

WELCOME TO THE CIRCUS

Step Six

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Tradition Six

An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose

Concept Six

The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board

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Pamphlet of the Month: *"Let's Be Friendly With Our Friends: Friends on the Alcoholism Front"* By Bill W. P-34

Who are these friends Bill is referring to? In this pamphlet Bill tells how the friendships started. I researched on the internet some of the organizations that Bill shares his first-hand knowledge about and they are National and Global. I had no idea all the work that is being done to help with the harmful uses of alcohol. It appears that the pioneers of these organizations told Bill that, had it not been for the living proof of recovery in AA, they could not have gone on. AA was the hope and help that kept them at it. Can you think of any friends that are not mentioned in this pamphlet?

THE MASQUERADE

CHARACTER DEFECTS

OVER HERE!



SERENITY



STEP
WORK



RESENTMENT

SELF PITY



DISHONESTY

FEAR



PRIDE

ENVY



Are We Having Fun Yet?

Over the years, I have heard various members, particularly newcomers, talk about how life without alcohol would be boring. I remember thinking that in the beginning and I probably even said it on more than one occasion. The “drinking while having fun” life is the only one I could identify with. It was virtually unimaginable to grasp a life without alcohol; especially one that could be fun. The longer I continued to stay sober, work my Steps and live the Traditions, that fear of having a boring life without alcohol has disappeared.

I have learned how to have fun in almost any setting. Sometimes that excitement happens inside the rooms of AA and sometimes it's at AA sponsored events. I found it so easy to enjoy life while surrounded by alcoholics just like me. I have also found a great amount of joy and fun outside of the rooms of AA. Weddings, birthday parties, movies, a day at the beach, etc. were all once places that I needed or wanted alcohol to blend in and feel better about myself to make them more enjoyable.

I can now go to these places and have just as much fun without a drink in hand. The true difference from then to now is that connection with a higher power, the happiness that I have found by being sober and free. I don't have to hide behind a bottle anymore. The Big Book says, “we are not a glum lot.” I truly believe that because I feel it, I live it and I know it deep in my heart and soul. I didn't lose the ability to have fun because I stopped drinking; I learned HOW to have fun when I stopped drinking.

In Service,

Deborah G.

District 40 DCM

RULE 62 SECTION



Treasurer's Report

SETA District 40 Monthly Financial Report -- April 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	\$53.86	\$438.68	5%	44%
A/L DCM	\$ 800		\$800	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Secretary / Copying	\$ 250		\$250	\$8.67	\$39.96	3%	16%
Treasurer	\$ 150		\$150	\$0.00	\$17.79		12%
Newsletter	\$ 500		\$500	\$23.84	\$179.59	5%	36%
Rent/Coffee Donation	\$ 400		\$400	\$30.00	\$120.00	8%	30%
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 no longer a committee	\$ -		\$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 Representative	\$ 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	\$116	\$843	1%	8%
INCOME							
Group Name	Receipts This Month						
Four Horsemen Group	\$18.85						
Friends of Bill W. (Post Oak)	\$25.00						
Hookley Group	\$25.00						
Katy 164 Group	\$10.04						
Men's Supper/Step Study Group	\$20.00						
Outpost Group (Men's)	\$190.00						
Rosewood Thursday Night Group	\$12.80						
Rule 62 Group	\$36.05						
Sisters of Serenity	\$9.79						
Spring Shadows Group	\$225.00						
Wild West Group	\$50.00						
Chapelwood Tues 8pm	\$82.80						
Event Donations							
Traditions Dinner Donations							
Gratitude Dinner Donations							
State Conv - Hospitality Suite							
SETA -Hospitality Suite							
Delegate Report Contribution							
Fellowship Fest							
TOTAL INCOME THIS MONTH:	\$705.33						

Beginning Bank Balance	\$4,486.86
Total Expenses this Month	\$116.47
Total Income this Month	\$705.33
Prudent Reserve (0.25 x Budget)	\$2,578.75
Unrestricted Funds	\$2,406.97
Ending Balance / Total Funds	\$5,075.72
Unspent Portion of Budget	\$9,471.78

NOTES:

1) Ending balance shown above agrees with bank statement after deposit of this month's receipts.

2) April 10th Newsletter reimbursed Dist 40 w \$20.00 cash for over payment of expenses in March, shown in expenses as deduct of \$20.00 of receipt of \$43.84 paid, and was included in the bank deposit.



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

I have a good feeling about my new sponsor

ROFLRAZZI.COM

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Sara A.

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Reino F.

Alt. Treasurer
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Jackie S.

IT Representative
Joel G.

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
OPEN

CPC Rep
Jenn P.

Upcoming Events

2018 Intergroup Convention

June 15-17, 2018

**Westin Oaks Hotel in the Galleria
Houston, TX**

72nd Texas State AA Convention

June 22-24

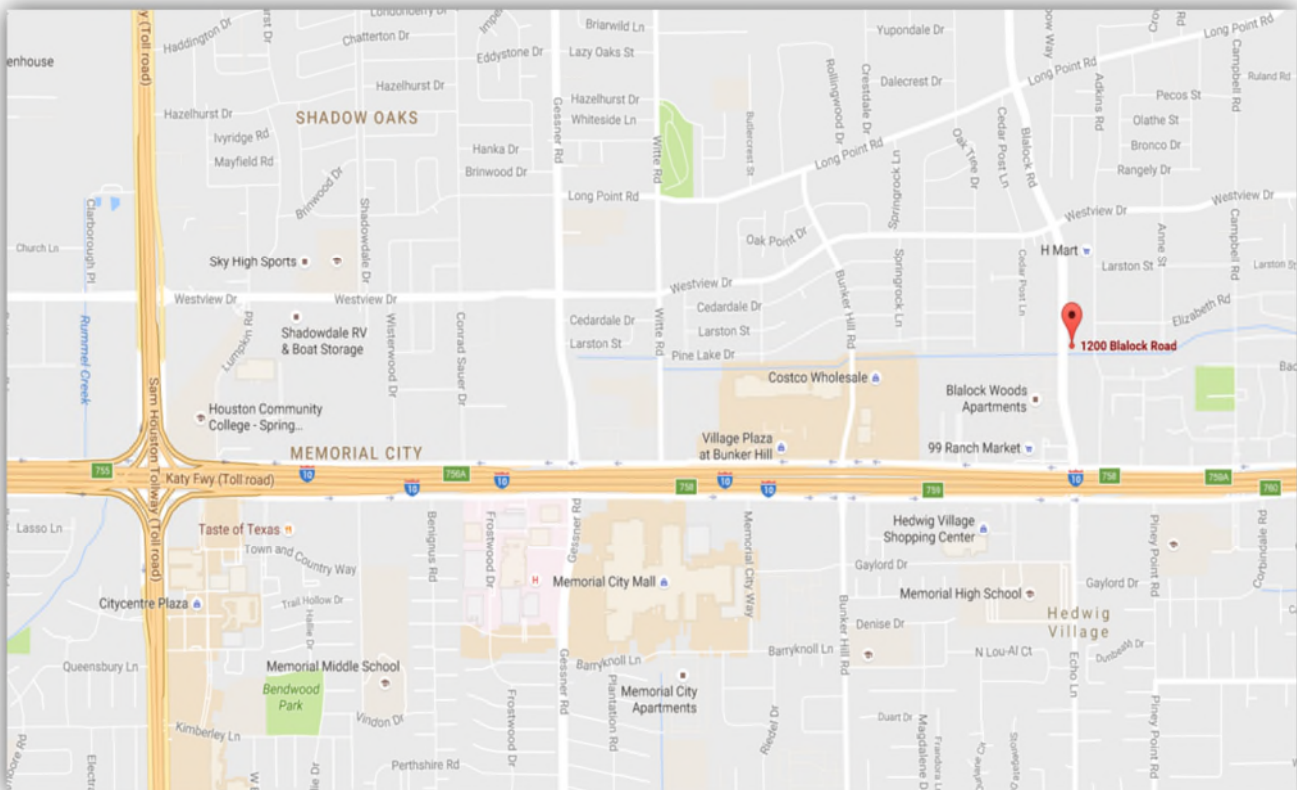
The Westin Hotel in Irving, TX

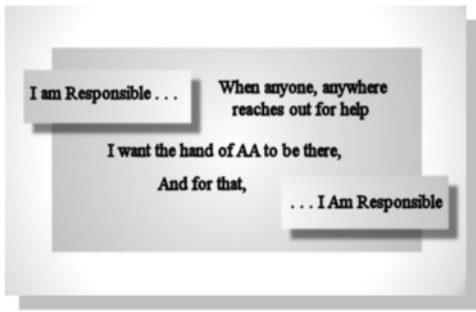
For more events visit:

aahouston.org

aa.org

aa-seta.org





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

JULY 10TH, 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	–	–
Multilingual	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 (Except 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 intergroup@aahouston.org. You may also contact Intergroup at 713-686-6300.

April 10, 2018

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

Tradition IV / Concept IV: Reading and Summation by Jenn P. & Betsy G.

Volunteers for next month: Tradition V – Teri O.; Concept V – Reed B.

Introduction of Attendees: 31 Attendees for our Business Meeting

Normal Business:

Secretary's Report – Accepted as submitted

Treasurer's Report – Accepted as submitted with corrections

GSR/General Sharing Session:

Group History – Kathy F. Next Month Volunteer – Rick N.

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

Spring Shadows Group Noon meeting has changed to 12:15pm

Question on how to call a group conscience: suggestions put on bulletin board, 2 week lead time, groups differ in procedure – it is up to the group.

Continued Business:

2018 Traditions Dinner: Cindy M.

COTHA Venue confirmed June 9th from 1-8pm

Not enough Drama in your life? Come see how our "Drama-Pros" find solutions using the Traditions.

Policy & procedure manual: Deborah G.

Length of Sobriety for officers – D40 voted to stay with Area requirements: DCM 4-5yr, Officers 2yr, Committee members 6 months.

New D40 Location Update

Motion to stay at SBMC until elections in September, topic to be revisited

Website Update: Joel G.

Pro's: History, Map, AA Group list, Service Opportunity list within district, Each AA group can post news/events;

Con's: committee members change, training, cost, spreading the message the website is there.

Majority of the district agreed to move forward & four persons opposed

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

On hold until next month.

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

New Business:

Gratitude Dinner Co-Host opportunity: The group is opposed

Intergroup Convention Donation – Dan K.

D40 agreed to donate \$500 from the district plus any group donations

2018 GSC Agenda Items Discussion

Censuring the GSB: 8 agree, 17 disagree, 3 undecided

Pamphlet: Unity, Service, Recovery – All agreed pamphlet is needed

Committee Reports:

Archives – Open; Archives meets on the 1st Saturday of every month at 10am at 521 North Sam Houston Parkway East, Suite 215, Houston, TX 77060; Visit www.aa-seta.org for all contact and meeting information

Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) – OPEN

No Report

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

PI/CPC Workshop at the April Area Assembly, Saturday, April 14th at 4:30 pm

CPC meets the 1st Monday each month at 7:30pm at SBMC

Grapevine – Patti B.

No Report

Check out the Grapevine App at www.aagrapevine.org

Consider donating your Grapevines to the CFC committee to take into prisons or TFC committee to take into Treatment facilities.

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.

Literature – Jackie S.

Pamphlet Challenge: Members of the Clergy ask about Alcoholics Anonymous

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.

One item on agenda: how to do a pamphlet presentation. All are invited to the Assembly to attend the Literature Committee meeting.

Newsletter – Matthew D.

Thank you to all who submitted articles. Next month's topic: The Masks We Wear. We wore many different masks while drinking (the stoic mask, the material mask, the comedian mask). Do we still wear these? If not, how did we shed them? Or whatever you want to write about. Please let me know what else I can do to be of service.

Public Information (PI) – OPEN

PI/CPC Workshop at the April Area Assembly, Saturday, April 14th at 4:30 pm

The committee is looking for a PI Secretary. Please let your group know.

PI meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30pm at SBMC

Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC) – OPEN

No report

Announcements:

See Flyers for Upcoming Events