

SEPTEMBER 2021

DISTRICT #40 NEWSLETTER

UNITY - RECOVERY - SERVICE

TWO GSR WORKSHOPS!

Jackie S., District 40 DCM

I was asked to chair the GSR Workshop for the October SETA assembly. Immediately, I thought how convenient that Doug, our Alt DCM is planning a District 40 workshop on A.A.



Service with a focus on GSR responsibilities. As soon as Doug committed to participating in the assembly workshop with me, I accepted the offer. In fairness to our District 40 GSRs, I'll try to keep from having too much overlap of information, so that they can attend both workshops and not feel like it is a repeat. I plan to offer

several presenter positions to those who attend the District 40 monthly meetings on a regular basis. After all, we have a great group of A.A. members that take the time to contribute every month! Thank you for your service!

CONCEPT FIVE

Doug D., District 40 ALT- DCM

Throughout our world services structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

This was something I might have heard about a little before I saw it in action. I was at my first area 67 assembly and we were in a breakout room discussing different topics. The one I attended was about having a special section for young people in the stories of the 5th edition. There might have been 15 people or more in there and we all had an opportunity to voice our options. We

STEP 9

MADE DIRECT AMENDS TO SUCH PEOPLE WHENEVER POSSIBLE, EXCEPT WHEN DO SO WOULD INJURE THEMSELVES OR OTHERS.

TRADITION 9

A.A., AS SUCH, OUGHT NEVER BE ORGANIZED; BUT WE MAY CREATE SERVICES BOARDS OR COMMITTEES DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THOSE

CONCEPT 9

GOOD SERVICE LEADERS, TOGETHER WITH SOUND AND APPROPRIATE METHODS OF CHOOSING THEM, ARE AT ALL LEVELS INDISPENSABLE FOR OUR FUTURE FUNCTIONING AND SAFETY. THE PRIMARY WORLD SERVICE LEADERSHIP ONCE EXERCISED BY THE FOUNDERS OF A.A. MUST NECESSARILY BE ASSUMED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS

UPCOMING EVENTS

SETA Assembly October 2-3

Southwest Regional Forum October 8-7

SETA Convention January 21-23 Marriott City Place

went all around the room and the general vibe was inclusion and not exclusion and thinking that might not be a bad ideal. We voted and the majority was on the side to allow it. This is one reason I like going to the assemblies, to get involved on the topics of today. But this is when the chair of this room called

for the minority opinion, a few of them spoke up. Hearing their opinion did not make mine wrong but made me think on the matter in a different way. If we allow one small group within AA to get a special area for stories then every other group might want their own as well. They

ended it with we are alcoholics helping other alcoholics and that's it. Just remember the last words Dr Bob said to Bill "Keep it simple". So when we were asked if anyone would change their vote most of us raised our hands. So our room had the final vote declining the motion.

For me I can read about all the traditions and concepts but when I see them in real life and use them, that's when it becomes part of

me. Like when you first noticed the promises working in your life or when you realized you have not thought about drinking in days. With that I would encourage all of you to come to the next area 67 assembly, October 2-3 at the Double Tree on JFK.

See you there!

AA HOUSTON INTERGROUP

We are moving!!!!

October 1, 2021

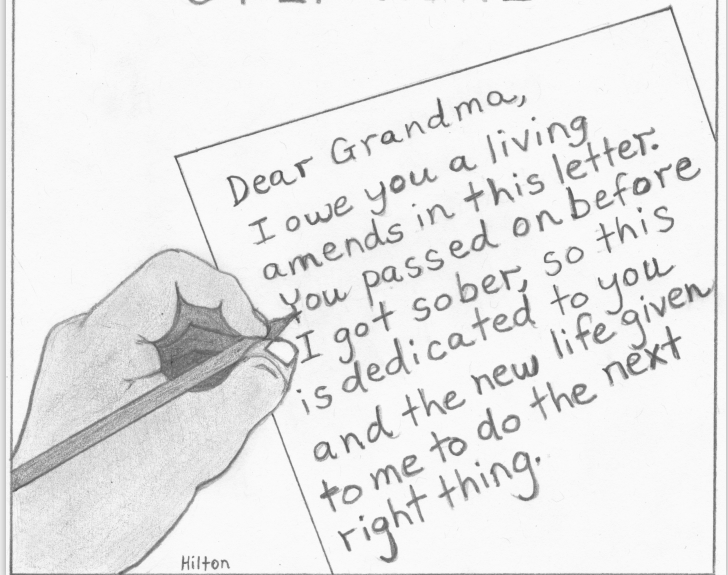
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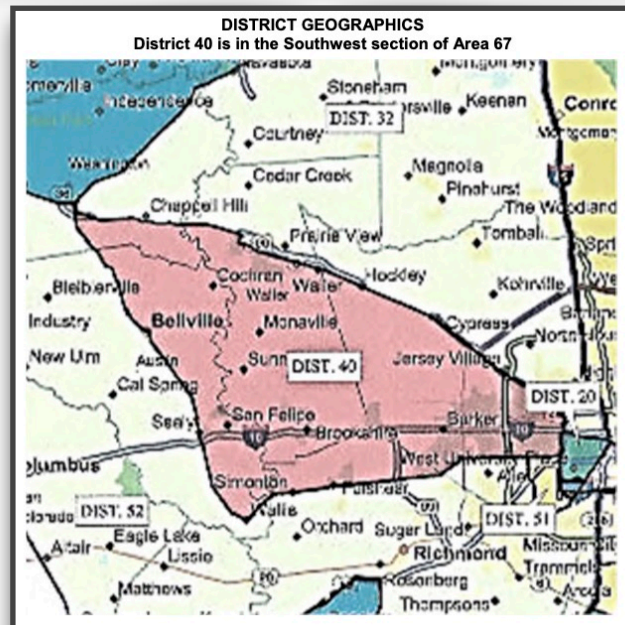
GRANDPARENTS' DAY
IS THE FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER LABOR DAY
STEP NINE



A.A. in Treatment Settings

Pamphlet of the Month - August A.A. in Treatment Settings

Scan the QR code to get direct access
to the pamphlet



Virtual Ask It Basket Questions for August

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 are a member of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 67, then yes you can register for an account. It is 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



SEPTEMBER 2021

SEFA DISTRICT 40 – EXPENSE BY MONTH & TOTAL FOR 2021														
	Budget	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total YTD
DCM	\$ 775							\$ 208.26						\$ 208.26
Alt. DCM	\$ 750	\$ 165.44						\$ 208.26						\$ 373.70
Secretary / Copying	\$ 50													\$ -
Treasurer	\$ 50	\$ 94.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00						\$ 106.00
Newsletter	\$ -													\$ -
Zoom Meeting Hosting	\$ 180	\$ 30.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00						\$ 120.00
PO Box	\$ 90													\$ -
Literature Committee	\$ 175													\$ -
PI/CPC	\$ 50													\$ -
Grapevine	\$ 50													\$ -
CFC	\$ 300													\$ -
TFC	\$ 50													\$ -
Archives Committee	\$ 100													\$ -
Intergroup Donation/Contribution	\$ -													\$ -
Intergroup Liaison	\$ -													\$ -
IT Committee	\$ 50													\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -													\$ -
Gratitude Dinner - Donation	\$ -													\$ -
Gratitude Dinner - Food	\$ -													\$ -
Fellowship Feast	\$ -													\$ -
Traditions Dinner	\$ 1,300							\$ 370.66						\$ 370.66
Service Workshop	\$ 300													\$ -
SWRAASA (Even Years)	\$ -													\$ -
The Forum (Odd Years)	\$ -													\$ -
See Note	\$ -													\$ -
Delegate Report Meeting	\$ -													\$ -
State Convention Hospitality Suite	\$ -													\$ -
SEFA Assembly Host District	\$ -													\$ -
SEFA - 2020 Hospitality Suite	\$ 300													\$ -
Total for MONTH	\$4,570.00	\$ 289.44	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 804.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,178.62

District 40 Groups	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
Another Chance Group													0.00
Anwar Creek Fellowship		25.00											25.00
Broad Highway Group						25.45							25.45
Bunkerhill Tuesday A.A. Group													0.00
Chapelwood Tune Rem				172.40			113.80						286.20
Colors of Change Group			135.00	28.60									163.60
Daily Reflections Group													0.00
Drifter's Group (000606304)						54.50							54.50
Everything is "Already Already"													0.00
First Light Group													0.00
Four Horsemen Group							24.85						24.85
Fourth Promise Group													0.00
Fry Road Group													0.00
Friends of Bill W. (Post Oak)													0.00
Friends of Bill W. (West Houston CC)													0.00
Fulehear Group													0.00
God Meeting Group			90.00				90.00						180.00
High Hopes				12.00									12.00
Hockley Group													0.00
Houston Young People													0.00
Journey Group							18.98						18.98
Just For Today													0.00
Just The Black Print Group		20.09											20.09
Katy 12 & 12		42.40	44.09	15.69	47.75	200.41	43.07	46.48					439.89
Katy 164 Group													0.00
Katy Big Book													0.00
Katy Crossroads Group							25.20						25.20
Katy Primary Purpose Group													0.00
Kinsland Group													0.00
Living Now Group													0.00
Memorial Going Home Group					119.00								119.00
Memorial West Group													0.00
Men's Supper/Step Study Group													0.00
Monaville Group													0.00
New Beginnings group			42.68										42.68
New Oxford Group													0.00
Our Common Journey Group													0.00
Outpost Group (Men's)													0.00
Park Road Group													0.00
Rosewood Thursday Night Group													0.00
Rule 62 Group		34.31		35.97									70.28
Sage-Piney Point													0.00
Sage-Piney Point Noon Tuesday													0.00
Saturday Solutions Group		33.28		11.40									44.68
Simply AA							213.65						213.65
Sisters in Serenity			23.30										23.30
Sober in Brookshire													0.00
Spring Branch Memorial Club													0.00
Spring Shadows Group													0.00
Stepping Stones in Recovery Katy													0.00
Steps in Sobriety													0.00
Taking Care of Business													0.00
Tuesday Night Step Study			9.30			76.76							86.06
There is a Solution Group				139.51									0.00
36 Principles Group							29.88						29.88
Wednesday Reflections													0.00
West Memorial													0.00
Wild West Group				54.00									0.00
Working With Others		54.00											108.00
White Oak							34.26						34.26
Unknown/Misc							25.00						25.00
TOTAL:	184.08	135.07	249.99	501.63	319.41	319.66	502.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2072.55

SETA District 40 Monthly Financial Report -- July 2021							
EXPENSES	Initial Budget	Approved Budget Changes	Approved Budget	Expense This Month	Year to Date	% This Month	% Year to Date
DCM	\$ 775		\$775	\$208.26	\$208.26	27%	27%
Ail. DCM	\$ 750		\$750	\$208.26	\$373.70	28%	50%
Secretary / Copying	\$ 50		\$50	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Treasurer	\$ 50	92	\$142	\$2.00	\$ 106.00	1%	75%
Newspaper	\$ -		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Zoom Meeting Hosting	\$ -	\$ 180	\$180	\$15.00	\$75.00	8%	42%
PO Box	\$ 90		\$90	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Literature Committee	\$ 175		\$175	\$0.00	\$0.00		
PUCPC no longer a committee	\$ 50		\$50	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Grapvine	\$ 50		\$50	\$0.00	\$0.00		
CFC	\$ 300		\$300	\$0.00	\$0.00		
TFC	\$ 50		\$50	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Archives Committee	\$ 100		\$100	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Intergrup Donation/Contribution	\$ -		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Intergrup Liaison	\$ -		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
IT Committee	\$ 50		\$50	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Miscellaneous	\$ -		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Gratitude Dinner - Donation	\$ -		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Gratitude Dinner - Food	\$ -		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Fellowship Fest	\$ -		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Traditions Dinner	\$ 1,300		\$1,300	\$370.66	\$370.66	29%	29%
Service Workshop	\$ 300		\$300	\$0.00	\$0.00		
SWRAASA (Even Years)	\$ -		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
The Forum (Odd Years) See Note	\$ -		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Delegate Report Meeting	\$ -		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
State Convention Hospitality Suite	\$ -		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
SETA Assembly Host District	\$ -		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
SETA - 2015 Hospitality Suite	\$ 300		\$300	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	\$4,390	\$272	\$4,662	\$804.18	\$1,133.62	17%	24%

INCOME	
Group Name	Receipts This Month
Chapelwood Tues 8pm	113.80
Four Horsemen Group	24.85
Journey Group	19.98
Katy 12 & 12	46.48
Katy Crossroads	25.20
Simply AA	213.65
White Oak Group	34.26
Unknown	25.00

Beginning Bank Balance	\$6,820.87
Total Expenses This Month	\$804.18
Total Income this Month	\$502.22
Outstanding checks cashed this month	
Held for Hospitality	\$0.00
Prudent Reserve (0.25 x Budget)	\$1,165.50
Unrestricted Funds	\$5,353.41
Ending Balance / Total Funds	\$6,519.91
Unspent Portion of Budget	\$3,256.38

NOTES:
1. Ending balance agrees with checkbook balance.

Event Donations	
Traditions Dinner Donations	
Gratitude Dinner Donations	
State Conv - Hospitality Suite	
SETA -Hospitality Suite	
Delegate Report Contribution	
Fellowship Fest	
TOTAL INCOME THIS MONTH:	\$502.22

DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location:

ZOOM

Meeting ID: 824 4810 5482

Passcode: 072830

jackie.s@aa-seta.org DCM

doug.d@aa-seta.org Alt. DCM

natalie.a@aa-seta.org Secretary

Scott.b@aa-seta.org Treasurer

Mailing Address:

District 40

PO Box 19085

Houston, Tx. 77024-9085

Date: July 13, 2021

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Attendees: 29

Call to Order – 7:02, Jackie S. – Serenity Prayer

PRE-AMBLE – Natalie A.

UNITY DECLARATION – Boyd J

GUEST SPEAKER – Area Archives Committee Chair – Mike D. (Please see email sent by Jackie S – great review!)

INTRODUCTIONS – Name/Home Group/Service Position

TRADITION/CONCEPT PRESENTATION:

- Tradition VII Long Form – Joey H.
- Concept VII Short Form – Mike B.

Next month Short Story and Tradition/Concept Presentation – Natalie A/Mike B.

DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS:

- Secretary's minutes – Natalie A. – approved
- Treasurer's Report – Ronnie H. – approved
- DCM Report – Jackie S. The July SETA Assembly took place in person and virtually on Zoom. It was Hybrid. I attended in person along with several other District 40 members. Most of the chairs were full, it was well attended.
 - The Assembly started out Saturday morning with the GSR workshop which was presented by Art G, he is the D90 DCM. He is very experienced!
 - The Area Committee Chairs gave their reports. I learned that Grapevine is in need of committee members! Literature, Hilton L., gave away several items, it was fun! And SCAP announced that the TSC will be in Austin next year! The TFC chair highlighted Wendy's work from the last quarter. Our D40 TFC Rep. I am so proud of her!
 - 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. Two of the other districts are meeting at a restaurant for food and fellowship, and then staying there for the District meeting.
 - Kris H, our Area Delegate, gave the General Service Conference Delegate Report. I took notes on things I heard this time...
 - Nobody goes to the bathroom and gets elected Delegate.
 - Kris will be Grapevine Committee Chair next year.
 - Listen like you have no opinion
 - Over used "Point of Order"
 - Will be in Brooklyn, NY next year

- Preamble has been changed in the Grapevine effective July.
- Pacific Region rigged
- There is a “golden mic award”
- Individual contributions to GSO: 2019 \$1.9 Mil and 2020 \$4.3 Mil
- This is the first year ever that individual contributions exceeded literature sales!
- Roberts Rules – Robert is an untreated Alanon
- Has a copy of Advisory Actions at a glance, (I want a copy)
- New Service Manual should be out by end of the year.
- Next year theme is AA Comes of Age 2.0
- What’s the difference between audio and podcast?
- You can’t do better until you know better.
- More G Suite Training; Fernando experimented with it.
- We had the privilege of hearing Michelle Mirza (nonalcoholic) GSO Archives on Zoom.
- Sunday was quite interesting; The PSA proposal passed and so did the 2022 SETA Budget.

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- Alt. DCM Report – Doug D.- the recap of the traditions dinner

book giveaways
138.90

grapevine
232 aprox`

138.90
232.00
370.90 total

what workshop do yall want??
traditions
service
archives
tfc - bridging the cap

NEW BUSINESS:

Open Positions: Archives Rep., Grapevine Rep (zoom), IT Rep

OLD BUSINESS:

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Archives – open position
- CFC Rep. – Marcus S.

The CFC Report is as follows:

- The CFC Committee met on June 16th.

- Blue Can donations are down about half of 2020 levels, however the operating budget is currently healthy.
- AA is changing the phrasing of "inmate" to "person in custody".
- As of June 1st visitors do not need to take a COVID test for TDCJ facilities with proof of COVID vaccinations.
- As a reminder, any inmate who writes to the GSO gets a free year of Grapevine.
- The Committee voted to allocate \$1000 to Grapevine and \$500 to La Vina subscriptions for persons in custody.
- The Area has received 17 letters from persons in custody which are being matched with pen pals.
- The CFC IT subcommittee is assembling a list of all prisons we are going into, on what days, and who is taking the meetings in.
- The Southeast Texas Area 67 Correctional Facilities Conference will be in Houston on September 17-19 at the DoubleTree hotel on the north side of town.
- CPC Rep. – 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 Rep. – Position filled by Boyd J. Big Shoutout and thanks!!!
- IT Rep – open position

Houston Intergroup Liaison – Mitch A. **Intergroup Representative Report 06/17/2021 Meeting**

BOOKSTORE

They are working hard to keeping the essential recovery materials in stock. To help reduce inventory prior to the move some of the "Gift Items" may not be in stock.

April income was \$21,011.33 and May income was \$20,624.65. Sales have exceeded budget for the two months by \$1967.17 and \$1580.49 respectively.

THE LINK

The April and May edition were e-distributed the 2nd week of the month. The Link can be viewed at aahouston.org/intergroup/the-link-newsletter.

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-aa-groups/meeting-schedule/> or send an email to intergroup@aahouston.org. Please check your group information.

MEETING DIRECTORIES

Compiling and printing the new meeting directory will be re-visited this summer. There are 2035 meetings per week, 581 groups and 322 locations. The new directory is set for a November printing date.

CHIP SALES

Sales were up in April and May as more groups open up for in-person meetings.

PHONE CALLS TO INERGROUP

April was 1308 and May was 1268.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 24th 10th annual Summer Open House is scheduled for 10:00am to 3:00pm. Lunch plates are \$10.00 each while the supplies last. Serving volunteers are needed (bring masks and gloves). Sandwiches, chips, salads, fruits and veggies will be served. Soda, water and coffee of course to drink. The theme is WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT. Details at aahouson.org.

- Literature Report – Dan K.
- Newsletter Editor – Fernando B.
- PI Rep. – Theresa S.
- TFC Rep. – Wendy F.

7/13/2021 District 40 TFC Report

- The TFC World Organization is finishing our treatment facilities database so that we can be active in the AA Bridge the Gap program. This data base will a separate stand-alone data base from the SETA website.
- Contacts signed up for Bridge the Gap with the SETA website will be transferred to the new base.
- New contacts will be reviewed by district TFC reps for The Bridge the Gap program so the committee ensures that the volunteers will have enough sobriety.
- We are hoping that the new database will be ready by the October so that we can start training and presenting to districts.
- District 40 was highlighted in the Area Committee report.

GSR/GENERAL SHARING

Thanks again Boyd for your service! District 40 Grapevine Rep!

Texas State Convo sharing

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Next Dist. Meeting – August 10, 2021

SETA Assembly – October 2-3, 2021 DoubleTree by Hilton – Houston Intercontinental Airport

SW Regional Forum – Oct. 8-10 – Virtual

SETA Convention – January 21-23, 2022 – Houston City Place Marriott

ADJOURN WITH RESPONSIBILITY STATEMEN: Fernando B.

District 40 Officers and Committee Representatives

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IT Rep	Nathan H.	
Literature Rep	Dan K.	daniel.k@aa-seta.org
CFC Rep	Marcus S.	marcus.s@aa-seta.org
Intergroup Rep	Mitch A.	
CPC Rep	Bill A.	
PI Rep	Theresa S.	theresa.s@aa-seta.org
TFC	Wendy F.	wendy.f@aa-seta.org

SEPTEMBER 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