# WELCOME TO THE COUNTY TO THE

### Step Ten

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

### **Tradition Ten**

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

### **Concept Ten**

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

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The Domino Effect

"So long as we don't argue these matters privately, it's a cinch we never shall publicly."

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg. 176

Understanding the 10<sup>th</sup> Tradition at the public level was something I comprehended right away. An AA meeting is no place for outside issues and I'm never to link the AA issue with outside issues. Got it! But what about privately? What about when I'm working with a sponsee? This was different; or so I thought! Having sponsored a woman for quite some time, we both would engage in political and/or religious discussions on occasion. Somewhere along the way, it became an issue. We didn't agree on several of these issues and it seemed to cause a bit of strife. On a private level, I had broken the 10<sup>th</sup> Tradition while doing AA work. This also violated the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Traditions; our unity was jeopardized and our primary purpose was pushed aside. It's like a domino effect; when one tradition is broken, they all start to fall. Shame on me! But at the same time, I have grown from the experience. I now know how to handle the situation different should it ever happen again. Further, I understand how important the Traditions protect myself, as well as, others that I continue this journey with.

In Service,

Deborah G.

District 40 DCM



This month's Pamphlet Challenge is; Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community.

This pamphlet was created in 1966 but was revised per a 2003 Advisory Action. This extremely informative pamphlet can be useful in many ways. Such as clearing up any misconceptions one might have when attending A.A. meetings. I say that because when I don't read A.A. literature, like this pamphlet for example, I tend to just believe what other people say and do which may or may not be exactly an A.A. responsibility. We are A.A. members and individuals. Therefore some things we can do as an A.A. member and other things would have to be done as individuals. There are several examples mentioned in this pamphlet. What other uses can you think of?

Jackie S.

District 40 Literature Rep

# Wild West Group History

The Wild West Group was started in June 2011 by Mark H. and Bob T. The group meets Monday night at 6:30pm at the Church of the Holy Apostles Episcopal Church, Room 103, on West Grand Parkway South in Katy. The meeting is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. Wild West started from very humble beginnings. During its first year it was not uncommon to only have two or three attendees at the meeting. As the Big Book states, any two or three alcoholics gathered for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, and with the primary purpose as its guide, the group continued on. During 2012, several newcomers and those with longer sobriety began to regularly attend the meeting, including Doug N., Dan K., Joel M. and Jeff K. Around this time the group registered with GSO and also began to hold group conscience meetings and to elect servants for the group. Bit by bit, the group became more consistent, usually having 5-10 attendees. Over the years, the group has grown even more, attracting individuals from other meetings around Katy, as well as consistently attracting newcomers, who often share that they enjoy the welcoming vibe of the group and the realness of the sharing during the meetings. Today it is not uncommon to have 15-20 attendees! The group hopes to continue to grow and establish itself as an active group in Alcoholics Anonymous.

# District 40 Workshop Presenters Betsy G. gand syrum betagen and Christina S. great recently

# **ANONYMITY**

"Why we need it and how the heck do you pronounce it!!?"



Food, Fun and Fellowship. Come Join Us!!!

# RULE 62 SECTION



# Treasurer's Report

Si	ETA Distric	t 40 Monthl	ly Financia	Report	July 2017		
EXPENSES	Initial Budget	Approved Budget Changes	Approved Budget	Expense This Month	Year to Date	% This Month	% Year to Date
DCM	\$ 800		\$800	\$151.95	\$711.73	19%	89%
Alt. DCM	\$ 800		\$800	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Secretary / Copying	\$ 350		\$350	\$35.16	\$106.38	10%	30%
Treasurer	\$ 150		\$150	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Newsletter	\$ 800		\$800	\$32.15	\$299.10	4%	
Rent/Coffee Donation	\$ 800		\$800	\$0.00	\$180.00		23%
Coffee	\$ 350		\$350	\$0.00	\$49.26		14%
PO Box	\$ 150		\$150	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Literature Committee	\$ 665		\$665	\$5.10	\$350.83	1%	53%
PI/CPC	\$ 100		\$100	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Grapevine	\$ 250		\$250	\$0.00	\$0.00		
CFC	\$ 700		\$700	\$0.00	\$0.00		
TFC	\$ 100		\$100	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Archives Committee	\$ 100		\$100	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Intergroup Liaison	\$ -		\$0		\$0.00		
IT Committee	\$ -		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Miscellaneous	\$ 100		\$100	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Multi-Lingual Representative	\$ 50		\$50	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Gratitude Dinner	\$ 300		\$300	\$36.94	\$36.94	12%	12%
Fellowship Fest	\$ 250		\$250	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Traditions Dinner	\$ 1,100		\$1,100	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Service Workshop	\$ 250		\$250	\$0.00	\$0.00		
SWRAASA (Even Years)	\$ -		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
The Forum (Odd Years) See Note	\$ 1,500		\$1,500	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Delegate Report Meeting	\$ 215		\$215	\$0.00	\$0.00		
State Convention Hospitality Suite	\$ -		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
SETA Assembly Host District	\$ 500		\$500	\$0.00	\$689.35		138%
SETA - 2015 Hospitality Suite	\$ -		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$10,380.00	\$0.00	\$10,380.00	\$261.30	\$2,423.59	3%	23%

INCOME			
Group Name	Receipts This Month		
Broad Highway Group	7.00		
Chapelwood Tues 8pm	42.83		
Friends of Bill W. (Post Oak)	25.00		
Katy 12 & 12	26.89		
Katy 164 Group	13.66		
Memorial Going Home Group	41.30		
Rule 62 Group	29.39		
Spring Shadows Group	210.00		
Tuesday Night Step Study	28.93		
Event Donations			
Traditions Dinner Donations			
Gratitude Dinner Donations			
State Conv - Hospitality Suite			
SETA -Hospitality Suite			
Delegate Report Contribution			
Fellowship Fest			

TOTAL INCOME THIS MONTH:

\$425.00

Beginning Bank Balance	\$4,650.31
Total Expenses this Month	\$261.30
Total Income this Month	\$425.00
Prudent Reserve (0.25 x Budget)	\$2,595.00
Unrestricted Funds	\$2,219.01
Ending Balance / Total Funds	\$4,814.01
Unspent Portion of Budget	\$7,956.41

### NOTES

 Ending balance shown above has not been reconciled with the bank statement, it was not in the post office box on Sunday 8/6/17. That was the last time I checked the PO box. 2) Reconciled as of 9/10/17, the ending balance shown agrees with the bank statement.

## **WORKSHOP UPDATE**

Mark your calendars for December 2, 2017 for the "Anonymity" workshop. I've attached the flyer for the details. It's so exciting to see our District show such enthusiasm and special thanks to the Katy 12 & 12 group for volunteering to host this event. I love seeing the seeking of spiritual growth and understanding of this program that has saved so many souls. We are fortunate to have so many members that are on "fire".

If your group would like to host a workshop, please come to the District and let's talk about it.

> Cindy Mickle Alt DCM, District 40

**Newsletter Editor** 

# **DISTRICT SERVANTS**

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Alternate DCM Cindy M.		
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<b>Secretary</b> OPEN	Treatment Facilities Chair OPEN	<b>Barista</b> Elizabeth G.

Alt. Secretary **Archives Chair OPEN** PI Rep Mary Kaye F **OPEN** 

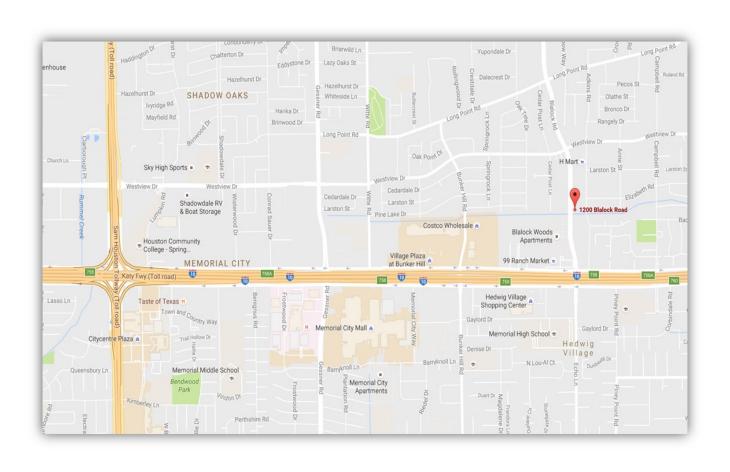
**Treasurer** Reino F. **Correctional Facilities Chair CPC Rep OPEN OPEN** Grapevine Rep.

Patti B.

Alt. Treasurer **OPEN** 

**DCM** Deborah G.

# October Assembly October 13-15, 2017 Sheraton N. Houston 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd Houston, TX 77032 South West Regional Forum October 20-22, 2017 San Antonio, TX For more events visit: aahouston.org aa.org aa-seta.org





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to see published in the
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please send it to

dcm-40@aa-seta.org

THE NEXT DISTRICT MEETING IS

**OCTOBER 10, 2017** 

@ 7:00 PM

District 40 meets on the

2nd Tuesday

of every month from

7:00 PM—9:00 PM at the

Spring Branch Memorial Club

1200 Blalock Rd. #378

Houston, TX 77055

Committee	Meeting Time	Location
Archives	1st Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM	521 N. Sam Houston Pkwy East, Suite 215 Houston, TX 77060
Cooperation with the Professional Commuinity (CPC)	1st Monday of the month at 7:00pm	Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock, Suite 378
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
Grapevine	3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM	The Delta Club 6400 Westpark Dr, Suite 355 Houston, TX 77057
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
Literature	-	-
Mulit-Lingual	1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM	District 63 4800 West 34th St. Suite B-8 Houston, TX 77092
Public Information (PI)	3rd Monday of the month at 7:15 PM (Excpet on Assembly months)	Houston Council On Alcohol And Drugs 303 Jackson Hill Houston, TX 77007

Just Starting a group in District 40 and wish to add it to this newsletter?