

DISTRICT #40 NEWSLETTER

UNITY - RECOVERY - SERVICE

Traditions Dinner Recap

Jackie S, District 40 DCM

The Traditions Dinner was enjoyable and informative. I was so proud of each committee rep, the way they told us the committee's purpose and what the current activities are. Kris H, showed us exactly how to create a presentation on the Twelve Traditions by using Grapevine's Traditions Checklist as the topic for each tradition. By sharing his experience, strength and hope, I am able to relate to the traditions more personally. It was good to see past DCMs in attendance. If you couldn't find me, I was sitting just to the side of the laptop that was in the BBQ restaurant private party room. We tried to follow the suggestion of gathering our home group if possible. We even had some winners of the Literature Committee book giveaway and Grapevine subscription giveaway in our group. I hope all who participated enjoyed themselves and now have gained more experience to use next year when we will be dining all together in person!

Writing an Article

Doug D, District 40 Alt - DCM

I remember when my service sponsor asked or told me to write an article for the first time. I think I reacted like all the other sponsees would and I balked. I am no writer; I did not take any English literature courses, what could I have to say. Pray for the willingness and just sit down and do it is how it was explained to me. So I sat down and just started to write out any topic. I have never written in a journal or anything, but this was giving me another way to express my journey in this program. I found it very rewarding during the lockdown of covid to be able to do this. I also asked others to do it so they may find another way to stay in the program when the in-person meeting was shut down. I have a binder of topics I wrote while sitting in a park watching the ducks during the lock down, but I still do the same

Step 7

Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Tradition 7

Every A.A. group out to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Concept 7

The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

thing I was told to do, pray for the willingness, and just sit down and do it. I usually change topics a few times and jump around them until a full story comes together. For me it is a great way to clear my mind and get out of self. So if you have never written an article, I think you should try it and see what comes of it, and if you have written one before, I ask you to write another for this publication.

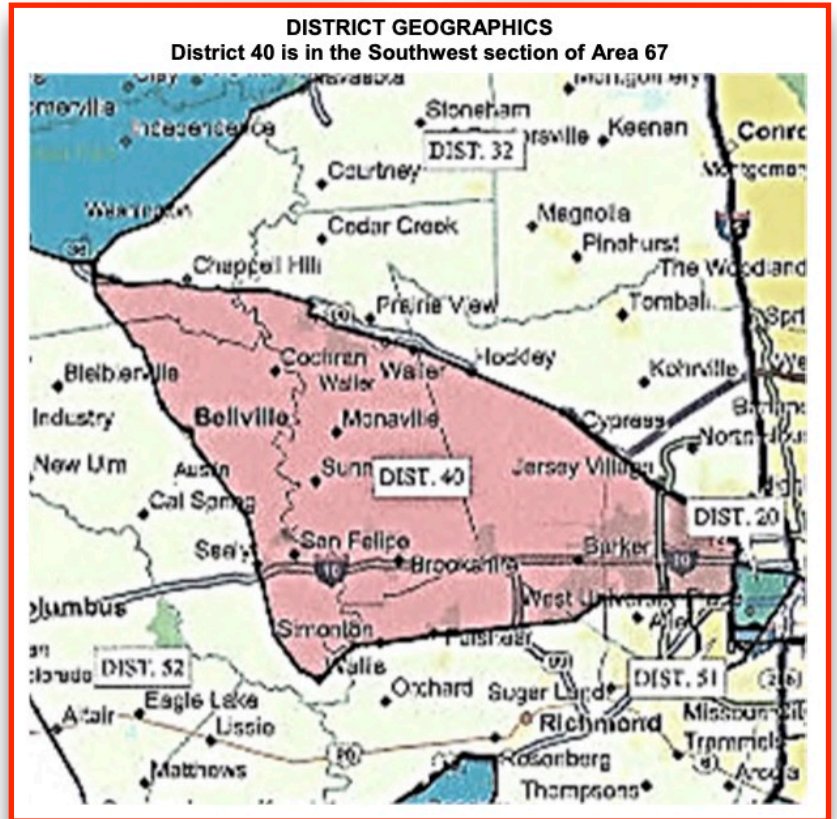




Pamphlet of the Month - June

The A.A. Member - Medications and Other Drugs

Scan the QR code to get direct access to the pamphlet



Virtual Ask It Basket Questions for June

How does one get a SETA G Suite account?

First, use this QR code on the right to be sent to the webpage where it explains the details of how to register and all the steps. You will then click on the link that says "Registration for SETA G Suite" that is in the dark blue box.



Can anyone register for a SETA G Suite account?

If you a member of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 67, then yes you can register for an account. It if used for people who want to get involved with in their District or Area, as a better way of integration and communication.

If you have further questions please submit your questions to my email at fernando.b@aa-seta.org or scan the code to the left



DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES**Meeting Location:**

ZOOM

jackie.s@aa-seta.org DCM**Mailing Address:**

District 40

Meeting ID: 824 4810 5482

Passcode: 072830

doug.d@aa-seta.org Alt. DCMnatalie.a@aa-seta.org Secretary

PO Box 19085

Houston, Tx. 77024-9085

Scott.b@aa-seta.org Treasurer**Date:** May 11, 2022**Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 PM**Attendees:** 26**Call to Order****PRE-AMBLE****UNITY DECLARATION****INTRODUCTIONS** – Name/Home Group/Service Position**GUEST SPEAKERS*****Kris H – General Conference Delegate for Area 67***

The 71st GSC was held at the end of April. It lasted 7 days and was held virtually. We were represented by Kris H. While he is the Delegate from our Area (67), he is also from our District (D40). His Homegroup is the Wild West Group. Some of the big decisions that were made:

1) A number of revisions coming to the literature

+ They are beginning work on the 5th edition of the Big Book. No changes to Part I other than Preface and Forward. But stories will be refreshed [I reached out to see if we can get info on how people can submit their story]

+ Similarly they are beginning work on the 4th edition in Spanish

+ There will be a new edition of the 12&12 - bringing the "long form" to close each Tradition

+ Approved the development of a "plain language" version of the big book. Will translate the outmoded language and address many common concerns around "To the Wives" and "To Employers"

2) Approved a tweaked preamble that will come out in the Grapevine to make it more gender inclusive

3) Relaxing the same gender sponsorship recommendation but keeping with the concept that there should be no sexual relations between sponsor and sponsee

4) Representations for online groups. They are allowed to pick choose the district with which they feel the most well connected

5) On June 26th we will have the D40 Dinner. It will be virtual and from 4-7PM with an intermission. Part 1 will be Kris H - who is our rep for the GSC. Part 2 will be updates from a number of D40 committees. In alignment with the literature committee's mission of promoting literature, there will be a number of literature giveaways including grapevine subscriptions.

6) Grapevine can use subscribers! <https://store.aagrapevine.org/subscriptions>

TRADITION/CONCEPT – Tradition 5

DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS

- SECRETARY REPORT – Natalie A – accepted
- TREASURER REPORT – Scott. B – accepted

DCM REPORT – Jackie S- No Report

ALT. DCM REPORT – Doug D.

- Traditions dinner
 - Will be virtual - Zoom
 - Saturday June 26th, 4-7pm
 - Dinner break form 5.30-6.00 pm
 - Guest Speaker will be Kris H (Area 67 Delegate)
 - Committees will offer literature giveaways (literature and Grapevine) to promote literature and incentivize attendance \$225 each on AAWS and Grapevine subscriptions.
 - Each Committee Rep will give a 2 minute presentation about their committee.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ARCHIVES REP. – Marcus S.
 - The Repository is making progress in getting set up, now we're running out of shelves
 - Waiting to meet with IT to get our new Archives laptop
 - Working to meet at the Repository to start digitizing D40 physical archives
 - Working with Archives Chair (Mike D.) to visit D40 next month.
 - May 11,1935 - From the Mayflower Hotel, Bill Wilson called Walter Tunks who referred him to Henrietta Seiberling who introduced Bill to Dr. Bob.
- CFC – OPEN
- CPC – Bill A
 - The America Association of Medical Assistance scheduled in Sept has been canceled.
 - North American CPC zoom meeting is May 18th at 7pm. Contact me for more info.
 - CPC is still in contact with local Hospitals and are waiting for them to open up again to start Hospital Program.
 - David L volunteered to help with hospital presentations
- Grapevine Rep. –Candice D. – Absent – NR
- IT Rep. – OPEN
- Houston Intergroup Liaison – Mitch A

From Intergroup Representative Report 04/15/2021 Meeting

- BOOKSTORE
 - There was a drop in book sales in February due the freeze but March was much better.

- March Income was \$19,606.87 which was \$562.71 over the budget.
- Two new books were due to come out the end of April. FREE ON THE INSIDE and MUJERES EN AA
- THE LINK
 - The April Link was e-distributed the first week of the month and can be viewed on the Intergroup website if you do not have a subscription. The Link also shows flyers for upcoming events.
- MEETING CHANGES
 - We continue working hard to keep all the meetings updated on our Website as well as our Houston Area Remote Meeting Information PDF listed on our COVID-19 Page. Updates can be made at <https://aahouston.org/support-for--agroups/meeting-schedule/> or send an email to intergroup@aahouston.org. Please check your group information. We have about 113 Groups that have opened up with normal and/or limited schedule.
- MEETING DIRECTORIES
 - Compiling and printing the new meeting directory will be re-visited this summer. There are 2020 meetings per week, 584 groups and 320 locations.
- CHIP SALES
 - Sales were down in February due to the freeze but have recovered in March.
- PHONE CALLS TO INERGROUP
 - January of 2021 was 1350. February was about 1175 due to the freeze but March recovered to the January level.
- UPCOMING EVENTS
 - May 15th Emotional Sobriety Workshop. Details in the LINK.
 - July 24th 10th Annual Summer Open House. The theme is WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT.
- MISC.
 - Building lease negotiations are continuing and there is an outside reality firm looking at other locations. September is when the current lease expires.
- NEXT DELEGATES MEETING IS JUNE 17, 2021 @8:00PM
- Literature Report – Dan K

Purpose: The purpose of the literature committee is to raise the awareness for AA conference approved literature, audiovisual, and other special items.

 - This month features the “The ‘God’ Word’ pamphlet. The pamphlet begins by stating A.A. is not a religious organization, reminding us that the only requirement for membership, and that is the desire to stop drinking. There is room for all shades of belief and non-belief, including many who are atheist or agnostic. All A.A. purports is that we have a simple idea that there is a power greater than us as individuals. As Bill W. wrote: “We have atheists and agnostics. We have people of nearly every race,

culture, and religion. In A.A., we are supposed to be bound together in the kinship of a common suffering. Consequently, the full individual liberty to practice any creed or principle or therapy whatever should be a first consideration for us all. Let us not, therefore, pressure anyone with our individual or even our collective views. Let us instead accord each other the respect and love that is due to every human being as he tried to make his way toward the light. Let us always be inclusive rather than exclusive; let us remember that each alcoholic among us is a member of A.A., so long as he or she declares.”

- After this introduction, the pamphlet contains many personal stories from different experiences in A.A. from atheists and agnostics, highlighting how each was able to find their way to the light and a sober life.

- NEXT AREA LITERATURE MEETING ON ZOOM, MAY 18TH, 2021 @ 8:30PM

- Newsletter Editor: Fernando B.
- PI Rep – Theresa S.
- TFC Report – Wendy F - Absent

NEW BUSINESS

GSR GENERAL SHARING

- State Convention – June
- G-Suite Training – June 8th district Meeting – training

ADJOURN – RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

July 2021 Grapevine Issue

The Annual Prison Issue

AA members in and outside of prison walls share powerful stories about getting sober and helping one another.

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

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Area 67 Committee Meetings		
Committee	Meeting Date and Time	Location
Archives	1 st Saturday of the Month, 10:00 am	Zoom ID - 858 6157 6627 Passcode - 423970
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 Zoom ID - 632 634 860
Correctional Facilities (CFC)	3 rd Wednesday of the Month, 7:30 pm	Houston Intergroup 4140 Directors Row Houston, TX 77092 Conference Room
Grapevine	3 rd Thursday of every other Month, 7:30 pm	Zoom Password - 114 207 273 Passcode - 610793
Intergroup (Delegate's Meeting)	3 rd Thursday of every other Month, 8:00 pm	Currently on Zoom Call (713) 686-6300 for more info
Internet Technologies (IT)	4 th Saturday of the Month, 10:00 am	Google Meet ID - nqm-vypy-yso
Literature	3 rd Tuesday of the Month, 8:30 pm	Zoom ID - 257 198 925 Passcode - 443988
Multi-Lingual	1 st Thursday of the Month, 7:30 pm	District 66 4800 5645 Hillcroft Suite 410 Houston, TX 77036
Public Information (PI)	4 th Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 pm	Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock Suite 378, Room C Houston, TX 77055 Zoom ID - 330 417 285
Treatment Facility Committee (TFC)	2 nd Monday of the Month, 7:00 pm At Area Assembly, Saturday 4:30 pm	Zoom ID - 552 569 731 Passcode - 169753