

WELCOME TO THE CIRCUS

Step Four

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Tradition Four

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole

Concept Four

At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

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True Fellowship

If asked 5 years ago if there was a difference between AA Fellowship or the AA Buddy System, I would have probably said no. The two seemed to mean the same thing. That was before working all 12 Steps, having a spiritual awakening and growing up!

In the beginning, the way I socialized in meetings and outside the rooms with AA members was in the same manner I socialized with people in the bars, the only difference in the bars was the presence of alcohol. I acted the same way, talked the same way and pretended the same way. Pretended that I was happy, joyous and free and working an actual program. I needed to impress people because I felt less than, insecure and lonely. Rejection was just looming around the corner, so I had to work hard to make others accept me. How exhausting!!! I had no idea how to be myself. I had no idea what true kinship really meant.

Fast forward to the present, I understand what true AA Fellowship means. It means I belong because of what I put into it rather than what I am always trying to get out of it. Because I stopped trying to impress others by trying to be different. Today I'm just one of; I'm no better or no less. I understand that being part of the fellowship is a spiritual connection. Strangers that I know everything and nothing about are now family. I'm either liked or not, I don't have to impress, I'm just me, the true me that was screaming to come out but was crippled with fear. I am the person that I was always meant to be. Sober and Serving the fellowship that saved my life!

In service,
Deborah G.
D40 DCM

April 2018 - Pamphlet of the Month: *"Members of the Clergy ask about Alcoholics Anonymous"*

With so many A.A. Groups meeting in churches, you may find this pamphlet very interesting and possibly helpful to the clergy at your meeting location. It mostly consists of common questions and answers. Bill explains how our Fellowship and the Clergy have been friends since the beginning. Please feel free to read it and pass it on to them. My favorite part is in the introduction where Bill W. describes our spirituality to the Clergy. I've never seen it worded quite that way before. His words are still so true.

Jackie S.

D40 Literature Rep



An Artist in Our Midst



RULE 62 SECTION

**DIDN'T NEED TO PROMPTLY
ADMIT I WAS WRONG TODAY**



IT WAS A GOOD DAY

Treasurer's Report

SETA District 40 Monthly Financial Report -- March 2018							
EXPENSES	Initial Budget	Approved Budget Changes	Approved Budget	Expense This Month	Year to Date	% This Month	% Year to Date
DCM	\$ 1,000		\$1,000	\$14.46	\$382.72	1%	38%
Alt. DCM	\$ 800		\$800	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Secretary / Copying	\$ 250		\$250	\$6.24	\$31.29	2%	13%
Treasurer	\$ 150		\$150	\$0.00	\$17.79		12%
Newsletter	\$ 500		\$500	\$41.11	\$155.75	8%	31%
Rent/Coffee Donation	\$ 400		\$400	\$30.00	\$90.00	8%	23%
Coffee	\$ 100		\$100	\$0.00	\$0.00		
PO Box	\$ 120		\$120	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Literature Committee	\$ 380		\$380	\$0.00	\$49.20		13%
PI/CPC	\$ -		\$0	\$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	\$0.00		
IT Committee	\$ 100		\$100	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Miscellaneous	\$ 100		\$100	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Multi-Lingual Representative	\$ 300		\$300	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Gratitude Dinner	\$ 300		\$300	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Fellowship Fest	\$ 250		\$250	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Traditions Dinner	\$ 1,100		\$1,100	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Service Workshop	\$ 300		\$300	\$0.00	\$0.00		
SWRAASA (Even Years)	\$ 2,500		\$2,500	\$0.00	\$0.00		
The Forum (Odd Years) See Note	\$ -		\$0	\$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	\$ -		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
SETA - Hospitality Suite	\$ 300		\$300	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$10,315	\$0	\$10,315	\$92	\$727	1%	7%
INCOME							
Group Name	Receipts This Month						
First Light Group	\$388.00						
Fry Road Group	\$84.00						
Friends of Bill W. (Post Oak)	\$25.00						
God Meeting Group	\$25.09						
Katy 12 & 12	\$80.00						
Memorial Going Home Group	\$27.76						
New Beginnings Group	\$26.00						
Saturday Solutions Group	\$53.70						
Tuesday Night Step Study	\$15.15						
Event Donations							
Traditions Dinner Donations							
Gratitude Dinner Donations							
State Conv - Hospitality Suite							
SETA -Hospitality Suite							
Delegate Report Contribution							
Fellowship Fest							
TOTAL INCOME THIS MONTH:	\$724.70						
				Beginning Bank Balance \$3,853.97 Total Expenses this Month \$91.81 Total Income this Month \$724.70 Prudent Reserve (0.25 x Budget) \$2,578.75 Unrestricted Funds \$1,908.11 Ending Balance / Total Funds \$4,486.86 Unspent Portion of Budget \$9,588.25			
				NOTES: 1) Ending balance shown above agrees with bank statement after deposit of this month's receipts.			



DISTRICT SERVANTS

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PI Rep

OPEN

Correctional Facilities Chair

OPEN

Grapevine Rep.

Patti B.

Newsletter Editor

Matthew D.

Intergroup Rep

Dan K.

Barista

Elizabeth G.

Archives Chair

Mary Kaye F

CPC Rep

Jenn P.

Upcoming Events

72nd Texas State Convention

June 22-24, 2018

Dallas, TX

2018 Intergroup Convention

June 15-17, 2018

Westin Oaks Hotel in the Galleria

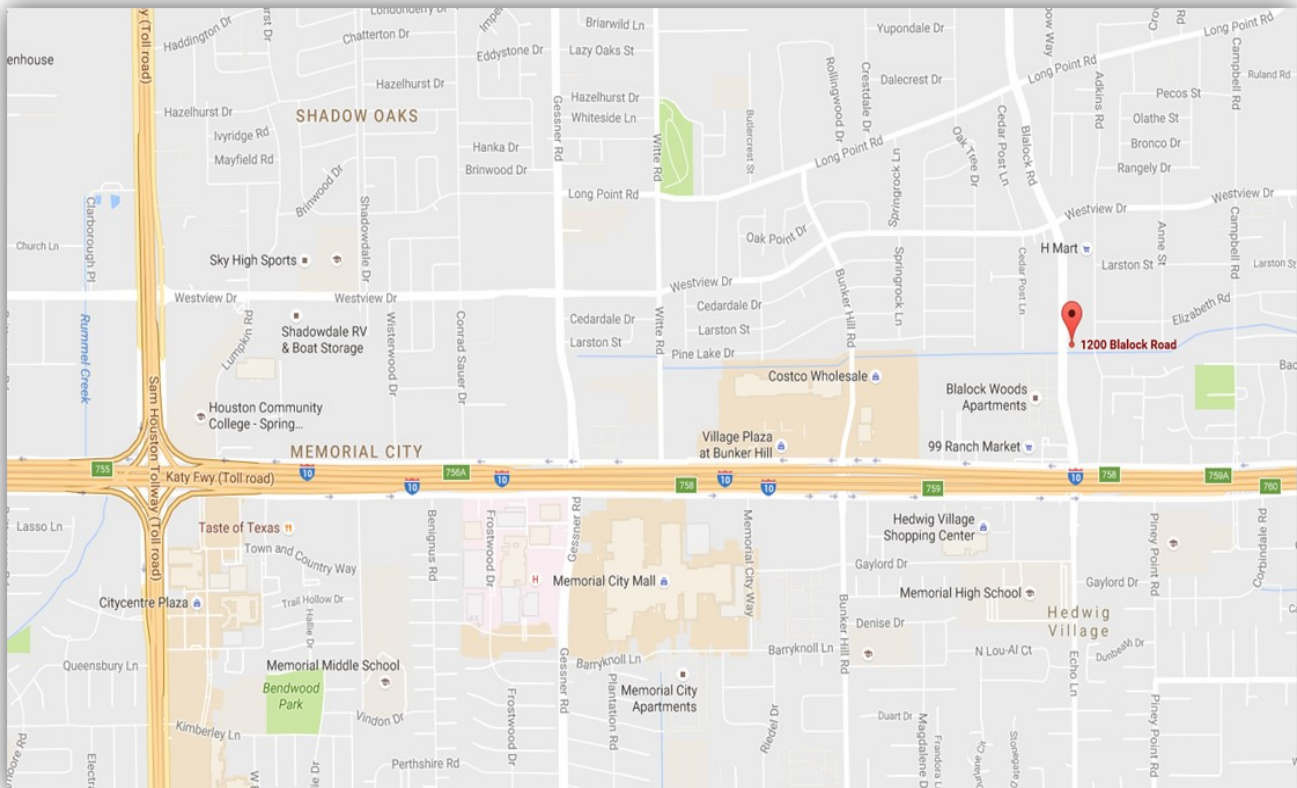
Houston, TX

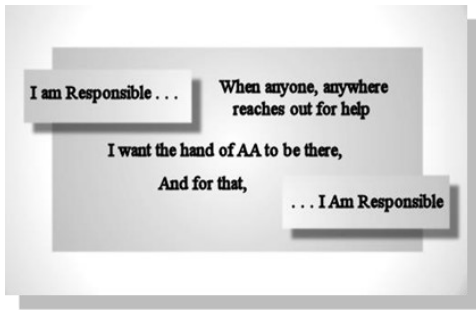
For more events visit:

aahouston.org

aa.org

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If you have a story,
quote, cartoon, or
image you would like
to see published in the
District 40 News,
please send it to
Dcm-40@aa-seta.org

THE NEXT DISTRICT MEETING IS

MAY 8, 2018

@ 7:15 PM

District 40 meets on the

2nd Tuesday

of every month from

7:15PM—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 Community (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 6401 Southwest Freeway, Suite 110 Houston, TX 77057
Grapevine	3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM	The Delta Club 6401 Southwest Freeway, Suite 110 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	—	—
Mult-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?

Send group information, location and meeting times to SETA-40@aa-seta.org and

District 40 GSR Official Meeting Minutes Southeast Area Alcoholics Anonymous

February 13, 2018

Call to Order: Deborah G., Serenity Prayer, Preamble and Unity Declaration

Tradition II / Concept II: Reading and Summation by Cindy M. & Hilton L.

Volunteers for next month: Tradition III – Derrick S.; Concept III – Reino F.

Introduction of Attendees: 24 Attendees for our Business Meeting

Normal Business:

1. *Secretary's Report* – Approved as written
2. *Treasurer's Report* – Approved as written

GSR/General Sharing Session:

1. Group History – Elizabeth G. Next Month Volunteer – Dave R.
2. Feedback, News, Concerns, Questions from Groups – GSR's
 - a. Dan K. asked for feedback on insurance for groups when the property owner requests this.

Continued Business:

1. Policy & procedure manual: Cindy M.,
 - a. Deborah sent email including the committee job descriptions, see P&P manual. The committee job holders are to review their descriptions & edit if necessary. All grammar errors have been corrected (thank you for catching them!), and there has not been any additional feedback on the content portion. Looks like we're just about finished with it. Once the job descriptions are done, we will then take a vote on accepting the P&P and it will be posted on our web page on SETA.
2. Website Update: Joel G.
 - a. Moving forward with an Ad hoc committee. Volunteers: Deanna F., Mike B., & Joel G.
 - b. Ad hoc committee to narrow down the decisions & bring to the district next month.
 - c. For any questions email Joel G. at webmaster-alt@aa-seta.org
3. Open positions: Alt. Secretary, CFC, PI, TFC.

New Business:

1. Delegate Presentation – Ron C. Presented the 68th General Service Conference Committees Agenda items.
2. New D40 Location – Hilton L. Reviewed options for a more central location & tabled until next month.
3. 2018 Traditions Dinner – Cindy M.;
 - a. Save the Date!!! 6/9/2018
 - b. If anyone would like to suggest a different venue, these are the requirements. Hold 80+ people without breaking any fire codes, located within District 40, has a kitchen, rental cost is close to 40% of our total budget, which is \$440.00
 - c. Suggested to use COTHA again, tabled to next month.

Committee Reports:

1. Archives – Mary Kaye F.; No report
2. Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) – OPEN
 - No Report
3. Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – Jenn P.
 - No Report
4. Grapevine – Patti B.
 - No Report
 - Check out the Grapevine App at www.aagrapevine.org
5. Information Technology (IT) – Joel G.
 - New Website is being updated in stages starting Feb 2018
6. Intergroup – Dan K.
 - **CONVENTION TIME: Save the date, June 15-17th, 2018**

District 40 GSR Official Meeting Minutes Southeast Area Alcoholics Anonymous

- Once again Intergroup is sponsoring a convention of celebration. Next June, we will be assembling at the Westin Oaks in the Galleria for 3 days of fellowship, speakers, hospitality, and FUN.
 - AA History workshop- Turnout for the workshop was overwhelming and had 81 paid registrations.
 - Holiday Open House- Fantastic Turnout! Had 75+ attendees for the speaker and probably 125+ come through the bookstore (sales of \$2561.43).
 - Night watch- Available dates for 2018 Weekend Night watch are:
Feb 23-26, Oct 26-29, Nov 21-26 (Thanksgiving), Dec 14-17, Dec 28-Jan 2, 2019
Please let Intergroup know if your group would like to take any of those weekends.
Intergroup would be happy to come to your group and give a Night watch training presentation.
 - Harvey Update as of Nov 31st
Total donations- \$37561.63
Expenses paid- \$3127.36
Keep money- \$1922.00- Moved to general fund
Money returned- \$2389- Returned to donors
Balance- \$30123.27
 - Next meeting- February 15, 2018
 - Pricing on literature decrease: Starting January 9, will decrease 8-10%
 - New Intergroup hours starting 1/16/18 – 8-5pm Mon thru Fri.
7. Literature – Jackie S.
- Pamphlet Challenge: A message to Teenagers, How to tell when drinking is becoming a problem.
8. Newsletter – Matthew D.
- Thank you to all who submitted articles. Next month's topic will be your experiences working with new comers. Do you have a more laid back approach, or a more aggressive approach? Or whatever you would like to write about. Please let me know what else I can do to be of service.
9. Public Information (PI) – OPEN
- No report
10. Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC) – OPEN
- No report

Announcements:

11. See Flyers for Upcoming Events