

# DISTRICT #40 NEWSLETTER

UNITY - RECOVERY - SERVICE

## Traditions Dinner

Jackie S, District 40 DCM

I'm really looking forward to attending the Annual D40 Traditions Dinner on Saturday, June 26th. I know we are going to have so much fun, with a great guest speaker, Kris H. and all those A.A. literature and Grapevine subscription giveaways! Doug D. our Alt DCM is doing a great job planning this event! And with all the committee reps planning to inform us all about what their committees do! I hope my home group plans a gathering so we can attend together, but virtually. Hope to see you there!

## Opportunity or Obstacle?

Doug D, District 40 Alt - DCM

This is a question that plagued me when I was new in recovery. I hope you can remember when you're thinking started to change. Before I came in the rooms of AA, I used to look at everything I had to do as an obstacle. With that mindset, I was already at a lost. Looking at them as something I had to go over, under, around, or through, made me overthink or plan every situation. So yes, it was me versus the world, and that can only push me to rely more on SELF than anything else. We all know what happens when we live a life on self will run riot.

### Step 6

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

### Tradition 6

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

### Concept 6

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.

## Virtual Traditions Dinner

Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup>  
4 pm - 7 pm

Guest Speaker - Kris H.  
Area 67 Delegate

Dinner Break  
5:30 pm - 6 pm

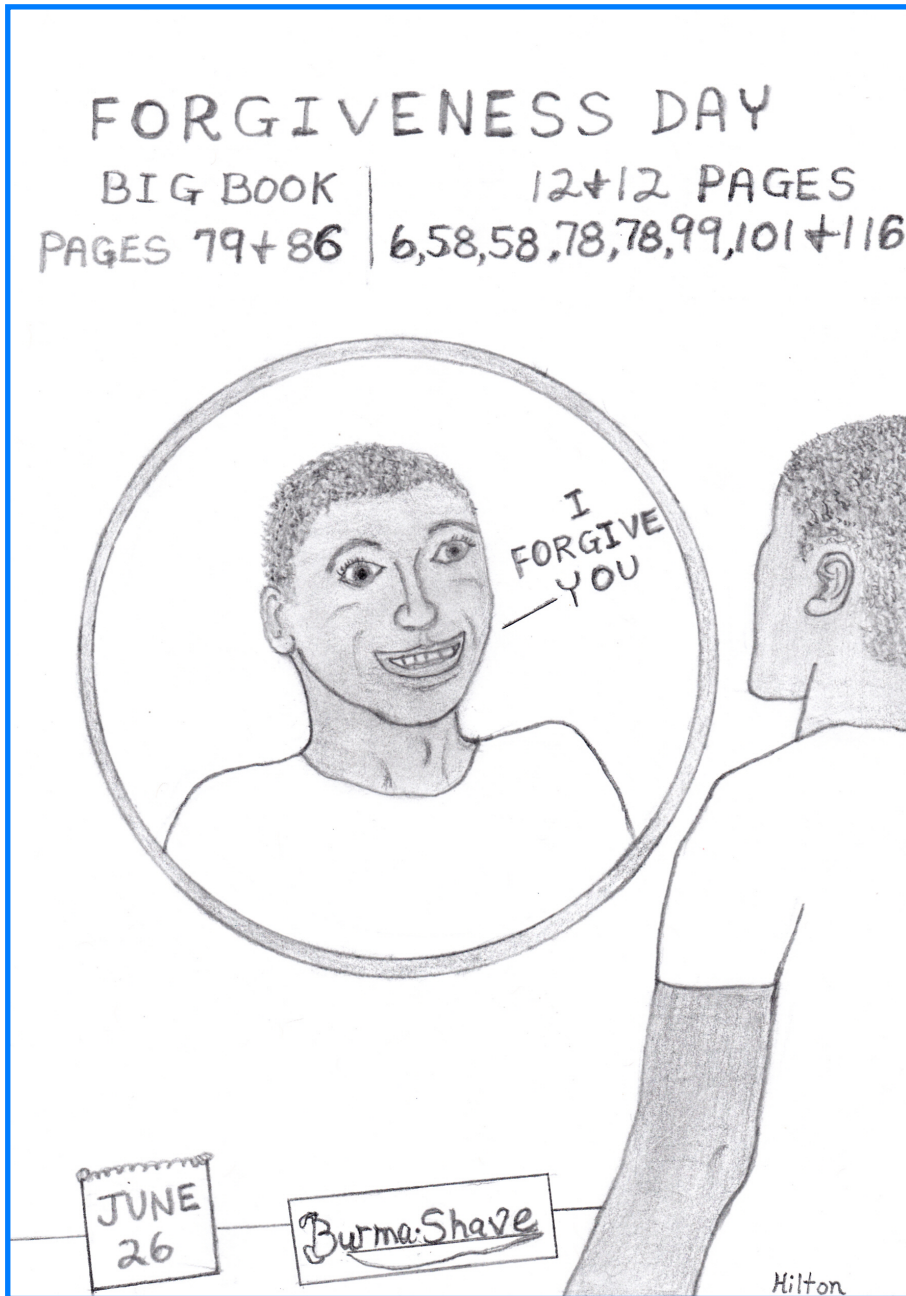
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Literature and Grapevine Giveaways

We want to invite groups to attend virtually together as a whole if possible

Presented by District 40

Coming into the rooms and starting to work the steps, I soon found out when I paused, I saw things differently. I was not just going with that first thought that popped into my head. The first thought is usually from SELF, which is my will, mind, or emotions. We all know those will get you into a lot of trouble, and you will spend a lot of time on your tenth and eleventh step daily. The next thought I see as coming from my conscience or intuition is where I feel my God conscience talking to me. Now seeing everything as an opportunity, I don't start off with my guard up; I see how I can contribute to the situation. It is amazing how much more relaxed I am when I am out of self.



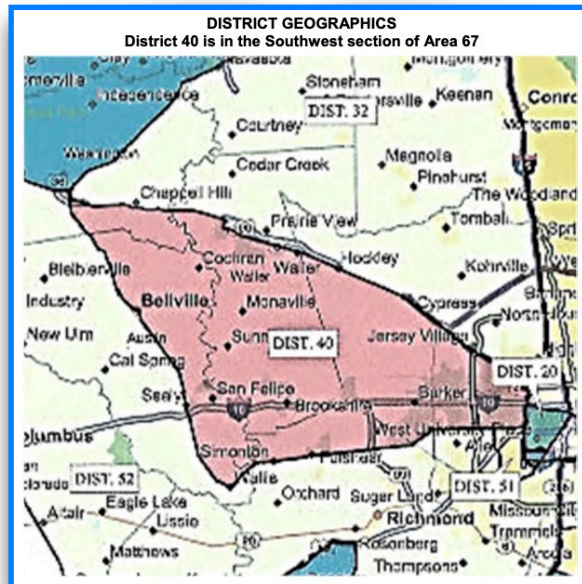
When I decide to turn my will and my life over to the care of God, it means everything. It took me awhile to start to see how He was working in my life. The more I saw opportunities pop up in my life, the more I saw God working in my life. I see Him working in my life and rebuilding me. When I pray for knowledge of His will for me and the power to caring that out, I have to remember He is in control. I recently heard a story about scientists that grew a tree in a biosphere. It grew like normal but before it hit maturity it fell over. It took them awhile to figure out the problem was not the tree but the lack of wind did not let the root structure grow strong. So if you find that your life is not going easy, you might be growing a better root structure so you can weather a bigger storm. Also remember strong trees usually grow together because they can rely on each other, just like you will find in the rooms of AA. We work together for the common good.

# The "God" Word

Agnostic and Atheist Members in A.A.

Pamphlet of the Month - May  
The "God" Word - Agnostic and Atheist Members in A.A.

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](mailto:fernando.b@aa-seta.org) or scan the code to the left





**DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Location:**

ZOOM  
Meeting ID: 824 4810 5482  
Passcode: 072830

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[Scott.b@aa-seta.org](mailto:Scott.b@aa-seta.org) Treasurer

**Mailing Address:**

District 40  
PO Box 19085  
Houston, Tx. 77024-9085

**Date:** April 13, 2021  
**Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 PM

**Attendees:** 24

**Call to Order** – 7:03, Jackie S. – Serenity Prayer

**PRE-AMBLE** – Theresa S.

**UNITY DECLARATION** - Doug D.

**INTRODUCTIONS** – Name/Home Group/Service Position

**GUEST SPEAKERS** –

Pam F. – Alt. Registrar

- Service @ Area Registration Table
- Opened eyes to bigger AA picture

Kathleen T. – Area Registrar

- AA.seta.org Change Form
- New GSO system data base (new #'s begin with 000 or 40's)
- 2/3 vote for change
- GSR Packets/contact phone #'s/take roll call
- Discussion regarding non-receipt of GSR packets

**TRADITION/CONCEPT** – Tradition 4, Fernando B. Concept 4, Nathan H.

**DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS**

- SECRETARY REPORT – Natalie A – accepted
- TREASURER REPORT – Scott. B – accepted
- DCM REPORT – Jackie S
  - ▣ April SETA Assembly took place 100% virtually on Zoom.
  - o The Assembly started out Saturday morning with the New, Advanced and Spanish GSR workshops.
  - o The proposed 2022 Area Budget is available on the SETA website
  - o Along with all of the other DCMs, I gave my report highlighting what we have been doing in our district for the past couple of months.
  - o According to Kris H, our Area Delegate, the General Service Office finance worries are behind us at this time. However, Grapevine subscriptions are down.
  - o In the afternoon, the Service Committee Chairs gave their reports.
  - o Later in the afternoon, we attended round table discussions in break out rooms. I was asked to lead one of the tables and I am so grateful that Theresa S. agreed to be our recorder. She did a fabulous job typing all of our discussions into the specific online form and was submitted electronically to the delegate. Theresa, along with the other 8 or so Table recorders gave their reports to the entire assembly on Sunday morning.

Again she did a great job! Thank you Theresa!

o At 4:30 everyone was dispersed to Committee break out rooms. I attended the Literature Committee meeting and there were more people there than usual.

o After the Dinner break, we had the privilege of hearing Patrick C., one of our past Delegates, speak for about an hour. His service work started here in Houston where he became Delegate and a few years ago, he accepted a fulltime job at the General Service Office as a rotating Staff member and he moved to New York City.

o Sunday was quite interesting when the Past Delegate from Columbia, who we adopted into Area 67 at the January assembly, tried to stand for the open position of the LaVina Committee Chair. Troy B reminded us that Past Delegates cannot hold Committee Chair positions.

o There was also talk about bringing a 3rd party in to help out with the new SETA website. But the G suite training is separate from the website and will continue as scheduled.

- ALT. DCM REPORT – Doug D.
- We will be trying to finish the planning of the day and type of traditions dinner we will have this year. I would like to hear from all the GSRs on what your Home groups thought.
- best weekend in June \_\_\_\_\_
- what type of speaker would they like \_\_\_\_\_
  
- I talked to COTHA and they have had the big room as storage so it is not available this year.
- Intergroup has a big room we can use and for only a donation.
  
- we will need volunteers for the following things
- make the flyer'
- helpers for zoom, co-hosts to help admin
- if in person - help with food, setup and clean up.
- if hybrid we will need both.
  
- the 2 dates we decided on are June 19 or 26th
  
- our 2 choices for speakers
- Kris H
- Ron Claiborn
  
- Virtual meeting thererds billa peter H
  
- see the time that would be good for the speakers,
  
  
  
- Members brought up:
- that groups could get together and eat and fellowship locally and log into the online zoom meeting and share in the activities.
- Maybe multiple speakers
- Next month, District 40 GSRs will get back with D40 in the April meeting with their groups choice

- Traditions Dinner to be held virtually June 19<sup>th</sup>
- Kris H. (back-up Ron C – speakers
- Flyer to be composed by Fernando B.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Scott B. – Treasurer – Motion to increase budget to include mailbox – Accepted
- GSO digital delivery of the newsletter. Past/current newsletters can be found on the aa.org website

**DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- ARCHIVES REP. – Marcus S.  
No new archival news to report. The Area is working toward obtaining a laptop for digitizing records and developing a digital archival system.
- CFC – Paul K. – NR
- CPC – Bill A.- currently meeting on Zoom/getting ready for hospitals/AAMA convention – Sept. (booth)
- Grapevine Rep. –Candice D. - NR
- IT Rep. – Edie B. – NR
- Houston Intergroup Liaison – Mitch A – NR
- 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.
  - Area Literature Committee met twice in March, once for normal business of committee and a second time to review literature agenda items for GSC to provide feedback to our delegate Kris H. Excellent discussion on the topics reviewed. We also met at the Area Assembly on Saturday.

This month features the “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix” pamphlet. The pamphlet begins by reminding us of Tradition Seven: A.A. groups ought to be fully supported by voluntary contributions of their own members. This, however, was not initially what Bill W. and some of the early A.A. members thought, as they felt the only way for the Fellowship to survive was to solicit financial support from philanthropic institutions or individuals, and that these “high rollers” could supply the funds needed to carry out the vital Twelfth Step work the early A.A.s envisioned. It wasn’t until one potential A.A. patron was approached that the course of A.A.’s tradition of self-support was set, when John D. Rockefeller Jr. said “I am afraid that money will spoil this thing. “ As Bill W. would later state, “Our spiritual way of life is safe for future generations if, as a Society, we resist the temptation to receive money from the outside world. But this leaves us with a responsibility- one that every member ought to understand. We cannot skimp when the treasurer of our group passes

the hat. Our groups, our areas and A.A. as a whole will not function unless our services are sufficient and their bills are paid. “

Since money has never been a requirement for A.A. membership, the pamphlet goes on to explain that to keep it that way all of A.A.’s trusted servants have an ongoing obligation to inform groups and individuals about the value of self-support and the need for voluntary contributions throughout the Fellowship.

The pamphlet goes on to talk about where A.A.’s services- worldwide, area and local fit in. Why should we provide these functions with money? According to Bill, “The answer is simple enough. Every single A.A. service is designed to make more and better Twelfth Step work possible, whether it be a group meeting place, a central or intergroup office...or the world service Headquarters....

It is through an informed group conscience that groups can determine how to help support A.A.’s essential services, including the local district, the area committee, the local intergroup or central office, and GSO.

***Next Area Literature meeting on Zoom, May 18th, 2021 @ 8:30PM***

- Newsletter editor – Fernando B. OR codes available /review agenda items from Kris H./roundtable discussion – “Where Money and Spirituality Mix”
- PI Report – Theresa S. – carry message to public through digital billboards (panels)
- TFC Report – Wendy F.
- Representative from the SETA IT committee came to our monthly committee meeting to share what they could do with our committee website.
- Discussed about bringing in a different or 3<sup>rd</sup> party entity to finish our Bridge the Gap data base. The committee voted unanimously to get Bridge the Gap Worldwide to finish data base. This might possibly affect our committee’s budget for an additional \$300.00 - \$400.00.
- The committee is planning to hold a hybrid workshop on How To Approach Treatment Facilities and Work with the patients. The date is to be determined.
- Discussion on how to get more Area wide participation.

**GSR GENERAL SHARING**

- State Convention – June
- G-Suite Training – June 8<sup>th</sup> district Meeting – training
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – Kris H. GSO Report

ADJOURN – RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT Wendy F.



# District 40 Officers and Committee Representatives

JUNE 2021

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## June 2021 Grapevine Issue

### Dating and Relationships

AA members share inspiring stories of experience and hope about how they learned to form true partnerships in sobriety.

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

## Area 67 Committee Meetings

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