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# DISTRICT#40

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## Step 6

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

## Tradition 6

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

## Concept 6

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"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."

### **Open Positions for District #40**

Archives & Internet Technologies (IT)  
for job descriptions please go to:

[http://aa-seta.org/GSR/en\\_bm-31.pdf](http://aa-seta.org/GSR/en_bm-31.pdf)



## **Tradition Nine - Spirit of Service**

**(Structure, Organization)**

Reino F, DCM

The definition of Structure is "Organize, build, connect; something made up of interdependent parts in a definite pattern of organization". The definition of Organization is "An administrative and functional structure; also, the personnel of such a structure; Association, Society". The word Organized defined in the 12 x12 Dictionary is: "A government administered by human beings, Power to direct or govern is the essence of organization everywhere, alcoholics can't be dictated to, structured and administrated as a business, corporation, or institution". Tradition Nine says that "AA as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards and committees directly responsible to those they serve".

The Long Form of the Tradition says that “Each AA group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and groups of a large metropolitan area their central office or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our AA General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our AA Tradition and the receivers of voluntary AA contributions by which we maintain our AA General Service Office in New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our over-all public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the AA Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in AA are but trusted servants and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.”

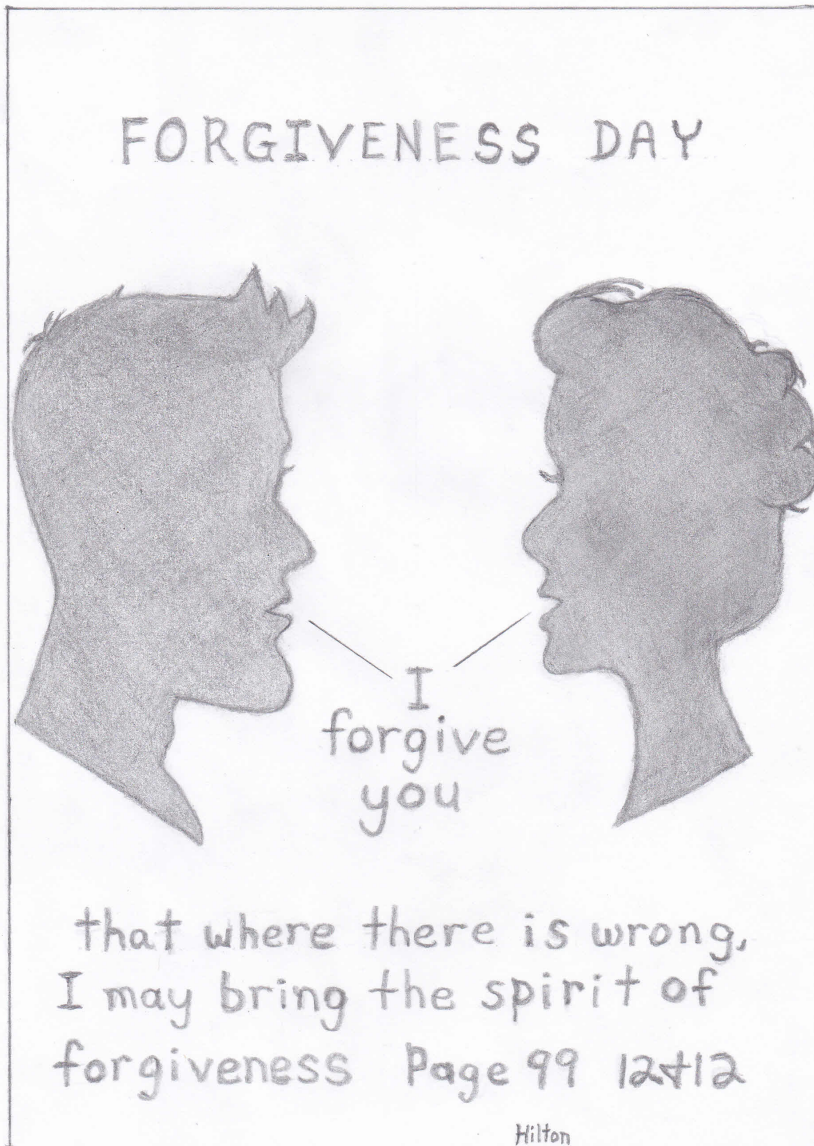
So, when I came into the fellowship I, at first, was just awed by what was being asked of me to change everything about me as best that I could. So, working the steps with a sponsor was baffling enough for me at the time. I was doing crap for myself that I had no intention of ever doing, wanting to do, or dreams that I never followed thru with, let alone try to do it. But I told him I was “willing to do anything on God’s green earth to stay sober” & that I was “willing to go to any lengths for my sobriety.”

But the fella that I chose to be my sponsor was a past AA Trustee. I wanted what he had, that I briefly saw, but I did not vet him very thoroughly. So as a result, I was led into service work. It was with love and understanding. I told him that I really did not like to interact much with people other than work sales calls. I was introduced to being the group’s greeter. Then, I was the coffee maker. After that I was the alternate GSR. It was when I became the GSR that things started to look different. I was told that I no longer had to do things for AA but that it was an honor to give back to the fellowship that was helping me change my life. I was now a member of our home group’s steering committee, “the secret society within the group”.

Group conscience meetings, steering committee meetings, district meetings, Area Assemblies became a way for me to get out of myself and learn about being of service to others. I did not serve because my sponsor did before me. I actually, through the AA principles being applied in my life, started to change my way of thinking of things. I could serve the fellowship that was giving me so much in my life. I learned about commitment, being on time, thinking about others, actually wanting to be helpful to others willingly, having a sense of purpose, actually doing stuff I told people that I would do, and doing these things and expecting nothing in return.

I have read some history of AA and see that non-alcoholics actually give freely of themselves for the fellowship and just to help suffering alcoholics. Heck, if a non-alcoholic can step up, why couldn’t I?

Giving freely for the benefit of helping others that are suffering is the Spirit of Service. I am grateful for what has been given to me through God’s grace and the experience of the earlier members of AA giving of themselves to help me. So, to return and give back what I have



experienced is really something that I had not thought was an option when I thought that "I was not living the way mom & dad tried to raise me".

The way the fellowship is setup and functioning is a great legacy. Say you belong and you're a member, trust another person with your mess and ask them for help, apply a new set of principles in your life, then be of service to others and give back to the fellowship. When I apply this in my life I am living in the Spirit of Service.

**DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL MINUTES  
OF THE APRIL 14, 2020 MEETING**

Meeting Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue. 7:15 – 9:00 pm  
Spring Branch Memorial Club  
1200 Blalock Rd. Bldg. # 378, Room C  
Houston, Texas 77055

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**DATE:** April 14, 2020 (Covid 19 Pandemic) All reports were emailed to the D40 Secretary.

- **DCM Report – Reino F. – Emailed**

- Hello all, I am writing y'all to let you know that we have no voting business to deal with this month SO we will not have a zoom district meeting this month. Please see the Unofficial March meeting minutes attached, and the April Treasurers report. The April Newsletter will be forwarded later. Let me know if you have any changes or questions on these items. Committee reps please submit you April committee report to Jackie. We will combine this information for the April district business information for April. There will just be no minutes.

If you have any changes or questions for the March unofficial minutes then email your questions to Jackie S at [d40sec@yahoo.com](mailto:d40sec@yahoo.com). If you have any questions for the Treasurers report then email Mike W at [treasurer-40@aa-seta.org](mailto:treasurer-40@aa-seta.org). or to Doug or myself.

If there are no changes needed to be made then they will stand as approved.

- There was a zoom SETA Area Assembly last Saturday at 10 am.

In a separate email I will give a report on what was presented and attach the items that were given to us during the meeting: the SETA Treasurers report and the SETA Area 2021 proposed budget that will be voted on in the July Assembly.

I also will resend the agenda items that AA members want to respond to Troy our delegate, who will be participating in the GSC by on line meetings later this spring. Please give him your feedback on the agenda items you have interest in him dealing with during the meetings he will attend. Our area voice is his concern. The agenda response forms are found on the [aa-seta.org](http://aa-seta.org) website on the delegates page. If you want background for any agenda item just email me and I'll send it to you. Thanx.

- **DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

- **Archives Rep; OPEN**

- **CFC (Correctional Facilities Committee); Paul K.**

- **CPC (Cooperation with Professional Community); Bill A.**

- **Grapevine; Rachel P. - Emailed**

- *Grapevine* and *La Viña* are our "meeting in print," and at this time when many of us can't get to meetings, they are currently offering free online access to all 2020 issues. To access, go to [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) and click the link that says "[Grapevine and La Viña Are Here to Help.](#)" Please pass this information on to your groups and help us spread the word!

- Thank you! Rachel Parker

- **IT (Information Technology); OPEN**

- **Intergroup Liaison; Dan K.**

- **Literature; Elizabeth G. - Emailed**

- Greetings to all at District 40. May this month find you having "safe time" sheltering at home with your family. This past month has surly presented some extra time for prayer, meditation and solitude to reflect on how truly grateful to God for the A.A. groups using digital platforms to

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find sobriety during Coronavirus (COVID-19). As stated from the A.A. Big Book chapter, A Vision for You, "The most satisfactory years of your existence lie ahead. Thus, we find the fellowship, and so will you." The fellowship of A.A. has taught me how to serve one another by going to any lengths even when it means participating in an A.A. Zoom meeting to stay connected. With that said, this month's pamphlet challenge "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" and is to support alcoholics in the jails and prisons as they have found a way to stop drinking through A.A.'s program of recover. By following the example of A.A. members, both inside and outside prison, they have been able to change their lives for the better. Please look forward to this pamphlet & trivial quiz at next month's District 40 meeting. Here is an update from the General Service Office.

A.A.W.S. Continues to Process Literature Orders:

Please contact the Order Department at 212-870-3312 or email [orders@aa.org](mailto:orders@aa.org) or visit the online store at <https://onlineliterature.aa.org>.

April 10 is a historic day for Alcoholics Anonymous.

On April 10, 1939, 4,650 copies of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous became available for distribution. Today, over 40 million copies have been sold!

- The Literature Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month via video conference, "ZOOM." Please send the Literature Chair your email address if you are interested in attending. Then, you will receive an email with login instructions on the day of the meeting.
- **Newsletter Editor; Kari B. – Emailed**
- Thank you so much to Doug D, David M, Lydia P, and our regular contributors Hilton, Jackie, Mike W, and Reino. If you find yourself with either some extra time on your hands or a yearning for connection with others or a way to help others please email me an article, joke, cartoon, link to something we could all benefit from, a piece of art you have done, or a photograph you have taken.... all would be most appreciated and welcomed at [District40Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:District40Newsletter@gmail.com).
- **PI (Public Information); Terri O. - Emailed**
- Public Information Committee met in March via zoom. We discussed upcoming health fairs and we will see at a later date what volunteers might be needed (in light of virus). March Lone Star College Safety Fair was well attended, over 150 participants, many of whom had never heard of AA! The committee is in the process of approving public announcements for radio and TV. Included will be a Spanish translation.  
Respectfully submitted, Terri O
- **TFC (Treatment Facilities Committee); Lucas D.**



SETA DISTRICT 40 -- GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2020													
District 40 Groups	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
Another Chance Group													0.00
Bear Creek Fellowship			50.00										50.00
Broad Highway Group			5.70										5.70
Bunkerhill Tuesday A.A. Group				71.33									71.33
Chapelwood Tues 8pm		332.17											332.17
Daily Reflections Group													0.00
Everything is "Alright Already"													0.00
First Light Group													0.00
Four Horsemen Group													0.00
Fourth Promise Group													0.00
Fry Road Group		70.00											70.00
Friends of Bill W. (Post Oak)		50.00											50.00
Friends of Bill W. (West Houston CC)		112.42											112.42
Fulshear Group			170.99										170.99
God Meeting Group													0.00
High Hopes													0.00
Hockley Group			45.00										45.00
Houston Young People													0.00
Journey Group		10.80											10.80
Just For Today		74.80											74.80
Just The Black Print Group			77.55										77.55
Katy 12 & 12		77.53	35.36	20.25									133.14
Katy 154 Group		6.61	19.00										25.61
Katy Big Book			150.00										150.00
Katy Crossroads Group		36.62											36.62
Katy Primary Purpose Group													0.00
Kingsland Group													0.00
Living Now Group													0.00
Memorial Going Home Group		40.42											40.42
Memorial West Group													0.00
Men's Supper/Step Study Group				34.30									34.30
Monaville Group													0.00
New Beginnings group		23.00											23.00
New Oxford Group													0.00
Our Common Journey Group													0.00
Outpost Group (Men's)													0.00
Peek Road Group													0.00
Rosewood Thursday Night Group		122.00											122.00
Rule 62 Group													0.00
Sage-Piney Point													0.00
Sage-Piney Point Noon Tuesday		23.40											23.40
Saturday Solutions Group		38.06											38.06
Simply AA													0.00
Sisters in Serenity		39.70											39.70
Sober in Brookshire													0.00
Spring Branch Memorial Club													0.00
Spring Shadows Group		240.00											240.00
Stepping Stones in Recovery Katy			30.00										30.00
Steps in Sobriety													0.00
Taking Care of Business													0.00
Tuesday Night Step Study		25.48		33.60									59.08
36 Principles Group													0.00
Wednesday Reflections		16.20											16.20
West Memorial													0.00
Wild West Group		45.33											45.33
Working With Others													0.00
Unknown/Misc													0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1384.54</b>	<b>583.60</b>	<b>159.48</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2127.62</b>

SETA DISTRICT 40 --- EXPENSE BY MONTH & TOTAL FOR YEAR													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total YTD
DCM													\$0.00
AIL DCM	\$316.48												\$316.48
Secretary / Copying	\$18.72	\$8.46											\$27.18
Treasurer	2	2	\$34.99	\$2.00									\$40.99
Newsletter		\$71.74											\$71.74
Rent/Coffee Donation	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00										\$90.00
Coffee													\$0.00
PO Box													\$0.00
Literature Committee		\$55.60											\$55.60
PI/CPC													\$0.00
Grapevine													\$0.00
CFC													\$0.00
TFC													\$0.00
Archives Committee													\$0.00
Intergrup Liaison													\$0.00
IT Committee													\$0.00
Miscellaneous													\$0.00
Gratitude Dinner - Donation													\$0.00
Gratitude Dinner - Food													\$0.00
Fellowship Fest													\$0.00
Traditions Dinner													\$0.00
Service Workshop													\$0.00
SWRAASA (Even Years)													\$0.00
The Forum (Odd Years) See Note													\$0.00
Delegate Report Meeting													\$0.00
State Convention Hospitality Suite													\$0.00
SETA Assembly Host District													\$0.00
SETA - 2020 Hospitality Suite		\$453.62											\$453.62
<b>Total for MONTH</b>	\$367.20	\$621.42	\$64.99	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,055.61
Unrestricted Funds Allocated to Intergrup, SETA 67, GSO Expense Total													\$0.00



<b>Committee</b>	<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Archives	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 10:00 AM	521 N. Sam Houston Pkwy East, Suite 215 Houston, Texas 77060
Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, 7:00 PM	Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock, Suite 378
Correctional Facilities (CFC)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	The Delta Club 6401 Southwest Freeway, Suite 110 Houston, Texas 77057
Grapevine	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every other month, 7:30 PM	The Delta Club 6401 Southwest Freeway, Suite 110 Houston, Texas 77057
Intergroup	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every other month, 8:00 PM	4140 Directors Row Suites D & E Houston, Texas 77092
Internet Technologies (IT)	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock, Suite 378
Literature	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Zoom Send Login requests to: <a href="mailto:Literature-Chair@aa-seta.org">Literature-Chair@aa-seta.org</a>
Multi-Lingual	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, 7:30 PM	District 63 4800 West 34 <sup>th</sup> Street Suite B-8 Houston, Texas 77092
Public Information (PI)	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM	Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock, Suite 378, Room C Can do Zoom
Treatment Facility Committee (TFC)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, 7:00 PM	GoToMeetings (except Assembly months) At Area Assembly, Saturday afternoon 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

## District 40 Officers and Committee Representatives

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