

DISTRICT #40 NEWSLETTER

UNITY - RECOVERY - SERVICE

NEW GSR's

Jackie S., District 40 DCM



Each month in District 40, we get new GSR's and GSR Alt's attending our district meeting for the first time. We are very excited to see new faces because that means you are planning to keep your home group linked to A.A. as a whole!

As the DCM of D40, one of my duties is to orientate new GSR's about their function. Each DCM can choose to fulfill their duties in their own way. I have chosen to email all new GSR's and GSR Alt's a day or so after their first D40 meeting, what I call a, "New GSR Info" email. Included on that email are always the same four things;

- A link to the D40 Policies and Procedures Manual, for the purpose of locating the GSR / GSR Alt job description.
- A link to create an anonymous email account provided by our Area IT Committee.
- An attached fillable form with yellow highlights of the minimum blanks needed and where to email it to, in order to be registered with the General Service Office in New York. This is also the step to take in order for the GSO to mail you your GSR Kit free to you.
- Lastly, there is a link taking you to the place where you sign up for SETA ANNOUNCE. This is an important tool for receiving all the information from the Area Delegate passing information to you from the GSO. And the Area Chair passing information to you from the Area Assembly. These announcements are screened to verify that they are indeed necessary and not breaking any traditions!

STEP 10
CONTINUED TO TAKE PERSONAL INVENTORY AND WHEN WE WERE WRONG PROMPTLY ADMITTED IT.

TRADITION 10
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS HAS NO OPINION ON OUTSIDE ISSUES; HENCE THE A.A. NAME OUGHT NEVER BE DRAWN INTO PUBLIC CONTROVERSY

CONCEPT 10
EVERY SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD BE MATCHED BY AN EQUAL SERVICE AUTHORITY - THE SCOPE OF SUCH AUTHORITY TO BE ALWAYS WELL DEFINED WHETHER BY TRADITION, BY RESOLUTION, BY SPECIFIC JOB DESCRIPTION OR BY APPROPRIATE CHARTERS AND BYLAWS. ANONYMOUS.

Please know that at the beginning of this term, in January 2021. We spent a large amount of time during the District meeting discussing these four items because they are the beginning steps to becoming a GSR/GSR Alt. If you missed the first few meetings at the beginning of this year, take the time to read this information outside the district meeting with your GSR Alt if you have one.

UPCOMING EVENTS

District 40 Workshop - November 20th (Zoom)

SETA Convention 2022

January 21-23 Marriott City Place

Please do not hesitate to email me with questions, if you get stuck on the above four items.

It is an honor to serve as your D40 DCM!
It is a challenging service position and I love it!

SAFETY AND A.A.

Doug D., District 40 ALT- DCM

It is our responsibility to make AA a safe place for everyone that comes in our doors. The Safety and AA flier has information that can help you and your home group if problems do arise. I know at my home group we have the safety information in a few locations and even have the local police number posted by the phone just in case. This flier states "A.A. membership does not include having to tolerate sexual harassment, threats of violence, financial coercion, or bullying. Nor is pressuring A.A. members into a particular point of view or belief relating to medications, religion and other outside issues acceptable. No one should have to tolerate racial, sexual orientation, gender, age or other discrimination when they seek help from A.A."

I believe we need to make sure that every newcomer has a safe place to come to find recovery from alcoholism. A lot of us were a bit shaky when we first came in and needed a non-threatening place to let down our guard and relax. To be able to get our feet under us, and stand up again, just waiting for the fog to lift, so we can start this journey into a better life.

It is not just the newcomer that has to worry. An unruly member that may or may not be under the influence can also cause a distraction. That member should be approached by some of the older members, not in age, but in sobriety and knowledge, on how to handle the situation. It might be as easy as asking them to sit down and listen, taking them out of the meeting, and talking to them in another room, or even calling the authorities if needed.



Unity in AA, tradition 1, states that our common welfare should come first. So get your home group involved developing guidelines and procedures on safety at you next group conscience. It is all of our responsibility to pass this on and that includes safety along with the message of recovery from alcoholism. It is my belief that we need to look after our brothers and sisters, and they look after us, because isn't that what families do for each other?



Pamphlet of the Month - September
The Jack Alexander Article about
A.A

Scan the QR code or [click here](#)



Virtual Ask It Basket Questions for September

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. DCM

natalie.a@aa-seta.org Secretary

PO Box 19085

Houston, Tx. 77024-9085

Scott.b@aa-seta.org Treasurer

Date: August 10, 2021

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Attendees: 28

Call to Order – 7:04, Jackie S. – Serenity Prayer

PREAMBLE: Ronnie H

UNITY DECLARATION: Theresa S

INRODUCITON OF ATTENDEES

TRADITION/CONCEPT:

Tradition VIII – Natalie A

Concept VIII – Peter C

Volunteer for next month: Tradition IX – Theresa S/Concept IX – Chris Z.

DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary's Report – Natalie A/ Approved

Treasurer's Report – Scott B/ Approved

DCM Report – Jackie S.

I have started visiting groups in District 40, some that have GSR representation at the district and some that do not. I have attached a D40 Info Flyer this month. I created this flyer to give to groups that do not currently have a GSR attending district meetings. If you attend meetings other than your home group that voted you in as GSR, and they are not on the spreadsheet, please feel free to give them a copy of this flyer. I have attached a spreadsheet reflecting the groups that do have a GSR attending District 40 meetings.

ALT. DCM – Doug D

District 40 alt DCM report

Picking up where I left off last month. We asked the GSRs to go back to their home group to see what workshop would they like for district 40 to present. the options were:

1. Traditions
2. service
3. archives
4. tfc - bridging the cap

We will need to decide which out of these 4 will be the topic.

It will be on service. What a GSR is and the stricture

We will need to decide when.

Nov 20th. 11am to 1 pm

We will need to decide where to have it.

Zoom

NEW BUSINESS:

SHARING SESSION: Lead by Jackie S. "Where will we meet next year"

Good round table discussion over Zoom or In Person meetings.

In conducting a Sharing Session Jackie presented that she didn't want to wait until asked to conduct a Sharing Session so she asked we enact one here today.

Jackie is acting Chairperson. She's presented the problem. Where are we going to meet next year? She read the rules of engagement aloud to all participants. The notes will go to Natalie and GSO as per instructions.

Most people thought Zoom was the best location to meet. Although there were others who wanted hybrid or in-person, the pandemic, geography, and location of a place big enough to keep proper social distance. Not voting today. Just practicing.

Thank you.
April G

OLD BUSINESS:

Open positions – Archives Rep and IT Rep
Nathan H. stands for IT Rep

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Archives Rep. – Open [position/ Mike.d@aa-seta.org](mailto:Mike.d@aa-seta.org) asks for feedback on presentation last month.
- CFC Rep. – Marcus S

The CFC Report is as follows:

- The CFC Committee met on July 21st.
- Three TDCJ Facilities open, one has closed back down.
- We have new blue cans if the groups needs/want new ones.
- Letters received from 9 men and 6 women, all looking for literature.
- Anyone who wants to correspond with persons in custody, let me know and I will pass along your information.
- \$2,500.43 in literature orders.
- SETA CFC Conference coming up!
 - Sept 17, 18, and 19

- Events: TDCJ Orientation, CF Professional Panel, Volunteer Panel, English and Spanish meetings!
- Speakers: Paxton H., TJ, Tom D., Yolanda L.
- Location: DoubleTree by Hilton, 15747 JFK Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77032
- All for the LOW LOW cost of \$10!

- **CPC – Bill A**

The American Association of Medical Assistance that we thought was canceled is back on and is being held at the Weston Hotel in the Galleria Sept 24th-27th. CPC Reps will give a general presentation Sept 24th at 4:00pm.

The National Association of Social Workers is having a conference 21st-23rd and we are making plans to participate in that event I will know more next month.

- Grapevine – Boyd J
- IT – Nathan H
- Houston Intergroup – Mitch A
- **Literature** – Dan K

District 40 Literature Rep Report

- 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 pamphlet “A.A. in Treatment Settings”. The pamphlet is a summary of the collective experiences of alcoholics who have discovered the great value to their own sobriety of working with suffering alcoholics in treatment settings. It highlights that the idea of looking for still-suffering alcoholics in hospitals and other alcoholism treatment places is older than A.A. itself, and how in 1934 Bill W. kept trying to help drunks in Towns Hospital in New York City. None of them stayed sober, but Bill did! Around six months later, Bill W. and Dr. Bob visited alcoholics in a hospital in Akron, OH. At first they were rebuffed, they kept trying- in order to protect their own sobriety. It worked, and they thus became the co-founders of the “help one another” chain reaction now called Alcoholics Anonymous.
- The pamphlet goes on to answer many questions, such as how do A.A. members work with these treatment settings (many many different ways), what qualifications should an A.A. member have to carry the message to treatment settings, how to make contact with treatment settings, the types of meetings held in treatment settings and how to get them started, and the responsibilities of the rest of us in connection with treatment settings even if we never get near treatment setting of any sort.

- ***Next Area Literature meeting on Zoom, August 19th, 2021 @ 8:30PM****

- Newsletter – Fernanado B.
- **PI Report** – Theresa S

June 22, 2021

PI Committee Purpose- “Like all of A.A., the primary purpose of members involved with public information service is to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Working together, members of local Public Information committees convey A.A. information to the general public, including the media

1.The committee approved annual goals:

- Health Fair Attendance
- Media – placing print and digital ads
- Outreach/Workshops to groups

2. Discussed attendance at the July Assembly for presentation of committee’s proposal to the Area

3. I will be working on a proposal to D40 for us to place some PSA’s in our districts community newsletters/papers

4. There will be a National PI & CPC Working Group presentation on July24 (Virtual meeting) 5.Next meeting is July 27. All are welcome to attend.

July 27

1.Committee PSA Proposal motion passed at July Area Assembly

2.The chair discussed the need for an IT Liaison to our committee

3.There will be a CPC/PI North American Forum Feb. 12 and 13, 2022 (virtual)

4. Next meeting is August 24. All are welcome to attend.

- **TFC** – Wendy F

8/9/2021 District 40 TFC Report

- The TFC database is in BETA testing currently
- Sherri will be at the September TFC meeting to train other committee representatives on the new database.
- I have resigned as TFC alt area chair. At September meeting there will be elections. Open positions will be alternate chair and secretary.
- We need to set up meeting with IT committee to update the seta web page.
- We are trying to schedule Sherri and the new database training for the October SETA assembly.

Wendy F

D 40 TFC representative

GENERAL SHARING – Jackie S

GUEST SPEAKER FOR AUGUST – Area 67 Alt Chair Bella L

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Dist. Meeting – September 14th – ZOOM
- SETA Assembly – October 2-3, 2021 Doubletree by Hilton Hotel IAH – Houston
- SW Regional Forum – Ott. 8-10, 2021 – ZOOM
- SETA Convention – Jan. 21-23, 2022 – Houston City Place Marriott

ADJOURN:

Responsibility Statement – Doug D.

District 40 Officers and Committee Representatives

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CPC Rep	Bill A.	
PI Rep	Theresa S.	theresa.s@aa-seta.org
TFC	OPEN	

OCTOBER 2021

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 Passcode - 153379
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 Passcode - 153379
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