

As God Intends It To Be

One of the many things AA has taught me is that things don't always work out as planned. They do however work out as God intends them to. I don't have to understand it, I just have to have Faith in it. The Traditions Dinner this year was no exception to that rule. Through the path that God guides me down, I am able to mend and bend; pray for healing and learn what perseverance and dedication look like. For those of you that helped put this together, I am grateful for your service and your friendship. For all of you that attended, I thank you for sharing an experience and a meal with me. For the last minute willingness and knowledge displayed by those who walked before me, I am honored. And for the speaker that showed up against all odds with willingness and a heart of gold, I am humbled. For those of you who couldn't be with us, you were missed. The decorations were lovely, the food was delicious and the dessert was abundant. Jon's presentation was interactive, informative and uniquely his own. After chicken, biscuits, and all the fixin's, the second half of the

evening was impromptu performances from our past delegates in attendance. They each chose a Tradition and shared a little part of themselves with us. After lots of laughs and a memory I won't soon forget, the clean-up crew was swift and mighty and I was on my way home grateful for another year, another experience in Service and another mile closer to my bed! I look forward to next year, a new rotation and a clean garage. J I am

hopeful that our incoming Alternate DCM will add their own spice to one of my favorite annual events.



In Love and Service,
Corrie H.
D40 Alt. DCM

Step Seven

Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Tradition Seven

Every A. A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Concept Seven

The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A. A. purse for its final effectiveness.

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District 40 July 2016 Report

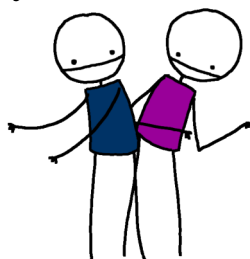
Hello Friends, we held our 30th Annual D40 Traditions Dinner on June 18th & I want to say that it was such a fun, real, inspiring day! Our speaker unfortunately got sick the night before & bless his heart, he literally suited up in his best & stood at that podium fully prepared to give a Traditions talk straight from his heart. His stomach decided it was going to run the show & I got to witness a dedicated member of Alcoholics Anonymous handle the situation with extreme grace & dignity. My Alternate & I decided right then & there that we were simply blown away that he even showed up...character & integrity are the only words that can describe him! As if that experience wasn't quite spiritual enough for us (not sure how he would describe his experience) God decided to show up & show OFF! We just love it when He does that. We quickly held a mini group conscience at our table of current & past D40 DCMs & voted on a Plan B. One look around the room & we knew deep in our hearts without a shadow of doubt that there were a perfect number of servants sitting in the room enjoying their food & the fellowship to continue on with the Traditions presentation. That may not sound like much of a situation, but I sit here close to a month later still in AWE at the willingness, passion, ease, spirit, knowledge, experience, unity & love that came from each & every one of them.

Corrie, myself & all of D40 would like to personally thank, Deborah, Harold, Patrick, Betsy, Kris, Troy, Jon & last but certainly not least God for making the 30th Annual D40 Traditions Dinner a true reflection of how we work, play, serve, love & live together every other day of the year in D40. Simply put, best day ever for me in this legacy of service. I do not believe that I would call it work at all.

Since all things District related do not always fall under the category of event, but rather business, we are reviewing & finalizing our D40 job descriptions on Tuesday at our next meeting so that we can dedicate our August meeting to preparing for elections in September then we will move on to preparing a budget for 2017 in October; as well as supporting all of our Area Committee Reps in their work. There have been 3 new GSRs join the D40 family since May & I am extremely proud to say that the existing GSRs truly step up & welcome them in with open hearts & a strong willingness to help set each other up for success. I would also, like to acknowledge the SBMC for supporting D40 for the last several months when our home at Bear creek Community Center was closed due to flooding damage, We have not for one single second "felt" homeless. It is heartwarming to know that we have such good friends all around us in our AA community.

Please come and visit us anytime, we have plenty of room ...and we have plenty of cookies!

Michelle H.
D40 DCM



Corrie H.
D40 Alt. DCM

SECRET SERVICE SECTION

JULY AREA ASSEMBLY REPORT

- GSR Workshop- new format introduced last quarter was implemented, very organized, informational & timely
- Houston Intergroup Workshop- very informative, explained why the recent decisions by Intergroup Board of Trustees were made & what opportunities that opens up for SETA. The Intergroup CFC Committee has decided to become a non-profit organization named Houston CFC Committee that is separate from Houston Intergroup & SETA 67. This is in the early stages of development, the white cans will remain active but with a new mailing address for all contributions, as more information becomes available it will be communicated to you as soon as possible.
- Delegate's GSC Report was given, D40 is joining D52 again this year on July 30, 1-3 pm, and if you missed it at the Assembly you (as a D40 member/GSR) should make every effort to attend. Printed sets of the report along with other informational documents will be provided by our Delegate at this event. It is a large part of your responsibility as a GSR to be the "Great Communicator" of this report back to your groups & a perfect time to be able to ask any questions.
- Job Description Workshop- the Area is preparing for elections in October & this was an exercise to allow as many members as possible to hear firsthand from the current panel exactly what their job is.
- Area Standing Service Committee Meetings were held-I cannot stress enough the importance of supporting these committees. It is not hard work, but vital to the health & function of AA.
- April Assembly Minutes-approved & will be posted on the website for your reference
- Treasurer's Report- approved & will be provided at D40 meeting along with group contribution report.
- 2017 SETA Convention- moving forward in the planning, the webpage will be updated as soon as possible with all of the information & flyer for your reference.
- 2018 SETA Convention- hotel has been reserved, committee is being formed & speakers are in the process of being selected. If you interested in serving on either convention committee you can contact Corrie or I for more information.
- Area Alternate Secretary Position-filled-Dee
- SE Hispanic Intergroup Liaison Position-filled-Ramces
- 2017 Area Budget-approved
- Job Description Updates-approved
- D90 Host district for the October Assembly
- Alternate Area Chair is compiling a list of upcoming events & that document will be available to you as soon as possible.
- 2016 Area Gratitude Dinner- November 13th, 2-4 pm, Brenda's Reception Center, 13900 Beechnut St, Ste. C, Houston, TX 77083
- SWRAASA- October 21-23, flyers posted on website
- La Vina- 20th Anniversary, Fun Fact- Texas submits the most stories to La Vina!
- Full Delegates Report is provided at D40 meeting
- 67th General Service Conference in 2017 Theme- "Supporting Our Future" This means more than just putting money in the basket. How can you, your group, district, area & region contribute? In what ways?



District 40 GSR Official Meeting Minutes
Southeast Area Alcoholics Anonymous

May 10, 2016

Call to Order: Serenity Prayer, Preamble and Unity Declaration

Tradition IV/Concept IV: reading and summation by Darren F. and Betsy G.

Volunteers for next month: Tradition V/Concept V will be Sunshine and Cindy M.

Introduction of Attendees: 24 Attendees for our Business Meeting

Normal Business:

1. **Secretary's Report** – Accepted as submitted.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – Accepted as circulated
 - a. Motion was made and passed for paying the \$15 rent for using the Spring Branch Club for May & June and potentially any future months if Bear Creek remains to be under water.

Committee Reports:

- a. **Archives** –Tom B.
 - No update. Michelle is reaching out to Tom to see if he is still available for this position.
- b. **Coffee Committee** – Betsy K – Need coffee cups, Corrie to bring some to the next meeting we hold at Bear Creek.
- c. **Correctional Facilities Committee – CFC** – Cindy M.
 - Cindy provided a presentation on the CCS/Pre-Release Program
 - Have a correspondence corner in your group, the groups adopt an inmate and members can write to the inmate with letters of encouragement, support, and sponsorship. Much of this can be delegated to an individual within the group to facilitate to ensure the guidelines are followed.

- District involvement – I went to D81 meeting and was inspired by how active they were. They have a CCS position and a very active 12th step list.
 - i. A motion was made for Cindy to work on getting this setup for D40.
- Visit the Area SETA CFC monthly committee meeting.

d. Grapevine – OPEN

- Please help support the Grapevine through subscriptions & submitting articles. The Area Grapevine Committee meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm., Delta Club. Harold C., the chairperson can be contacted at the SETA website for any further information or questions.

e. Intergroup – Roger B.

- Summer Open House Event is June 4, 2016. 10:00 until 3:00 p.m.
- The Second Sponsorship Workshop of the Year, was held April 23rd, it was a success with great feedback.
- Important Intergroup Board of Trustees Action – The Board has begun a process to transition Intergroup non-core service activities and committees to the appropriate AA Service Organization. The board will facilitate migration of CFC and archive related “committees” and efforts to the appropriate SETA Area committee structure.
- Intergroup Financials are available for review – Intergroup needs your support!!!



District 40 GSR Official Meeting Minutes
Southeast Area Alcoholics Anonymous

a. Information Technology – IT – Richard B.

- SETA IT Committee Meeting held March 26, 2016
- Open positions for SETA include Alternate Postmaster, Secretary and Alternate Secretary.

b. Literature – OPEN

- The Area Literature Committee meets at the quarterly Assemblies & hosts a monthly book club, please contact Kathleen T., the chairperson at the SETA webpage for more information.

c. Multilingual – OPEN

d. Newsletter – Deborah G.

- Thank you to all that contributed to the newsletter this month. June's topic will be Character Defects: which ones do you continue to struggle with and what actions do you use to move away from them and closer to God?

e. Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community – PI/CPC – Jim B.

- The committee met on April 25th at 6:30 pm at Woods Road Club
- Membership drive with prizes given for trivia quiz in this month's newsletter. Take the quiz and return answers at May meeting. GSRs take the quiz back to your groups and invite them to take the quiz.
- Discussed possibly of joint job description service workshop, need an assist from GSRs.
- Looking for Health Fairs west of 99. Committee will staff as needed.
- Next committee meeting will be May 23rd at 6:30 PM at the Woods Road Club, 2119 Woods Road, Brookshire, TX.

f. Treatment Facilities Committee – TFC– Pam F.

- The 66th General Service Conference held in New York City, April 17th – 23rd passed an agenda item that changed the name of "Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities" to "Treatment/Accessibilities Committee."
- Our next meeting is July 9th, at 4:30 p.m. at the SETA assembly.

Current Items:

1. SETA Financial Reports Follow up – Michelle H.

- All updated reports were provided for review prior to the next assembly

2. Traditions Dinner Update – Corrie H.

- June 18th – At COTHA, flyers were provided.
- Food will be catered and a signup sheet was passed requesting potluck items which consist of sides, appetizers and desserts.
- Crews will be needed on that day to help with setup, kitchen and clean up so please come help out.

3. Multi-District Events – Michelle H.

- All were in favor for D40 to look into possibilities of events with other districts.

4. Job Description Update – Corrie H.

- There is a deadline of July 26. Suggestion was made to ask Past DCMs to help out with the job description updates. If all is ok to send response will be needed for confirmation.

Group News:

- a. No group news this month.
- b. Please keep an eye out that we may meet at Spring Branch due to flooding problems at Bear Creek Community Center.

UNDERSTANDING ANONYMITY

This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

"ANONYMITY IS THE SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION OF ALL OUR TRADITIONS, EVER REMINDING US TO PLACE PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES."

unity

What is the purpose of anonymity in Alcoholics Anonymous? Why is it often referred to as the greatest single protection the Fellowship has to assure its continued existence and growth?

If we look at the history of A.A., from its beginning in 1935 until now, it is clear that anonymity serves two different yet equally vital functions:

- At the personal level, anonymity provides protection for all members from identification as alcoholics, a safeguard often of special importance to newcomers.
- At the public level of press, radio, TV, films and other media technologies such as the Internet, anonymity stresses the equality in the Fellowship of all members by putting the brake on those who might otherwise exploit their A.A. affiliation to achieve recognition, power, or personal gain.

When using digital media, A.A. members are responsible for their own anonymity and that of others. When we post, text, or blog, we should assume that we are publishing at the public level. When we break our anonymity in these forums, we may inadvertently break the anonymity of others.

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In stressing the equality of all A.A. members — and unity in the common bond of their recovery from alcoholism — anonymity serves as the spiritual foundation of the Fellowship. Back in 1946, Bill W., our co-founder, wrote: "The word 'anonymous' has for us an immense spiritual significance. Subtly but powerfully, it reminds us that we are always to place principles before personalities; that we have renounced personal glorification in public; that our movement not only preaches but actually practices a true humility."

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Upcoming Events

**D52 Workshop
The Legacies of AA**
Saturday, July 16, 2016
11:00 AM—2:00 PM
Parkway United
Methodist Church
5801 New Territory
Sugar Land, TX 77479

**Aloha!
Summer Open House**
Saturday, July 16, 2016
11:00 AM—3:00 PM
Houston Intergroup
4140 Directors Row
Houston, Texas, 77092

**“A Day in the Country
with Our Delegate”
Delegate’s Report**
Saturday, July 30, 2016
1:00—3:00 PM
Twin Cities Facility
925 Spur 10
Rosenberg, TX 77471

**D51 Presents...
Adventures in Chairing**
Saturday, July 23, 2016
12:00—2:00 PM
The Delta Club
6400 Westpark Dr., Suite 355
Houston, TX 77057

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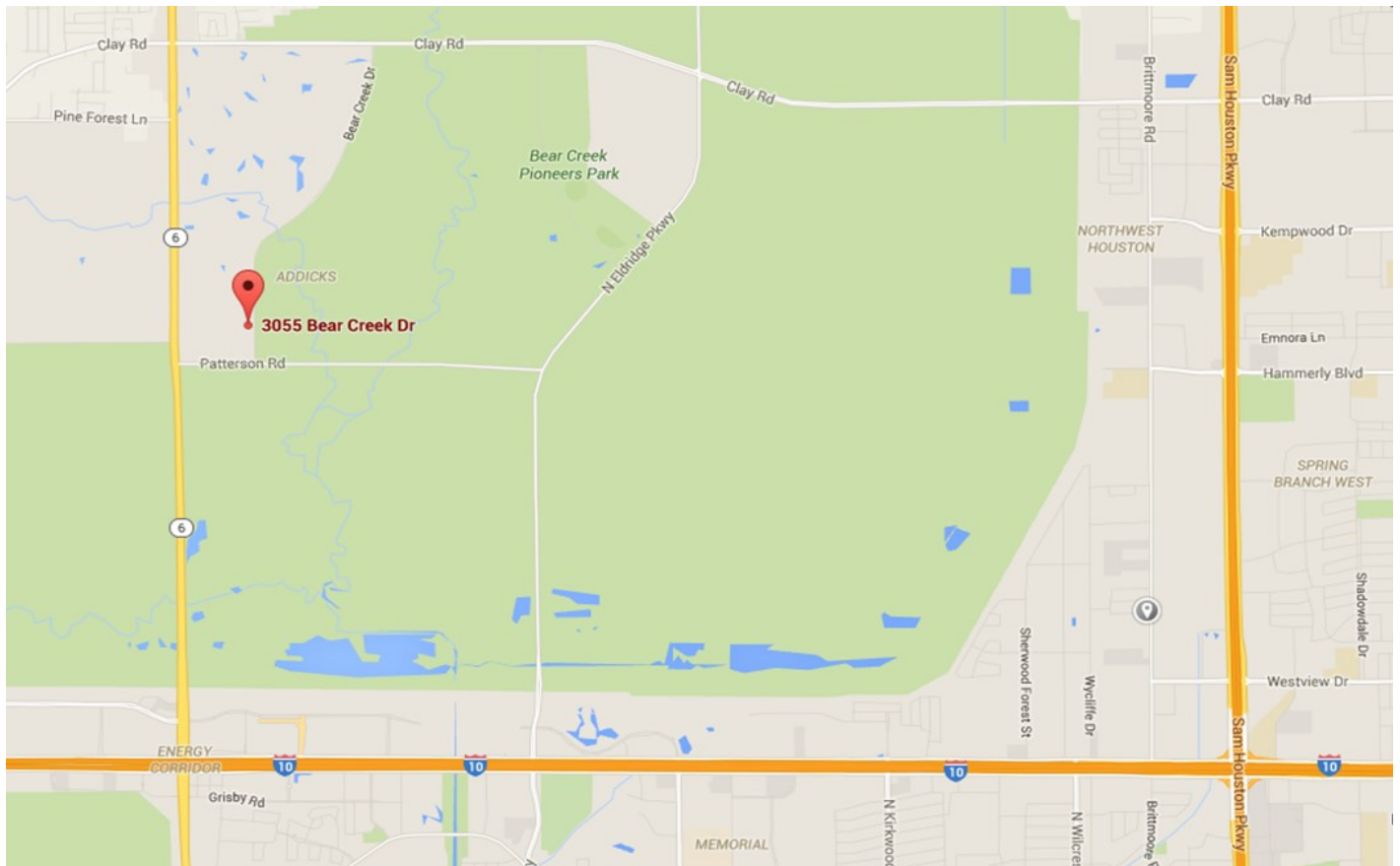
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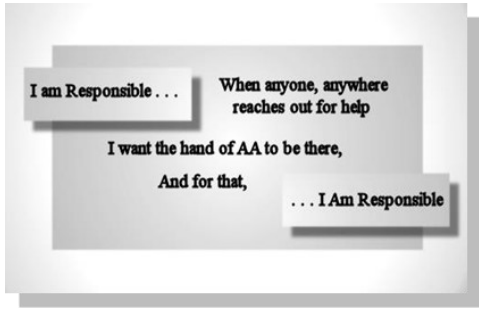
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SETA and Intergroup Committee Meeting Times



If you have a story, quote, cartoon, or image you would like to see published in the District 40 News, please send it to dkg1226@icloud.com

THE NEXT DISTRICT MEETING IS
AUGUST 9, 2016
 @
7:00 PM
 District 40 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7:00 PM—9:00 PM at the Bear Creek Community Center

Committee	Meeting Time	Location	Area Assembly*
Archives	1st Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM	521 N. Sam Houston Pkwy East, Suite 215 Houston, TX 77060	Saturday, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)	1st Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M.	Houston Council On Alcohol And Drugs 303 Jackson Hill Houston, TX 77007	Saturday, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
Correctional Facilities (CFC)	3rd Wednesday of every month from 7:30-9:00 PM	The Delta Club 6400 Westpark Dr, Suite 355 Houston, TX 77057	Saturday, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
Grapevine	3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM	The Delta Club 6400 Westpark Dr, Suite 355 Houston, TX 77057	Saturday, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
Intergroup	3rd Thursday of every other month at 8:00 PM	4140 Directors Row, Suites D & E, Houston, Texas, 77092	-
Internet Technologies (IT)	4th Saturday of the month from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock, Suite 378, Room C	Saturday, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
Literature	-	-	Saturday, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
Multilingual	1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM	District 63 4800 West 34th St. Suite B-8 Houston, TX 77092	Saturday, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
Public Information (PI)	3rd Monday of the month at 7:15 PM (Except on Assembly months)	Houston Council On Alcohol And Drugs 303 Jackson Hill Houston, TX 77007	Saturday, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
Treatment Facilities (TFC)	-	-	Saturday, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
District 40 PI/CPC Committee	4th Monday of the month at 6:30 PM	The Woods Road Club 2119 Woods Road Brookshire, TX 77423	-
PI/CPC Phone # 713-834-3880		*Area Assembly meets in the months of April, July and October at Sheraton North Houston 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Houston, TX 77032; January Assembly meets at the SETA Annual Convention. Location TBA.	

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 may also contact Intergroup at 713-686-6300.