

UNITY - RECOVERY - SERVICE



Serious Drinkers Jackie S, District 40 DCM

Well, it's only the end of January and Tradition Three topics have already been coming up in the A.A. meetings I've been attending. Other topics as well, but the Tradition Three topics are sticking in my mind. I'm amazed at how we can all read the same literature and interpret it so differently. I believe we can take a sentence and fill in the details with our own imagination. I see that going on; I'm probably guilty of that too. But here is my interpretation; I believe it's very literal. Regarding the third Tradition, "The only

Virtual Ask It Basket

If you have any questions in regards to sobriety, the steps, the traditions or service please email them to :

district4onewsletter@gmail.com

requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking." In the Twelve and Twelve, pg. 139, the first two sentences read, "This Tradition is packed with meaning. For A.A. is really saying to every serious drinker, "You are an A.A. member if you say so....". The keywords here are <u>serious</u> and <u>drinker</u>. It

Step 2

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Tradition 2

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants they do not govern.

Concept 2

The general service conference of A.A has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs. appears to me that the A.A. Tradition Three only applies to <u>serious drinkers</u>. If I am not a serious drinker, I cannot declare myself an A.A. member! Even though I may have other problems that are serious.

New to Service?

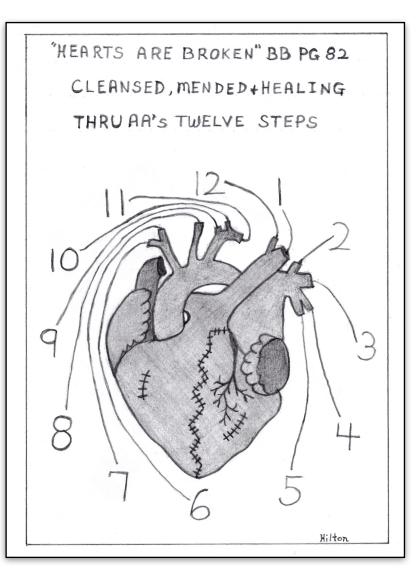
Doug D, District 40 Alt - DCM Have you ever heard of a Service Sponsor? The A.A. Pamphlets P-15, Questions and answers on Sponsorship has a section on pg. 25 which states, "Individuals may feel that they have more to offer in one area than in another. It is the service CFC is looking for issues of Grapevines to send to local jails due to them being unable to have meetings brought into them.

sponsor's responsibility to present the various aspects of service: setting up a meeting; working on committees; participating in conferences, etc. In this matter it is important for the service sponsor to help individuals understand the distinction between serving the

needs of the Fellowship and meeting the personal needs of another group member. A service sponsor is usually someone who is knowledgeable in A.A. history and has a strong background in the service structure. The A.A. member is introduced to a new language: G.S.R., D.C.M., area assembly, minority opinion. They will become familiar with the Traditions, Concepts and Warranties, as well as The A.A. Service"

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/ p-15_Q&AonSpon.pdf

When I heard that I should get a service sponsor at my first District 40 meeting, I went back to my home group and asked a few people, they did not know what I was talking about. So I continued to ask asked around some more. I later found someone in a traditions meeting that caught my attention. The way they



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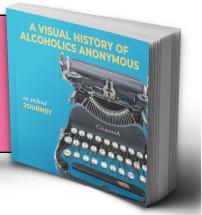
Pamphlet of the Month - January G.S.R. Your group link to A.A. as a whole Click on the link for digital copy of pamphlet https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-19_gsr.pdf

would talk about a tradition made me think, I want what they have. The journey was worth it, getting to understand the structure and history of AA. Seeing how this altruistic movement keeps going year after year and decade after decade by passing on what you have been taught. This is the only organization that I know of where someone will teach you, their replacement, how to do the job as good or if not better than them. Service work is privilege to give back freely to the organization that gave us so much. I thank my service sponsor for teaching me the term, Voluntold. I sometimes do need a push in the right direction because that charter defect, procrastination is still hanging on some days. I'll work on that tomorrow, haha!

I hope this helped some of the new members to the District 40 Newsletter. If you have any question you can reach out to any of the District Officers or drop the newsletter editor the question to drop in the Virtual Ask-It-Basket, where you can anonymously any AA related question and they will be answered in the upcoming months.

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



DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 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: December 8, 2020 LOCATION: ZOOM Moment of Silence, Preamble & (Unity Declaration; read by Dan K.) Attendees; 25 people Secretary's Report – Jackie S. – Accepted as Corrected Treasurer's Report – Scott B. – Accepted as Corrected DCM Report – Reino F.

Reino reviewed the email attachments; 1.) Giving notice to GSO open positions 2.) Grapevine requesting A.A. members to submit stories sharing their experience doing CPC committee work.
 3.) Sent Group Change forms for new GSR's to the Area Registrar

Alt DCM Report – Doug D. Acknowledged what a great job Reino has done as DCM! OLD BUSINESS –

Open Positions 2021 – Alt Secretary and Treatment Facilities Committee Rep – Wendy F. stood for TFC Rep and was voted in!

NEW BUSINESS -

The AdHoc committee reported on their outcome on future District 40 meeting venues. The recommendation made was to continue to meet on Zoom because it is quicker, cheaper and more people attend on Zoom.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- Archives Rep; Marcus S.
 - Archives Report:

Mike D is taking over as Archives Chair in January

Eddie R, Mike D, and Sarah D met at the Repository and made a start at setting up our archives More set up meetings are being scheduled over the month

Please let me know if you have any questions.

CFC (Correctional Facilities Committee); Paul K.

Jails and Prisons are not allowing AA meetings nor visitors. In some of the institutions they are allowing books, Grapevines and literature to be sent in. Thank you Elizabeth and Dan for their generous donations.

Respectfully, Paul K.

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- CPC (Cooperation with Professional Community); Bill A.
 - District 40 is strong in the Hospital Program!
- Grapevine; Rachel P. Absent
 - Grapevine is offering free shipping through December 31 on books and other items, including the 2021 Wall Calendar and the 2021 Pocket Planner. Please let your groups know about this terrific deal -- Grapevine publications make great holiday gifts for sponsors, sponsees, or other super-cool alcoholics in your life. To order, visit store.aagrapevine.org.

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- A new playlist of audio stories, "Many Roads to Spirituality," is now available on the Grapevine YouTube channel. Invite your groups to check it out at youtube.com/aagrapevine.
 - **A**
- Grapevine is now accepting stories for the following upcoming issues:
- Dating & Relationships—Share your experiences learning to date in sobriety. (Stories due Dec 15, 2020)
- Annual Prison Issue—Looking for hopeful stories by members who found AA in prison or those who take meetings inside. (stories due Jan. 15, 2020)
- Please visit www.aagrapevine.org/share to learn how to submit your story.
- IT (Information Technology); Edie B. Absent

• Intergroup Liaison; Dan K.

District 40 Intergroup Liaison Report

- Upcoming events:
 - Canceled- Winter Holiday Open House that was scheduled for December 12th has been canceled.
- Meeting space available- Intergroup Conference room is now open. If you are looking for a place to hold meetings Intergroup has the space for you. Space is available for early morning, afternoon or late evening. Contact Kelli @ 713-686-6300 or email intergroup@aahouston.org if interested.
- 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. Meeting changes can be made by phone (713-686-6300), email (intergroup@aahouston.org or online (aahouston.org).
 - As of 12/1/2020, there are 1958 meetings, 576 groups and 316 locations in the Houston Metro Area!
- Congrats and welcome to new Board members Paul K and Casey M., and thank you to outgoing Board members James H. and Lester B.
- This is my last report as Intergroup Liaison, thank you for the opportunity to serve the best District in AA, District 40!

Next Delegates meeting December 10th, 2020 @ 8:00PM

Sign up for the Link on aahouston.org

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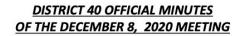
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- Literature; Elizabeth G.
 - Hello to Everyone at District 40! May this month find you enjoying the festivities and preparation for the upcoming Holiday Season with your families and A.A. friends. This month will feature the "G.S.R. General Service Representative." pamphlet. It states, when an AA member is a general service representative (G.S.R.) this AA person is linking their home group with the whole of A.A. In, 1950, the "group representative" was a new type of trusted servant and was suggested to help in the selection of delegates to the newly formed General Service Conference. By 1953. The job of group representative was also seen as a good means of exchanging up-to-date information between individual groups and the General Service Office. The G.S.R.'s greater responsibility is to transmit ideas and opinions, as well as facts and through this member's the group conscience that will become a part of "the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship" as expressed in the General Service Conference. Here are the following updated literature materials from G.S.O.
 - Announcing a limited-edition of new gift book: A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous.
 Originally developed as the souvenir book for the 2020 International Convention, A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous - An Archival Journey is now available for pre-order, December 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021 at he early bird pre-order price of \$11.
 - A.A.W.S. has a "Two Holiday Special Offers" from December 1, 2020 January 31, 2021.
 1) Spend a minimum total of \$100 or more and receive a 15% overall discount.
 2) For each copy of "Our Great Responsibility (B-70) ordered, you will receive a FREE copy of Alcoholics Anonymous Facsimile First Printing of the First Edition (B-0)
 - Living Sober, is now an audiobook This provides the availability to be listen to in a professionally narrated and produced audio version of this book.
 - 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.

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



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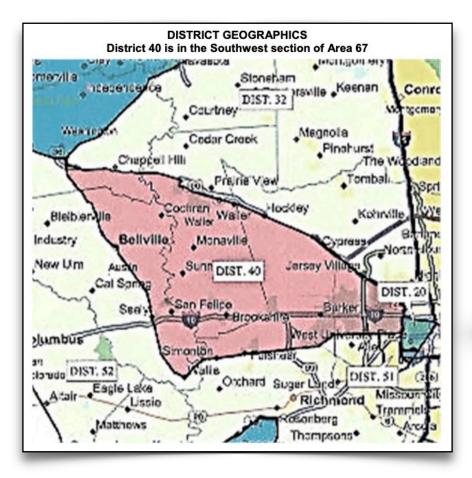
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benefit from, a piece of art you have done, or a photograph you have taken.... all would be most appreciated and welcomed at District40Newsletter@gmail.com.

- PI (Public Information); Terri O. -
- TFC (Treatment Facilities Committee); Open
- General Sharing,
 - How will the new GSR's know the Meeting ID and Password for the January District 40 meeting? SETA Website, sponsorship, newsletter, mail a postcard.
- CALENDAR OF EVENTS (see no attached flyers).
- Next District 40 meeting: 1/12/21 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 looking into possible virtual option, will send information as received

AA headquarters: <u>www.aa.org</u>, Area 67/SETA Districts: <u>www.aa-seta.org</u>, Intergroup; <u>www.aahouston.org</u>.

We adjourned with the Responsibility Statement.





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

Articles due April 15th, 2021

www.aagrapevine.org/share



December Treasurer's Report for District 40

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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 8pm		332.17					135.60					87.00	554.77
Daily Reflections Group							22.30						22.30
Drifter's Group (000606304)												164.00	164.00
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) Friends of Bill W. (West Houston CC)	-	50.00 112.42											50.00 112.42
Friends of Bill W. (West Houston CC) Fulshear Group	-	112.42	170.99			26.90				61.00			258.89
	-		170.99			26.90		00.00		61.00		100.00	
God Meeting Group	-						62.00	60.00				120.00 22.00	180.00 85.80
High Hopes	+		45.00				63.80					22.00	45.00
Hockley Group	+		45.00										
Houston Young People	-	10.80											0.00
Journey Group	-	74.80					24.01			56.19			155.00
Just For Today Just The Black Print Group	+	74.80	77.55				∠4.01			56.19			155.00
Katy 12 & 12	-	77.53	35.36	20.25	7.39	12.75		31.61		32.26	38.66	40.45	296.26
	-	6.61	35.30	20.25	14.95	12.75		31.01		32.20	38.00	40.45	296.26
Katy 164 Group Katy Big Book	-	0.01	150.00		14.95								40.56
Katy Crossroads Group	-	36.62	130.00					54.53				13.70	104.85
Katy Crossroads Group Katy Primary Purpose Group	-	30.02						75.00				13.70	104.85
Kingsland Group								75.00					0.00
Living Now Group	-												0.00
Memorial Going Home Group	-	40.42						192.32					232.74
Memorial West Group	-	40.42						152.52					0.00
Men's Supper/Step Study Group				34.30									34.30
	-			54.50									
Monaville Group													0.00
New Beginnigns 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
Peek 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					4.50	66.88
36 Principles Group	-												0.00
Wednesday Reflections		16.20										17.90	34.10
West Memorial	-												0.00
Wild West Group	-	45.33											45.33
Working With Others	-									51.00			51.00
	-												0.00
Unknown/Misc					50.00					114.23		65.40	229.63
TOTAL:	0.00	1384.54	583.60	159.48	359.86	68.05	341.02	713.52	0.00	438.83	38.66	534.95	4622.51

SETAI	District 40		inancial R	eport D	ecember 2	2020	
EXPENSES	Initial Budget	Approved Budget Changes	Approved Budget	Expense This Month	Year to Date	% This Month	% Year to Date
DCM	\$ 1,000		\$925	\$30.00	\$108.44	3%	129
Alt. DCM	\$ 800		\$900	\$0.00	\$316.48		359
Secretary / Copying	\$ 250		\$150		\$27.18		18
Treasurer	\$ 150		\$150		\$144.99	63%	97
Newsletter	\$ 500		\$150		\$71.74		48
Rent/Coffee Donation	\$ 400		\$360		\$90.00		25
Coffee	\$ 100		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
PO Box	\$ 120		\$90		\$0.00		
Literature Committee	\$ 250		\$175		\$55.60		32
PI/CPC no longer a committee	\$ 150		\$50		\$0.00		
Grapevine	\$ 250		\$50		\$0.00		
CFC	\$ 700		\$300		\$480.00		160'
TFC	\$ 100		\$50		\$0.00		
Archives Committee	\$ 100		\$0	\$0.00	\$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	\$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			\$0		\$0.00		
Delegate Report Meeting	\$ 215		\$0		\$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	\$453.62		1519
	\$9,135	\$0	\$7,200		\$4,468	2%	62
Unrestricted Funds Allocation				\$0.00			
INCOME				\$ 24.00			
Group Name	Receipts This Month						
Chapelwood Tues 8pm	\$87.00		Beginning Ba	nk Balance			\$4,967.5
Drifter's Group (000606304)	\$164.00		Total Expens	es this Month			\$124.0
God Meeting Group	\$120.00		Total Income	this Month			\$534.9
High Hopes	\$22.00		Outstanding	checks cashed	this month		
Katy 12 & 12	\$40.45		Held for Hosp				\$278.3
Katy Crossroads Group	\$13.70			ve (0.25 x Budge	at)		\$1,800.0
Tuesday Night Step Study	\$4.50		Unrestricted				\$3,578.4
Wednesday Reflections	\$17.90			ice / Total Fund	15		\$4,965.5
Unknown/Misc	\$65.40		Unspent Portion	n of Budget			\$4,666.9
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Event Donations			1				
Traditions Dinner Donations			1				
Gratitude Dinner Donations			1				
State Conv - Hospitality Suite			1				
SETA -Hospitality Suite			1				
Delegate Report Contribution			1				
Fellowship Fest	\$534.95		1				
TOTAL INCOME THIS MONTH:							

			SETA	DISTRICT 4	10 EXPE	ISE BY MON	ITH & TOTA	L FOR YEA	R				
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total YT
DCM								\$46.72	\$31.72			\$30.00	\$108.
Alt. DCM	\$316.48												\$316.
Secretary / Copying	\$18.72	\$8.46											\$27.
Treasurer	2	2	\$34.99	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$94.00	\$148.
Newsletter		\$71.74											\$71.
Rent/Coffee Donation	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00										\$90.
Coffee													\$0.
PO Box													\$0.
Literature Committee		\$55.60											\$55.0
PI/CPC													\$0.0
Grapevine													\$0.0
CFC									\$480.00				\$480.0
TFC													\$0.0
Archives Committee													\$0.0
Intergroup Liaison													\$0.0
IT Committee													\$0.0
Intergroup Donation									\$2,720.00				\$2,720.
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Delegate Report Meeting													\$0.0
State Convention Hospitality Suite	e												\$0.0
SETA Assembly Host District													\$0.0
SETA - 2020 Hospitality Suite		\$453.62											\$453.
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	\$124.00	\$4,472.
Unrestricted Funds Allocated to													
Expense Total									\$6,433.72				

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	GoToMeeings (except Assembly Months)					

District 40 Officers and Committee Representatives

Position	Name	Email
DCM	Jackie S.	Jackie.s@aa-seta.org
Alt DCM	Doug D.	Doug.d@aa-seta.org
Secretary	Natalie A.	
Alt Secretary	Ed S.	
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.	district4onewsletter@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.	

February 2021 Grapevine Issue Sponsorship!

Members share stories about the joys and challenges of sponsoring one another.

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

