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District 40 GSR Approved Meeting Minutes Southeast Texas Area Alcoholics Anonymous

April 9, 2013

Call to Order: Serenity Prayer, Preamble and Unity Declaration

Tradition 4/Concept 4 reading and summation by Albert C. & Betsy G.

Volunteers for next month....Tradition 5/Concept 5 will be Brad H. & Kate E.

Introduction of Attendees = (23):

Albert C. (GSR, First Light Group), **Betsy G.** (*Past D40 DCM & Area 67 Delegate*), **Brad H.** (*Past D40 DCM, Area 67 Newsletter Chair, Journey Group*), **Cheryl B.** (D40 Treasurer, Katy Crossroads Group), **Cindy M.** (Alt. GSR, Katy Big Book), **Corrie H.** (D40 Newsletter Editor, Alt. Area 67 Secretary, GOD Meeting Group), **Deborah G.** (D40 Alt. Secretary, Alt. GSR, Rule 62 Group), **Evelyn C.** (D40 CFC Rep), **Geoff E.** (GSR, Our Common Journey), **Ivan P.** (Alt. GST, Working With Others Group) **Jackie V.** (D40 IT Rep, GSR, GOD Meeting Group), **Janie** (Alt. GSR, Kathy 12 & 12), **Jes K.** (D40 DCM, First Light Group), **John P.** (GSR, Post Oak Group), **Kate E.** (D40 PI/CPC Chair, Memorial Going Home Group), **Ken P.** (D40 TFC Rep, GSR, Taking Care of Business Group), **Libby S.** (GSR, Katy Crossroads Group), **Nancy R.** (D40 Coffee Comm., GSR, Memorial Going Home Group), **Natalie D.** (GSR, The Broad Highway), **Nate B.** (GSR, Sunday Night Men's Group), **Taylor K.** (D40 Literature Rep, The Broad Highway), **Todd W.** (GSR, Journey Group), **Ronald C.** (SETA 67 Chairperson) - ***Welcome New GSRs and Alt GSRs!***

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12 Traditions & 12 Concepts **Reading and Summation**

May 2013 Tradition 5/ Concept 5 Brad H. / Kate E.	June 2013 Tradition 6/ Concept 6 Nancy R. / Kate E.
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Tradition Five: Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity *having but one primary purpose* – that of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Concept Five: Throughout our world services structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered

History Corner

Nelson Newcomer: My group meets in a club. How do the club and the group relate to each other? They both have the same name, so it is difficult to tell the difference.

Angela Archivist: The first club was the West 24th Street Club in New York City. Bill W. referred to clubs as "valuable social aids." The older members of the group signed the lease. There really was no separate club organization set up as a tax-exempt organization like we have today, and so there was quite a bit of intermingling. They had dictators and steering committees where when it was time for an election of new members of the steering committee, the outgoing members nominated their friends to succeed them.

Eventually, clubs became organized as entities separate and apart from the groups, and the roles of the directors of the club and the membership of the club were worked out. The club's sole purpose was to serve the groups which met there by serving as landlords, renting meeting space to the groups for them to hold meetings, paying the bills for the building, etc. In return, the groups passed the basket and paid rent. Today, the role of the club continues to be strictly serving as the landlord. This leaves the group free to be responsible to the suffering alcoholic and the fellowship as a whole, rather than the club, in order to fulfill each group's primary purpose.

It is highly suggested that each club should be named something different than the groups that meet there. The groups should be self-supporting through its own contributions, paying rent to the club, maintaining a separate treasury and making contributions to the various service entities. The meetings at the group should be available to any alcoholic, whether or not the alcoholic is a member of the club, as the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Even though group members may also be members of the club, the relationship of the group to the club should be the same as the relationship of a group to a church, hospital, or other facility.

Groups, through the group conscience, elects its own set of trusted servants, (sometimes requiring that group trusted servants not serve on the board of the club at the same time), determines the format of the meetings and all other such privileges of an A.A. group conscience.

Please stay tuned for next month's edition. If you have a suggestion for a topic, please let me know.

Betsy G.

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Normal Business:

1. **Secretary's Report-** due to an unforeseen emergency, March 12th, 2013 Unofficial Meeting Minutes will be sent electronically for review. Articles have been suggested as filler for the minutes in the April Newsletter.
2. **Treasurer's Report-** the March 2013 Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted; current balance \$5,232.65; total income for the period totaled \$201.26, total expenses were \$.00.
 - a. 2013 Newsletter budget of \$221.00 is sufficient
 - b. Southern Pacific Group will be making final donation in the near future.
3. **News or Concerns from groups (GSRs)** – discussion regarding handling of literature at the group level – sell at cost or give to newcomers; advised Southern Pacific and Hilltop Groups are no longer in existence.

Committee Reports:

- a) **Archives** – *No Report.*
- b) **Coffee** – nothing to report.
- c) **PI/CPC** – The District 40 PI/CPC committee met on March 30th and did a 40 piece mail-out to Private Schools. Our next meeting is April 27th 1-3PM at the Spring Branch Memorial Club.

The SETA CPC committee met on April 1st and did training for the volunteers that were manning the AA Booth at the National Catholic Educators Convention at the George R. Brown. They were enough volunteers to fill all the time slots and our participation at the convention was a great success.

The SETA PI committee met on March 23rd and voted to make their emphasis for 2013 to be to support District level PI committees and on distribution of PSA's to local TV.

Both the SETA CPC and PI Committees will meet at the Assembly at 4:30 April 13th.

- d) **CFC-** nothing to report; will be meeting this Saturday at April Assembly.
- e) **Grapevine- OPEN POSITION**
- f) **Intergroup Liaison** – at Trustee's Meeting, voted to accept ½ the cost (\$400.00) of literature invoice for Behind The Walls using blue can contributions. Voting on setting up an ad hoc committee for further planning of lease space, which is available to share with Archives.
- g) **Information Technology** –

Open Positions:

- Alternate Chair
- Support – Requires knowledge of computer hardware
 - Although Steve E. believes he has identified an individual, it wouldn't hurt to have a backup in case that person decides not to pursue.

GSR's please let your Group know of these opportunities to serve and if anyone has an interest to contact Jackie V./D-40 IT Rep.

Go-To-Meetings (GTM's):

Excellent information can be viewed on the SETA main webpage (aa-seta.org) by clicking on SETA GoToMeeting, plus information can also be obtained by going to the IT Committee webpage.

- We are planning on demonstrating a GTM at one of the workshops this Saturday, 4/13/13 at our Assembly and on Saturday it will be announced as to which room and time it will take place.

New Web Host:

Gossimer appears to be the best solution to our woes and we should have it up and running within the month.

- h) **Literature-** nothing to report; haven't received any free literature yet.
- i) **TFC-** nothing to report.
- j) **Newsletter** – corrections will be made to reflect - that a 2013 District Servants title is "Chair" rather than "Committee" and update Committee Meetings information on back page.

Current Items For Discussion

1. District 40 Inventory – majority voted to fill out the combined form (general & traditional questions) and submit to facilitator (past Area 67 Delegate) prior to a to be scheduled time, other than the monthly meeting, to gather and discuss. Follow-up will be done with regards to possible location & date.
2. GSC Agenda Items/Delegate Response – submitted via email for round table discussions this Saturday at April Assembly.
3. Posting Newsletter on D-40 page on SETA website tabled for May meeting.

Announcements:

1. **SETA Area Assembly** – April 13-14, 2013, at the Sheraton North Houston, 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Houston, TX 77032
2. **2013 Texas State Convention** – June 7-9, 2013, at the Marriott Westchase Hotel, 2900 Briarpark, Houston, TX 77041

Meeting Adjourned / Responsibility Statement

Insert from previous month for posting.

District 40 GSR Approved Meeting Minutes
Southeast Texas Area Alcoholics Anonymous

March 12, 2013

Call to Order: Serenity Prayer, Preamble and Unity Declaration

Tradition 3/Concept 3 reading and summation by Betsy G. & Cheryl B.

Volunteers for next month....Tradition 4/Concept 4 will be Albert C. & Sandy K.

Introduction of Attendees = (20):

Albert C. (GSR, First Light Group), **Betsy G.** (*Past D40 DCM & Area 67 Delegate*, Southern Pacific Group), **Bill A.** (Katy 12 & 12 Group), **Cheryl B.** (D40 Treasurer, Katy Crossroads Group), **Daniel S.** (Area 67 CPC Chair), **Deborah G.** (D40 Alt. Secretary, Alt. GSR, Rule 62 Group), **Jackie V.** (D40 IT Rep, GSR, GOD Meeting Group), **Jes K.** (D40 DCM, First Light Group), **Jessica D.** (D40 Archives Rep, First Light Group), **Jim O.** (Just For Today), **Justin C.** (GSR, Wild West Group), **Kate E.** (D40 PI/CPC Chair, Memorial Going Home Group), **Michelle H.** (D40 Alt. DCM, Fulshear Group), **Mike J.** (GSR, Katy Big Book), **Nancy R.** (D40 Coffee Comm., GSR, Memorial Going Home Group), **Natalie D.** (GSR, The Broad Highway), **Sandy K.** (GSR, Tuesday Night Step Study), **Taylor K.** (D40 Literature Rep, The Broad Highway), **Wendy A.** (D40 Secretary, GSR, Southern Pacific Group) - ***Welcome New GSRs and Alt GSRs!***

Normal Business:

1. **Secretary's Report-** Motion to Approve as Amended – corrections to the February 12th, 2013 Unofficial Meeting Minutes.
2. **Treasurer's Report-** the February 2013 Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted; current balance \$5,031.39; total income for the period totaled \$211.16, total expenses were \$.00.
 - a. The following 2013 Budget item was approved as follows:

Archives	\$100.00
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 - b. Motion to Accept Southern Pacific Group's donation of 2 coffee makers they are no longer using for District 40 functions.
3. **News or Concerns from groups (GSRs) – None**

Committee Reports:

- a) **Archives** – Requesting minutes, event flyers, group histories from 2010 to the present for the District.
- b) **Coffee** – Surplus of supplies at Alternate DCM's home, just email when needed.
- c) **PI/CPC** – The Area CPC committee met on March 4th and continued to work on new projects for 2013. At their next meeting on April 1st they will be training volunteers for the Catholic educators Convention April 2nd – 4th. Please contact Daniel S. if you want to volunteer to “man the booth”.

The area PI committee met with your District 40 Committee on February 23rd for a Practice Presentation. Turnout was good and the questions and feedback were helpful to everyone in attendance.

The next District 40 PI/CPC meeting is March 30th from 1-3 at the Spring Branch Memorial Club.

- d) **CFC-** On March 23rd Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice will hold an orientation at Spring Branch Memorial Club from 9am to 1 pm.
- e) **Grapevine-** OPEN POSITION

f) **Intergroup Liaison** - *No Report.*

g) **Information Technology** - In regard to Go-To-Meetings (GTM), excellent information can now be obtained by going to the web page of the IT Committee; however you will need to scroll down to the page and click on "gtm". Because requests to hold GTM's has been very limited, Mike W. will see if we can put on a workshop in April or in lieu of doing that we might be able to do a trial run of a GTM by attending one of the workshops already scheduled.

Side note: We did utilize an external web camera (cost about \$15-\$20) and it definitely helped to enhance the experience of attending a meeting at home.

We are homing in on a new web host, possibly Gossamer and will have an update at our March meeting.

It was discussed that when posting to the web, financial information (as long as it does not contain any type of bank account information) can be posted.

h) **Literature**- reported SETA Chair and Alt. Chair positions are still open. Might need budget to stock up on literature for District. Plans to go around and get literature racks in groups with budgets for it. Will start by ordering all free conference approved literature.

i) **TFC**- quarterly meeting sometime this month but no date at this time; probably meeting at April Assembly.

j) **Newsletter** – *No Report.*

Current Items For Discussion

1. District 40 Inventory – Motion Approved to do inventory in single session; merge general list of questions with traditional list and review in April; discuss date in April also.
2. State Convention Hospitality Suite – Committee formed which includes Nancy, Kate & Anna to chair the suite which will include a room stay (have 2 adjoining rooms with a parlor).
3. Traditions Dinner – Will be held at St. Christopher's – still waiting to confirm date of 6/15 or 6/29.
4. Postage found in Archives box – Motion Approved to donate the \$370.00 to PI/CPC.
5. Posting Newsletter on D-40 page on SETA website to be continued at April meeting.

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2. **2013 Texas State Convention** – June 7-9, 2013 at the Marriott Westchase Hotel, 2900 Briarpark, Houston, TX 77041

Meeting Adjourned / Responsibility Statement

PLEASE NOTE: As requested by the District, the March Approved Minutes are included in this Newsletter. They were unavailable at the time the April Newsletter was printed.

Thanks,

Corrie H.
D40 Newsletter Editor

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Deborah G

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PI/CPC Committee
Kate E.

CFC Chair
Evelyn C.

Intergroup Liaison
Rhonda R.

Grapevine Rep.
Sandy K.

Newsletter Editor
Corrie H.

Coffee Chair
Nancy R.

Archives Chair
Jessica D.

IT Liaison
Jackie V.

Upcoming Events

- 2013 Texas State Convention** – June 7-9, 2013, Marriott Westchase Hotel, 2900 Briarpark, Houston, TX 77041
- 27th Annual D40 Traditions Dinner:** June 29th, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 1656 Blalock Rd, Houston, TX 77080
- SETA Area Assembly:** July 13-14, 2013, Sheraton North Houston, 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Houston, TX 77032

District 40 Financial Report Period ending 05/14/13	Current Month	Budget*	Year to Date	Current %	YTD %
INCOME					
Traditions Dinner Donations		\$175.00			
Service Workshop Donations					
SETA -Hospitality Suite					
Group Donations	\$1,164.60	\$7,200.00	\$1,318.99	16.2%	18.3%
Just For Today Group	\$ 3.95				
Four Horsemen Group	\$ 5.37				
Tuesday Night Step Study	\$ 8.00				
Rosewood Thursday Night Group	\$ 16.60				
Katy 12 & 12	\$ 34.00				
Solutions Group	\$ 35.80				
Chapelwood Tues 8pm	\$ 56.95				
GOD Meeting Group	\$ 58.33				
Broad Highway Group	\$ 63.50				
Southern Pacific Group	\$ 100.00				
Katy Crossroads Group	\$ 102.27				
First Light Group	\$ 119.00				
Nantucket Group	\$ 125.83				
Outpost Group (Men's)	\$ 150.00				
Spring Shadows Group	\$ 285.00				
Total Income	\$1,164.60	\$7,375.00	\$1,318.99	15.8%	17.9%
*** EXPENSES ***					
DCM		\$500.00	\$234.92	0.0%	47.0%
Alt. DCM		\$500.00	\$52.05	0.0%	10.4%
Secretary / Copying		\$100.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
Treasurer		\$75.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
Newsletter		\$221.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
Rent/Coffee Donation		\$180.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
Coffee		\$25.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
PO Box		\$70.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
Literature Committee		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
PI/CPC	\$40.00	\$1,000.00	\$40.00	4.0%	4.0%
Grapevine		\$80.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
CFC		\$250.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
TFC		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
Archives Committee		\$100.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
Intergroup Liaison		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
IT Committee		\$100.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
Miscellaneous		\$100.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
***Gratitude Dinner		\$300.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
*** Fellowship Fest		\$250.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
*** Traditions Dinner	\$78.83	\$600.00	\$78.83	13.1%	13.1%
*** Service Workshop		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
***SWRAASA (Even Years)		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
*** The Forum (Odd Years)	\$196.30	\$1,400.00	\$196.30	14.0%	14.0%
*** State Convention Hospitality Ste		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
***SETA Assembly Host District		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%
*** SETA - 2013 Hospitality Suite ***		\$1,000.00	\$1,141.79	0.0%	114.2%
Total Expenses	\$315.13	\$7,851.00	\$1,743.89	4.0%	22.2%
*Budget Amended as of 3/12/13					
<i>Beginning Bank Balance</i>		\$5,232.65			
<i>Total Expenses</i>		\$315.13			
<i>Total Income</i>		\$1,164.60			
<i>Prudent Reserve (0.25xBudget)</i>		\$1,962.75			
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>		\$4,119.37			
Ending Balance/ Total Funds		\$6,082.12			
<i>Unspent Portion of Budget</i>		\$6,107.11			

Deposit-District 40-SETA

Check #	Amount
3891	\$56.95
1181931281	\$16.60
3261	\$102.27
3150	\$34.00
1028	\$3.95
1021	\$150.00
3124	\$125.83
CASH	\$8.00
1790	\$285.00
1040	\$58.33
6865601188	\$63.50
5886	\$5.37
149	\$100.00
2465	\$35.80
5874799	\$119.00
	\$1,164.60

Treasurer's Report - April

report period ending 5/14/13. Opening balance \$5,232.65, Closing \$6,082.12. Expenses for the month of April; Alt DCM - \$78.83 for Traditions dinner flyers and \$196.30 for airline tickets to the Regional Forum and PI/CPC Chair - \$40.00 for printing. Total income was \$1,164.60

TEXAS STATE CONVENTION...DID YOU KNOW?

Originally known as the Texas Conference and Southwest Convention the Texas State Convention started 67 years ago. From the Silent Rostrum as “the story goes (as told by Ed Hudson)” Marty H, “the first woman in AA anywhere to stay sober was coming to Austin from New York”, a good reason to Ed to have a gathering. Continuing, Ed said “We had the first AA State Convention in the Maximilian Room of the Driskill Hotel in Austin, Texas on January 29, 1946. There were 54 people present and the Convention cost the Austin Group \$17.00. . . .In June of 1948 we held another state convention and Bill W, our co-founder, was the speaker.”

In a 1947 issue of the AA Grapevine, talking about the 2nd convention held in Austin, it stated, “Another feature was the distance traveled by some members, one coming 600 miles from El Paso, five coming 500 miles from Amarillo, and three from the Rio Grande Valley. Nearly all Texas groups were well represented.” In 1954 Bill Wilson was again the main speaker. The program included a General Service Conference report as well as presentations by members from the medical and religious community, much like the Spanish-speaking groups do today.

The convention settled into rotation through five main cities until 1991 when Midland/Odessa in the NWTA was added. There are four General Service Conference Areas in the State: Southeast Texas (SETA-67), Northeast Texas (NETA-65), Southwest Texas (SWTA-68) and Northwest Texas (NWTA-66). Today the Texas State Convention rotates through all four General Service Conference Areas, held in the cities of Austin, Ft. Worth, Houston, San Antonio, Dallas and Midland/Odessa.

We invite you all to come and participate in the 67th Texas State Convention scheduled June 7, 8, 9 2013 at the Marriot-Westchase in Houston, hosted by Area 67 and its members. Speaker Meetings begin Friday evening continuing through to Sunday morning. There is an AI-Anon luncheon with a speaker, tickets are limited so pre-register. The Delegates from the four Texas General Service Areas will share general information prior to Class A Trustee’s sharing his Service story. Scattered throughout the weekend we will have marathon and topic meetings. We have a special event for those attending as their FIRST time to a Texas State Convention. The various Areas’ Archives will be displayed. Presentations from the Grapevine and the Corrections Service committees are also available. There will be numerous hospitality suites to meet & greet folks from around this great state.

Bill Wilson will not be there in person but his spirit continues on as Alcoholics Anonymous will be celebrating 78 years in June; come celebrate with us. This is a time when A.A members from around the State can come and celebrate sobriety together. It is a time to see many old friends and to make new ones. So register early, reserve a room at the hotel and make plans to celebrate sobriety in a traditionally Texas fashion. . . .BIG.

In love and Service
Paul M- Chairperson
2013 Texas State Convention

The following Committees meet at:

The Delta Club
6400 Westpark, Suite 355, Houston, TX 77057
Telephone (713) 972-0034

Literature Committee
1st Saturday of the month - 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Grapevine Committee
3rd Thursday of the month - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Correctional Facilities Committee
3rd Wednesday of the month - 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

*Public Information Committee
4th Saturday of every month at Noon (Except for Assembly Months)

IT Committee
Meets every 4th Saturday from 10 am to Noon at:
Post Oak Club -- Moved to Northwest Mall
9600 Hempstead Road, Suite 306
Houston, TX. 77092 Telephone: 713-956-5061

The following Committee meets at:

The Council on Alcohol and Drugs Houston
303 Jackson Hill, Houston, TX 77007
Telephone (713) 942-4100

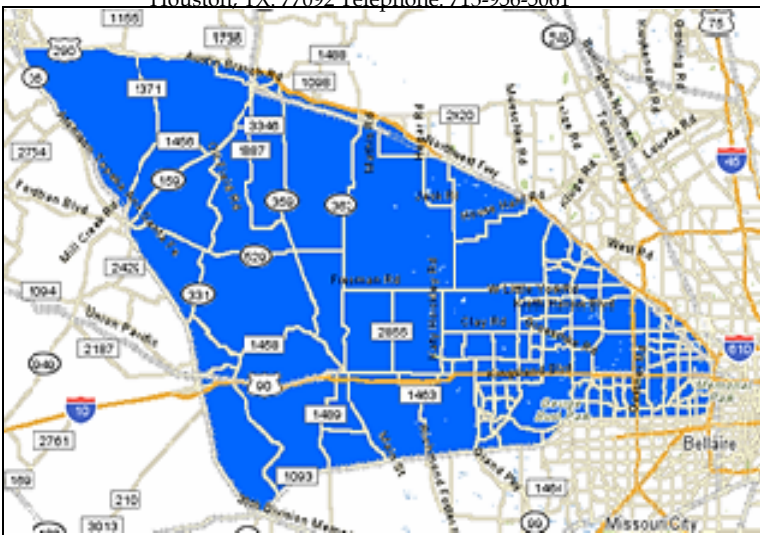
Cooperation with the Professional Community
1st Monday of the month at 7:15 pm

*Archives Committee
Meets quarterly (or as needed)
at the Area Assembly at 4:30 pm

*Treatment Facilities Committee
Meets quarterly at the Area Assembly at 4:30 pm

District 40 PI/CPC Monthly Committee Meeting
Last Saturday of the month from 1-3 p.m.
At the Spring Branch Memorial Club

*All committees meet at the Area Assembly in the months of April, July and October at 4:30 PM
Sheraton North Houston - 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd. Houston, TX 77032
During the remaining months, the committees meet at the above locations and times.



THE NEXT DISTRICT MEETING IS
JUNE 11, 2013 AT 7:00 PM
Just starting a group in District 40 and wish to add it to this newsletter? Send group information, location and meeting times to SETA-40@aa-seta.org and intergroup@aahouston.org. You can also call Intergroup at 713-686-6300.
District 40 of the Southeast Texas Area is a territory bounded on the North by US HWY 290; on the South by Westheimer Rd.; on the East by Loop 610 and on the West by State HWY 36. If your group falls within these boundaries, please contact us SETA-40@aa-seta.org and attend the monthly District meeting at the Bear Creek Community Center. HWY 6 at Patterson Rd.