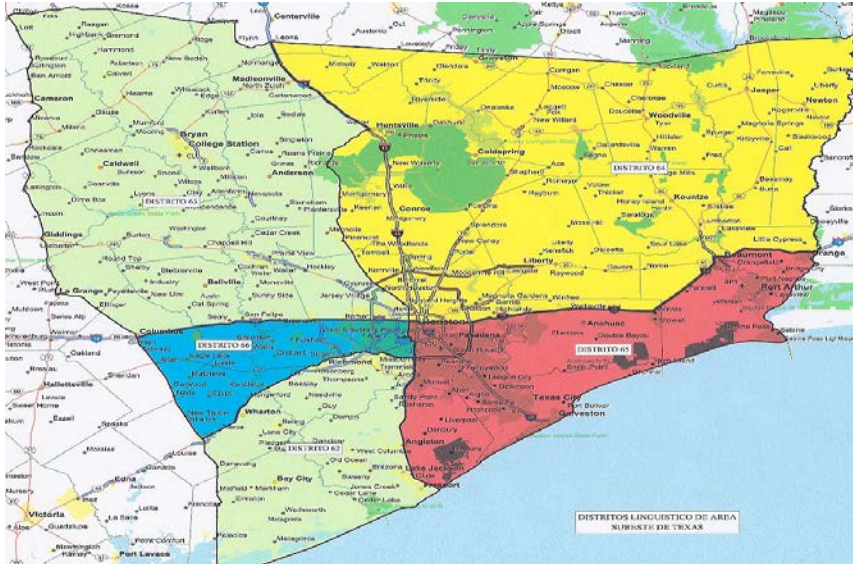
It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as DCM for District 82 these last two years. I have learned so much, made so many new friends and received so many spiritual blessings that I can never begin to pay forward all I have been given. I would like to thank each and every trusted servant from the current panel for their dedication and service. Your love and service to our fellowship has been an inspiration.

Our incoming DCM will be Sherry B. and her Alternate will be Marti W. I know that will be made to feel as welcome as I have been.

In love and service,

**Rick M.
District 82 DCM**

SPANISH DISTRICTS OF AREA 67



DISTRICT MEMBERS

**District 62 DCM - Agustin C.
District 62 Alt DCM - OPEN**

**District 63 DCM - Daniel F.
District 63 Alt DCM - OPEN**

**District 64 DCM - Octavio G.
District 64 Alt DCM - OPEN**

**District 65 DCM - Dimas S.
District 65 Alt DCM - Bernandino T.**

**District 66 DCM - Araldo G.
District 66 Alt DCM - Andres P.**

DISTRICT 65

To the fellowship in AA, a cordial hello in the AA manner and wishing you are enjoying a happy 24 hours of sobriety.

Our District consists of 16 groups registered in the GSO and we have one pending to register. The propriety GSRs 14 and 3 alternates to GSO. The GSRs that participate vary between 6 and 12. Our meetings are Saturday from 6 pm onwards and it is only changed on Thursday before an assembly or a convention in Houston.

We count with a service desk and 2 committees, one dissolved (The grapevine Committee) for the moment. The DCMs take responsibility to make it work at the same time and we motivate the groups to help us as servers to reorganize it. We have 2 active VIRs and currently we have 69 new subscriptions.

The Literature committee continues to motivate and share the literature with the groups.

The Correctional Facilities Committee meet every Thursday from 7:30 til 8:30 pm at 701 San Jacinto St. At the Harris County Jail and when possible they join

our English speaking members that assists at the Stella Unit Jail in Hunstville TX.

About 5 of our groups have an arrangement to do a raffle in their business meeting for a Grapevine Subscription.

Report of the local District

This sub district has a service desk which shares Fridays to groups in their area, and motivates and share information of upcoming events. They also have meetings on Saturdays every 15 days.

Our district will celebrate the 18th Anniversary of La Vina south zone of Texas which consists of 13 districts.

Thank you for the attention given to our report, and let's keep moving forward!

DCM,
Joel B.

Alternate DCM,
Dimas S.

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Celebrating 80 years of Recovery, Unity and
Service - The Foundation for Our Future

AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA

Sunday January 18, 2015

8:30 AM Open Meeting – Prayer
Preamble to SETA Policies & Procedures Manual
Roll Call & INTRO OF AREA COMMITTEE
Recognize: New GSRs, past Delegates, Guests
October Area Assembly Minutes
Treasurer’s Report
Delegate Report
Alternate Delegate’s Report
2015 SETA Convention Update
2016 SETA Convention Update
Report from GSR Workshop
Roll-Call for VOTING
Unfinished Business
Ad-Hoc Committee report on election procedure
– Open positions
 Archive Chairperson
 2017 SETA Convention Chair (Houston)
 Registrar
New Business
IT Committee Budget Request
 Funding for 2015
 Budget Line Item
New Ad-Hoc Committees
 Hotel Search
 Assembly Weekend Scheduling
Occurring in April:
 2016 Area Budget Proposal
 GSC Agenda Items Workshop
 Final Report 2015 Convention
Announcements –
 April Assembly Host District

Chair – Troy B
Alt. Chair – Kris H
Alt. Registrar – Brad H
Chair
Secretary – James D
Treasurer – Dave P
Del – Melissa R
Alt. Del. - Ron C
David A
Mary M
Alt. Registrar – Brad H
Alt. Chair

10:00 AM Close Meeting - AA 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.*

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.

2015 SETA ASSEMBLY DATES (Sheraton North Houston Hotel)

April 11-12, 2015

July 11-12, 2015

October 3-4, 2015