

WELCOME TO THE CIRCUS

Step Five

Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Tradition Five

Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its 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.

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Pamphlet Challenge: *It Sure Beats Sitting In A Cell*

This pamphlet is most interesting due to experience shared by people who successfully stayed sober after being released from a correctional facility. The highlights are; using A.A. literature, doing service work, utilizing the Corrections Correspondence Service, following some prerelease and re-entry suggestions and learning what A.A. does not do. The conclusion is that nobody can do the A.A. program for us. We have to do it ourselves.

Jackie S.

D40 Literature Rep



District 40's
**32nd Annual
Traditions Dinner**
presents

**In This
Drama of Life**

By Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 62

Doors Open: 1:00 PM
Act I: 2:00 PM
Dinner: 3:00 PM
Act II: 4:00 PM

**Saturday,
June 9, 2018**

Admission Cost:
FREE

STARRING

RON C. AS 'THE DELEGATE'

TROY B. AS 'THE NARRATOR'

AND THE D40'S AS CAST & CREW

Church of the Holy Apostles (COTHA)
1225 West Grand Parkway South
Faty, TX 77494

For More Information Contact Cindy M. at
dcm-40-alt@aa-seta.org

Group History of the Memorial Going Home Group

741 Bateswood Drive, Houston, TX

The group was founded as a spin-off of the Jewish Community center 12:00 pm meeting in 1991. The founders were, Jan A., Patsy H., Wayne C. (deceased), Charlie T. (deceased) and Ellie. The meeting began in the rooms used by the Palmer Drug Abuse Center located in the “old white building” which was part of Saint Thomas Presbyterian Church (14100 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX). It later moved from that location to its current location, called the Outreach Center of West Houston which is further behind Saint Thomas Presbyterian at 741 Bateswood Drive, Houston, TX.

The Memorial Going Home group began on Monday's, Wednesday's, and Friday's at 5:30pm as closed meetings. Because the meetings were so well attended, they started a Big Book study on Tuesdays at 5:30pm and a Twelve and Twelve study on Thursday's at 5:30pm, also closed meetings. Today all of these meetings are still attended.

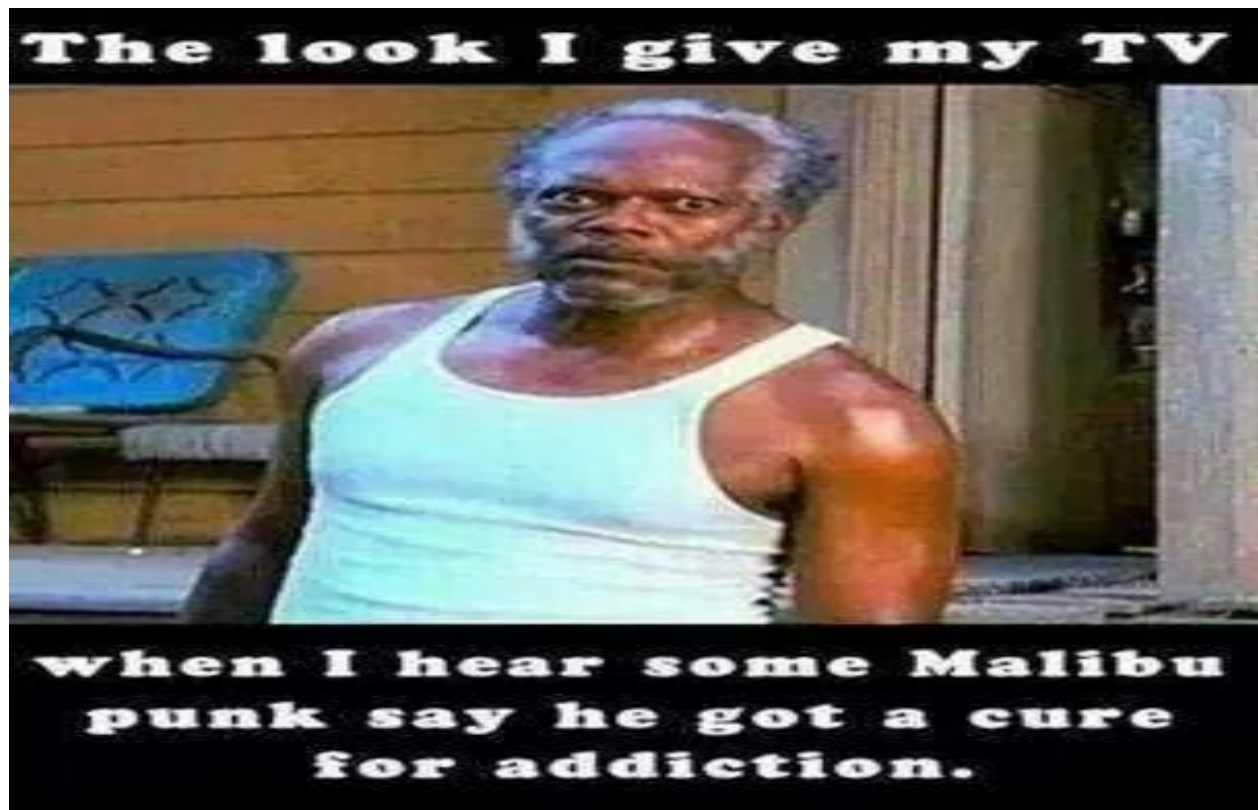
At one time, members used to go to dinner after the meeting and then went to another meeting at Saint John Vianney. Friday nights are now a “candle light” meeting where the lights are turned down low. AA birthdays are celebrated on the last Friday of the month with cake and this meeting is an open meeting when family members can attend.

RULE 62 SECTION



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%
PUCPC	\$ -		\$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		
Gratitude Dinner - Donation	\$ 300		\$300	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Gratitude Dinner - Food	\$ 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	\$27.75						
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 (0.26 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. 2) Up dated the items 17, 18, 19, 20 for the corrected listed budget items, no change to amounts. Jan, Feb & March were the only months needing the budget items listed changed.							



DISTRICT SERVANTS

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Alt. Secretary

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Treasurer

Reino F.

Alt. Treasurer

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Jackie S.

IT Representative

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Treatment Facilities Chair

OPEN

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

32nd Annual Tradition's Dinner

June 9, 2018

Katy, TX

2018 Intergroup Convention

June 15-17, 2018

Westin Oaks Hotel in the Galleria

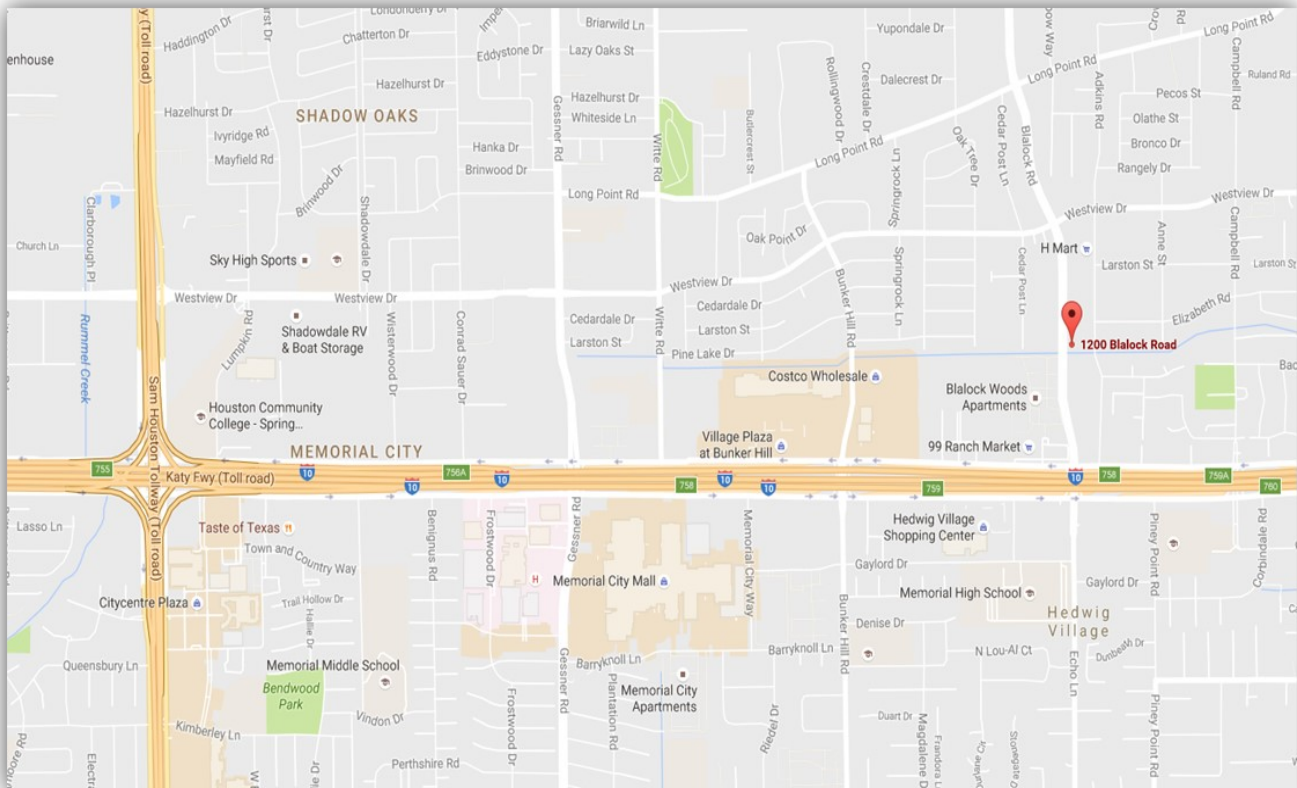
Houston, TX

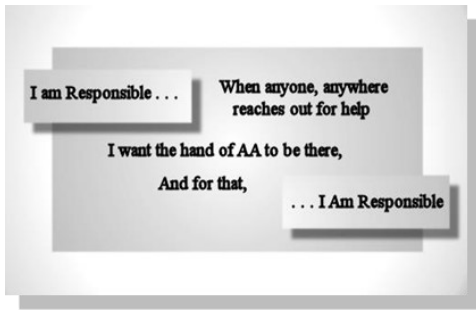
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If you have a story,
quote, cartoon, or
image you would like
to see published in the
District 40 News,
please send it to
Dcm-40@aa-seta.org

THE NEXT DISTRICT MEETING IS

JUNE 12TH, 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

April 2018 Area Assembly Report

2019 Proposed Budget was handed out and reviewed. This will be finalized and voted on at the July 2018 Area Assembly.

Emergency Planning Committee Update was given. Intergroup has devised a plan in the case of hurricanes or other major disasters. As of now, Area 67 has taken no action on this plan.

2018 Round Tables Highlights

The biggest agenda item(s) discussed were Censuring of the GSB and Restructuring of the GSB

The Area was divided about 50/50 on the Censuring of the GSB and majority NOT in favor of restructuring the GSB

We sent our Delegate off with a true sense of our Area as he journeys to the 2018 General Service Conference

Alternate Delegate Report Highlights

72nd Annual Texas State Convention will be held June 22-24th at the Westin DFW Airport in Irving, TX;

Register at <http://txaaconvention.org/>

2018 Gratitude Dinner will be at the Jimmy Burke Center in Deer Park; Still in need of a Co-host.

Delegate Report Highlights

Area Group Contributions to GSO were emailed to DCM's

Contributions are up from 39.86% in 2016 to 40.87% in 2017 for the year; Area 67 has 690 listed groups with only 282 groups contributing for a total of \$88,612.33 in 2017.

2018 General Service Conference theme is "A Solution for All Generations"

Presentation/Discussion Topics for 2018 GSC:

Today's Alcoholic: Inclusion, Not Exclusion

Participation in All A.A. – Is My Triangle Balanced?

A.A. Technology: Where Innovation Meets the Traditions

Attraction Not Promotion: A.A.'s Relation to the World

Group Conscience: The Guiding Force

Area 67 is still in the running for hosting the 2030 International Convention; A total of 5 cities will be presenting on Saturday at the GSC.

2018 SETA Convention Final Treasurer's Report; Income totaled \$16,302.62, Expenses totaled \$11,196.09 with a total Net Income of \$5,106.53.

Motion was made by District 33 to be removed from the SETA Convention Rotation; There are no hotels in D33 that can fulfill the needs of the convention; the Area voted the motion down; however, D33 was removed from the 2020 rotation; an ad-hoc committee was formed to looking into the area convention "formats"; more will be revealed.

2019 SETA Convention will be in Galveston on January 18-20, 2019; Theme will be "Carry This Message..." (Big Book, pg. 89)

Ron S., our area Alt. Treasurer was voted in as the 2020 SETA Convention Chair

Ad-Hoc Hotel Search Committee is in the process of searching for or renegotiating a hotel for our area assemblies; the Sheraton is willing to renegotiate the contract for 4 years; 2019-2020 will be the same price but there will be an increase in 2021-2022; Ad-hoc committee chair recommended securing the hotel for at least the 2019 assembly dates and will continue to collect bids for the 2021-2022 dates and even 2020 if SETA wishes.

Suggestions for future assemblies: DCM workshop; Standing Committee presentations

July Assembly will be on July 14-15th at the Sheraton North on JFK Blvd.

In Service,
Deborah G.
D40 DCM

March 13, 2018

Call to Order: Cindy M., Serenity Prayer, Preamble and Unity Declaration

Tradition III / Concept III: Reading and Summation by Derrick S. & Reino F.

Volunteers for next month: Tradition IV – Jenn P.; Concept IV – Patti B.

Introduction of Attendees: 36 Attendees for our Business Meeting

Normal Business:

Secretary's Report – Accepted as submitted

Treasurer's Report – Accepted as submitted

GSR/General Sharing Session:

Group History – Dave R. Next Month Volunteer – Kathy F.

Feedback, News, Concerns, Questions from Groups – GSR's

MMSSS – 19th Anniversary dinner at the PaRC 3/24 at 5pm

Reed asked for feedback on group inventory

Suggested do every 7 yrs & to ask Troy the Alt Delegate for assistance.

Continued Business:

2018 Traditions Dinner: Cindy M.

COTHA Venue confirmed June 9th from 1-8pm

Volunteer sign-up sheet passed around

Policy & procedure manual: Cindy M.,

Waiting on job descriptions to be reviewed by the district

New D40 Location Update – Hilton L.

Living Word Church of the Nazarene 16607 Clay Rd, Houston, TX 77084

Time reserved 2nd Tue 7-9pm, Monthly rent \$30, Coffee supplied by Into Action Group

\$10/month, Agreement with church is verbal, No issue of a key required, building opened by Into Action Group, Door can be locked manually upon leaving.

Tabled until next month.

Website Update: Joel G.

Moving forward with an Ad hoc committee. Volunteers: Deanna F., Mike B., & Joel G.

For any questions email Joel G. at webmaster-alt@aa-seta.org

On hold until next month.

Open positions: *Alt. Secretary, CFC, PI, TFC.*

New Business:

TFC Presentation – Pam F. Area 67

Asking for volunteers to help with Bridging the Gap, offering to take newly released patients to meetings after release from the Treatment facility. And to be that 1st point of contact in the new comers zip code to facilitate a smooth transition

Also D40 needs a rep, several interested will review next monthly

Intergroup – *55 Years of Miracles Conference - Donation June 15-17 – Westin Galleria*

Please ask your groups if they are able to donate cookies or money for the hospitality suite for the conference in June.

The ask is for 900 cookies. Or D40 to use \$1200 of unrestricted funds for the donation.

Tabled until next month after feedback from the groups.

Committee Reports:

Archives – Mary Kaye F.; Looking for volunteers to digitize the archives, if interested email Joel G.

Group history form available online via word/excel documents

Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) – OPEN

No Report

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – Jenn P.

Approached D31 to get schedule for presentation on PI/CPC Service, no date confirmed for July, more to follow with dates & finalization of the presentation

GSO Exhibit request:

Received letter with more information about the exhibit requests,

NADCP: National Assoc. of Drug Court Professionals Conference, GRB May 30-June 2, 2018

NAADAC: Assoc for Addiction Professionals, Westin Galleria Houston Oct. 5-9 2018.

Looking for volunteers to assist with exhibit. More info to follow

CPC Mock Presentation update: 3/17 at 430pm, Once it's presented by the volunteers that are the CPC's from the other districts, hopefully this is something we can roll out to the district once the mock presentation has happened, we can have this workshop available to present for our district.

Focus Items from workbook used for the presentation:

Contact local professional schools that train future healthcare, legal/correctional, human resources/employment professionals and offer A.A. presentations.

Offer to help groups communicate with their landlord about A.A. — often a professional who may deal with alcoholics in the course of their work, such as the pastor of a church.

Send sharing on local C.P.C. efforts to G.S.O.

Create database for storing contacts

Grapevine – Patti B.

No Report

Check out the Grapevine App at www.aagrapevine.org

Information Technology (IT) – Joel G.

Website tabled to April's meeting

2. Go-to-meeting option - to allow for attending meetings remotely

3. Reported Area 67 information

Intergroup – Dan K.

Intergroup invites you to a weekend to remember as we celebrate 55 years of miracles at the beautiful Westin Oaks (newly remodeled) Hotel in the Houston Galleria area.

Registration is \$30.

Special hotel pricing of \$124.00 per night for the convention.

Hospitality Sponsors needed.

Coffee table volunteers.

Audio Visual Directors needed.

Contact me or Intergroup for more info.

CFC Training Workshop Saturday, March 24th.

Group Contributions- For 2017 total membership contributions were \$112097.83, an increase over 2016 of \$33328.60 or 70%. January membership donations totaled \$11218.89. WOW! Intergroup is grateful to all the groups for your support.

Meeting Directory- Has gone to print. Proof approved on 2/12/18.

Harvey Update- Donations of \$37561.63, expenses paid \$3197.66, kept money \$2277, returned money \$2789, remaining balance \$29297.97

Literature – Jackie S.

Pamphlet Challenge: Young People & AA

Please join us at the next Area Literature Committee Meeting at the April SETA Assembly on Saturday at 4:30. All are encouraged to attend.

Newsletter – Matthew D.

Thank you to all who submitted articles. Next month's topic will be The Buddy System, your experiences working with fellowship. Or whatever you want to write about.

Please let me know what else I can do to be of service.

Public Information (PI) – OPEN

No report

Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC) – OPEN

No report

Announcements:

See Flyers for Upcoming Events