

DISTRICT #40 NEWSLETTER

UNITY - RECOVERY - SERVICE



Anonymity in Virtual Meetings

Jackie S, District 40 DCM

The Twelve Traditions are meant to be kept in virtual A.A. meetings as well. If it ever appears that I have forgotten this, please remind me! I attend virtual meetings on a regular basis and like most of you know, it takes extra effort to iron out the kinks. Lately the topic of anonymity seems to be near the top of the list.

Open Positions for District 40

Alt Secretary

What I've noticed when a newcomer joins the virtual A.A. meeting I'm in, is that they are not only a bit nervous, shy and ashamed like the usual newcomer, but also they are not very efficient on Zoom. As a result they tend to keep their videos and audios off so they can stay anonymous and just watch. Some newcomers do respond immediately when asked to introduce themselves and some do not respond until later in the meeting if at all. All of these circumstances are acceptable because like what it says in the "Understanding Anonymity" pamphlet, "The word

Step 1

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol and that our lives have become unmanageable.

Tradition 1

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

Concept 1

Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship

Announcements

SETA Assembly

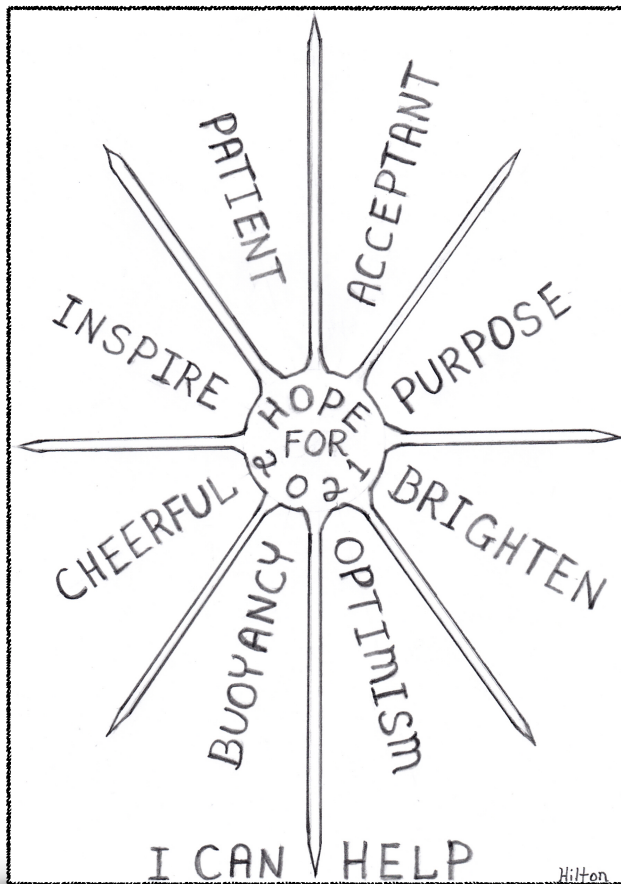
Saturday January 16, 2021

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“anonymous” in our name is meant to provide as much privacy as an individual may desire regarding membership in A.A.”

Some A.A. members, being concerned about their own anonymity are put off by these newcomers who don't introduce themselves right away. And that is understandable; they can keep themselves anonymous by leaving their videos off as well. That way everybody is taking responsibility for their own anonymity.

In no way should we assume that a newcomer who doesn't introduce themselves is really a Zoom bomber unless they actually disrupt the meeting in an obvious way. A perfect example last week, someone signed on to our meeting with the name of something like E1254966875. They were asked to introduce themselves and chose not to until halfway through the meeting. As it turned out, they were from the PaRC, a treatment center. I'm so glad they were not removed from the meeting because they did not introduce themselves.



CFC is looking for issues of Grapevines to send to local jails and institutions due to them being unable to have meetings brought into them.

Pamphlet of the Month - December

G.S.R. Your group link to A.A. as a whole

Click on the link for digital copy of pamphlet

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-19_gsr.pdf



DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2020 MEETING

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

dcm-40@aa-seta.org (Reino F.)
dcm-40-alt@aa-seta.org (Doug D.)

Mailing Address:
District 40
PO Box 19085
Houston, Texas 77024-9085

DATE: November 10, 2020

LOCATION: ZOOM

Moment of Silence, Preamble & (Unity Declaration; read by Dan K.)

Attendees; 28 people

Secretary's Report – Jackie S. – Accepted as Corrected

Treasurer's Report – Scott B. – Accepted as Corrected

DCM Report – Reino F.

- Reino read the letter from Trustee Jimmy Dean informing us that Greg T. is leaving the position of GSO General Manager effective February 1st. The GSO is now taking resumes for this upcoming open position.

Alt DCM Report – Doug D.

Treasurer – Scott B. has set up Zelle due to a drop off in contributions.

OLD BUSINESS –

2020 Open Positions – IT Committee Rep – Edie B. stood and was voted in.

Alt Treasurer - Ronnie H. stood and was voted in.

2021 Open Positions – The following people stood for the open positions and were voted in.

Secretary – Natalie A

Grapevine Rep – Candace D

IT Committee Rep – Edie B. stood and was voted in.

Alt Treasurer - Ronnie H. stood and was voted in.

These positions are still open; Alt Secretary, Treatment Facilities Committee Rep

NEW BUSINESS -

The District 40 2021 Budget was presented by Treasurer Scott B. and it was accepted as presented.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- **Archives Rep;** - Marcus S.

2020-11-08 Archives Meeting

- Working to get a new laptop for digital archives management.
 - Will need to digitize existing archives.
 - Will need to generate file naming convention.
 - We'll need to be trained on G-Suite.
- Set up a tentative schedule to begin reassembling archives.
 - No more than 2 to 3 people at a time.
 - A key-holder will need to be present.
 - May need to repair existing displays and construct new ones.
 - Will establish a log for the unboxing of archives.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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

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- The jails and prisons are continuing to be locked down. No visitors. However, I can send Big Books, literature and Grapevines to them.
- If you have any Grapevines you would like to give me, I will meet with you wherever to get them from you.
- Thank you for your consideration, Paul King District 40 CFC Rep.
- **CPC (*Cooperation with Professional Community*); Bill A.**
 - District 40 is strong in the Hospital Program!
- **Grapevine; Rachel P. - Absent**
 - AA *La Viña*, the Spanish-language version of *Grapevine*, has an all-new website featuring an improved mobile experience, a new layout, better security and accessibility, a new archive page, and features to help encourage members to share their stories. Please share the link, <https://www.aalavina.org/>, with your Spanish-speaking group members.
 - *Grapevine* wants your photos! Submissions for the Annual Photo Contest are being accepted until December 1, and the winning pics will be featured in the AA 2022 Wall Calendar. For details and the online submission form, visit <https://www.aagrapevine.org/photocontest>, and please share with your groups.
 - Remember to check out *Grapevine's* YouTube channel for video versions of Grapevine stories in English and Spanish: <https://www.youtube.com/aagrapevine>.

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

● **Intergroup Liaison; Dan K.**

District 40 Intergroup Liaison Report

November 10th, 2020

- Upcoming events:
 - 12/12/20- Winter Holiday Open House- 10am-3pm, including a play at 11:00am “What Killed the Home Group”?, speaker Dudley F. with 41 years sobriety at 1:00pm!
- Intergroup is working hard to keep all meetings updated with online/zoom meeting info for groups as well as updates as meetings transition back to meeting in person.

Next Delegates meeting December 19th, 2020 @ 8:00PM

Sign up for the Link on aahouston.org

● **Literature; Elizabeth G.**

- Hello to Everyone at District 40! May this month find you enjoying the festivities and preparation for the upcoming Thanksgiving season. This month’s theme of “gratitude” reminds me of the many blessings and moral principles represented within the fellowship of

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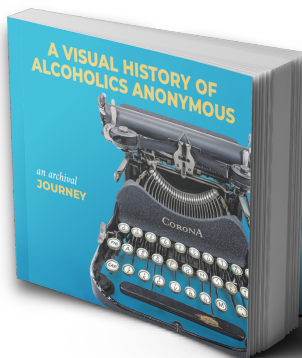
Alcoholics Anonymous including; *honesty, purity, unselfishness and love.* With that said, this month's pamphlet challenge is "*Where Money & Spirituality Mix.*" In 1957, Bill W. stated, "When we are generous with the hat we give a token that we are grateful for our blessings and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer." (*The Language of the Heart*, p. 221). This reminds me to let it begin with me. Here are the following upcoming events;

- 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.
- A.A.W.S. Continues to Process Literature Orders – Please contact the Order Department at 212-870-3312 or email orders@aa.org or visit the online store <https://onlineliterature.aa.org>.
- **Newsletter Editor; Kari B.**
 - Thank you so much to 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.
- **PI (Public Information); Terri O. - Absent**
- **TFC (Treatment Facilities Committee); Lucas D.- Absent**
- **General Sharing,**
 - Reino will send email invite out to adhoc committee to discuss D40 meeting location.
 - Wendy F. asked where to send the Grapevines for the CFC Committee. Paul K. said he would meet her to pick up the Grapevines from her.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (see no attached flyers).

- **Next District 40 meeting: 11/10/20 at 7:15pm** Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock Rd #378 Houston, Room C (713) 274-3190 **OR BY ZOOM at 7:00PM IF NEEDED.**
 - **SETA 2021 Convention: CANCELLED January 15 -17, 2021 – Rolled Contract to 2022.**
- AA headquarters: www.aa.org, Area 67/SETA Districts: www.aa-seta.org, Intergroup; www.aahouston.org.

We adjourned with the Responsibility Statement.



Pre - Order this limited edition publication that was originally developed as a souvenir book for the 2020 International Convention in Detroit.

Release Date : February 14, 2021

November Treasurer's Report for District 40

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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					13.06					18.76
Bunkerhill Tuesday A.A. Group				71.33									71.33
Chapelwood Tues Spm		332.17					135.60						467.77
Daily Reflections Group							22.30						22.30
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						60.00					130.00
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			26.90				61.00			258.89
God Meeting Group									60.00				60.00
High Hopes							63.80						63.80
Hockley Group			45.00										45.00
Houston Young People													0.00
Journey Group		10.80											10.80
Just For Today		74.80					24.01			56.19			155.00
Just The Black Print Group			77.55										77.55
Katy 12 & 12		77.53	35.36	20.25	7.39	12.75		31.61		32.26	38.66		255.81
Katy 164 Group		6.61	19.00		14.95								40.56
Katy Big Book			150.00										150.00
Katy Crossroads Group		36.62							54.53				91.15
Katy Primary Purpose Group									75.00				75.00
Kingsland Group													0.00
Living Now Group										192.32			192.32
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)					137.52					124.15			261.67
Peak Road Group													0.00
Rosewood Thursday Night Group		122.00								184.00			306.00
Rule 62 Group							74.61						74.61
Sage-Piney Point													0.00
Sage-Piney Point Noon Tuesday		23.40					17.40						40.80
Saturday Solutions Group		38.06				28.40		43.00					109.46
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			150.00								390.00
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			3.30						62.38
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										51.00			51.00
Unknown/Misc										115.23			115.23
TOTAL:	0.00	1384.54	583.60	159.48	359.86	68.05	341.02	713.52	0.00	439.83	38.66	0.00	4088.56

SETA District 40 Monthly Financial Report -- November 2020

EXPENSES	Initial Budget	Approved Budget Changes	Approved Budget	Expense This Month	Year to Date	% This Month	% Year to Date
DCM	\$ 1,000	200	TRUE	\$0.00	\$78.44		7844%
Alt. DCM	\$ 800			\$900	\$0.00		35%
Secretary / Copying	\$ 250			\$150	\$0.00		18%
Treasurer	\$ 150			\$22	\$50.99	1%	34%
Newsletter	\$ 500			\$150	\$0.00		48%
Rent/Coffee Donation	\$ 400			\$360	\$0.00		25%
Coffee	\$ 100			\$0	\$0.00		
PO Box	\$ 120			\$90	\$0.00		
Literature Committee	\$ 250			\$175	\$0.00		32%
PI/CPC no longer a committee	\$ 150			\$50	\$0.00		
Grapevine	\$ 250			\$50	\$0.00		
CFC	\$ 700			\$300	\$0.00		160%
TFC	\$ 100			\$50	\$0.00		
Archives Committee	\$ 100			\$0	\$0.00		
Intergroup Liaison	\$ -			\$0	\$0.00		
IT Committee	\$ 100			\$50	\$0.00		
Miscellaneous	\$ 100			\$0	\$0.00		\$2,720.00
Gratitude Dinner - Donation	\$ 300			\$0	\$0.00		
Gratitude Dinner - Food	\$ 300			\$0	\$0.00		
Fellowship Fest	\$ 250			\$0	\$0.00		
Traditions Dinner	\$ 1,100			\$1,300	\$0.00		
Service Workshop	\$ 1,000			\$300	\$0.00		
SWRAASA (Even Years)	\$ -			\$1,900	\$0.00		
The Forum (Odd Years) See Note	\$ 600			\$0	\$0.00		
Delegate Report Meeting	\$ 215			\$0	\$0.00		
State Convention Hospitality Suite	\$ -			\$0	\$0.00		
SETA Assembly Host District	\$ -			\$0	\$0.00		
SETA - 2015 Hospitality Suite	\$ 300			\$300	\$0.00		\$453.62
	\$9,135	\$200	\$6,275	\$2.00	\$4,344.05	0%	69%

INCOME			
Group Name	Receipts This Month		
Katy 12 & 12	\$38.66		
		Beginning Bank Balance	\$4,930.86
		Total Expenses this Month	\$2.00
		Total Income this Month	\$38.66
		Outstanding checks cashed this month	
		Held for Hospitality	\$278.37
		Prudent Reserve (0.25 x Budget)	\$1,568.75
		Unrestricted Funds	\$3,120.40
		Ending Balance / Total Funds	\$4,967.52
		Unspent Portion of Budget	\$4,790.95

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

SETA DISTRICT 40 --- EXPENSE BY MONTH & TOTAL FOR YEAR

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total YTD
DCM								\$46.72	\$31.72				\$78.44
Alt. DCM	\$316.48												\$316.48
Secretary / Copying	\$18.72	\$8.46											\$27.18
Treasurer	2		\$34.99	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00		\$54.99
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									\$480.00				\$480.00
TFC													\$0.00
Archives Committee													\$0.00
Intergroup Liaison													\$0.00
IT Committee													\$0.00
Miscellaneous									\$2,720.00				\$2,720.00
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
Total for MONTH	\$367.20	\$621.42	\$64.99	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$48.72	\$3,233.72	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$4,348.05
Unrestricted Funds Allocated to													
Expense Total									\$6,433.72				

District 40 Officers and
Committee Representatives

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>
DCM	Jackie S.	dcm-40@aa.seta.org
Alt DCM	Doug D.	dcm-40-alt@aa.seta.org
Secretary	Natalie A.	
Alt Secretary	OPEN	
Treasurer	Scott B.	treasurer-40@aa.seta.org
Alt Treasurer	Ronnie H.	treasurer-40-alt@aa.seta.org
Archives	Marcus S.	
Newsletter Editor	Fernando B.	district40newsletter@gmail.com
Grapevine Rep	Candice D.	
IT Rep	Edie B.	
Literature Rep	Dan K.	
CFC Rep	Paul K.	
Intergroup Rep	Mitch A.	
CPC Rep	Bill A.	
PI Rep	Terri O.	
TFC	Wendy F.	



January 2021 Grapevine Issue
Oldtimers!

Our beloved longtime members share hopeful stories about what it was like and what it's like now.

Also included are powerful stories of home by members during the current COVID-19 crisis.



Grapevine is looking for stories written by anyone who has participated in any kind of CPC service.

Articles due April 15th, 2021

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District 40 Committee Meetings

Committee	Meeting Date and Time	Location
Archives	1 st Saturday of the Month, 10:00 am	521 N. Sam Houston Pkwy East, Suite 215 Houston, TX 77060
Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)	1 st Monday of the Month, 7:00 pm	Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock Suite 378 Houston, TX 77055
Correctional Facilities (CFC)	3 rd Wednesday of the Month, 7:30 pm	The Delta Club 6401 Southwest Freeway, Suite 110 Houston, TX 77057
Grapevine	3 rd Thursday of every other Month, 7:30 pm	The Delta Club 6401 Southwest Freeway, Suite 110 Houston, TX 77057
Intergroup	3 rd Thursday of every other Month, 8:00 pm	4140 Directors Row Suites D & E, Houston, TX 77092
Internet Technologies (IT)	4 th Saturday of the Month, 10:00 am	Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock Suite 378 Houston, TX 77057
Literature	3 rd Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 pm	Zoom - Send Login Requests to: Literature-Chair@aa-seta.org
Multi-Lingual	1 st Thursday of the Month, 7:30 pm	District 63 4800 West 34th St. Suite B-8 Houston, TX 77092
Public Information (PI)	4 th Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 pm	Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock Suite 378, Room C Can do Zoom Houston, TX 77055
Treatment Facility Committee (TFC)	2 nd Monday of the Month, 7:00 pm At Area Assembly, Saturday 4:30 pm	GoToMeings (except Assembly Months)