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DISTRICT #40 NEWSLETTER

UNITY - RECOVERY - SERVICE

SETA Assembly

Jackie S., District 40 DCM

The SETA Assembly was abbreviated in conjunction with the SETA Convention in January as most of you know. I was so happy to see so many of you there, for some it was my first time to meet you in person.

Bright and early on Saturday morning, Doug and I attended the DCM sharing session. This was our first time to meet in person and I really enjoyed it. It was well worth getting up so early.

Two Trustees, Josh E., Chair of the A.A.G.V. Board and Jimmy D., Chair of the A.A.W.S. Board were both present and answered questions from the DCMs.

Kris H., our Area Delegate, will likely distribute the Final Agenda and background material in mid-March.

Kris H. is the Grapevine Conference Committee Chair. He anticipates the GV Committee's main agenda item will be to revisit the Preamble. There will be nine members on the committee and they have agreed to require a 2/3rds majority to pass an Action item. Some groups in our Area have started using the new Preamble, and some have not.

Josh E. feels that our prison outreach needs more videos and audios.

Jimmy D. says probably by summer, A.A.W.S. will be asking the fellowship to submit stories for the upcoming 5th Edition of the big book. The target date for publication is 2025.

Step 2

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

Tradition 2

For our group purpose, there is one ultimate authority -a loving God as he may express Himself in your group conscious. Our leaders are 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.

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Other Districts in our Area are hoping to consider redistricting due to so little turn out at their district meetings. This would not affect District 40 at all. I believe this is on the East side of Houston.

The remaining part of the Area Assembly went smoothly;

The motion to extend Hybrid Area Assemblies passed with an increase in budget of \$7500.00 for the rest of this year.

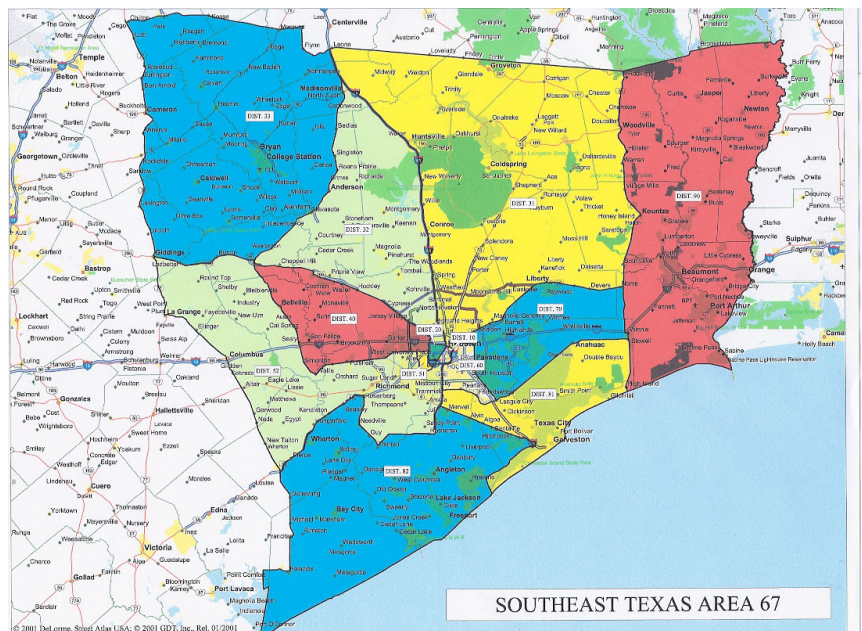
On Sunday morning, there were 71 voters in person and 6 voters on Zoom.

The motion for additional printing of the minutes was withdrawn.

Debi F. reported that there was estimated 1300 in person attendees at the Convention plus however many Zoomers there were.

Rick M. reported that there will be an Area Service Manual coming out. This is from the P&P Ad hoc.

Troy B. reported that regarding the Area Inventory that takes place every 5 years, he will be looking for solutions!



2022 SETA CONVENTION

Doug D., District 40 ALT-DCM

First, it was back in person, or Hybrid if you will; this year's SETA convention brought back a lot of memories. We had over 1300 in person and 95% of the voting members were in person. I enjoy the convenience of using zoom but call me old fashion; I get more out of face-to-face interaction. It was held in a new location, so we had to learn where everything was and you know how AAs are on change, lol.

The people come from all over southeast Texas and some, even farther. It is nice to see and talk to the ones you know and meet many new faces. This is what AA fellowshiping is all about, to feel at

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home wherever we meet. We as a district do try to sit together and find the time to eat a meal or two with each other. Another fun way to meet others is for the newcomers to get a newcomers package. This is a contest for them to walk around all weekend and get signatures. It is a great way for them to meet everyone and for everyone to ask them questions. It is about the closest thing AA has to haze a freshman, lol. It is all in good fun, and I even learn a thing or two. One of the questions this year was which one, Bill or Bob, had a tattoo.

There was a diverse selection of speakers selected for this year's event. I enjoyed everyone that I was able to catch. Just remember if you are sharing a room to help cut the cost of the weekend or letting others crash with you that did not have a room.

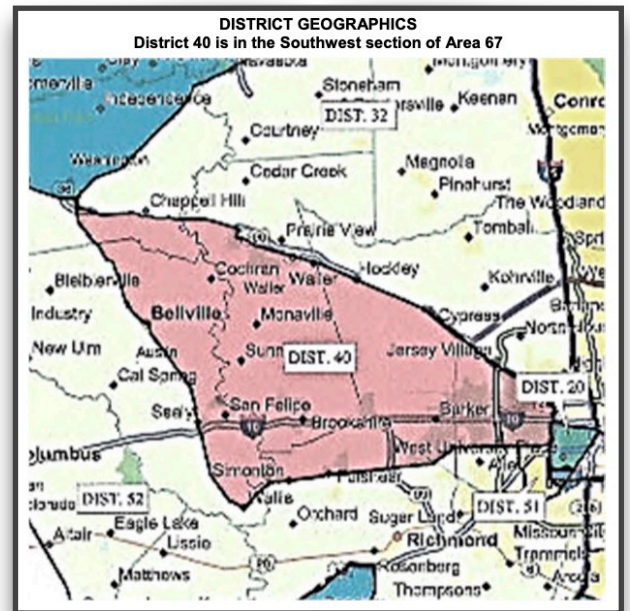
Those of us that have to attend early morning assembly meetings might need to pace ourselves to last the weekend. I know I can't go to everything so I have to schedule out the weekend to make sure I can attend those things that I must for my position and the ones I feel I will learn from or just enjoy.

Some of us still have to do a little work at these conventions. This is where working all three legacies of AA steps in. If you are part of an area committee you can spend some time working their table and handing out information. The TFC committee was signing up

people for Bring the Gap all weekend. There are also a lot of volunteering opportunities.

The third legacy of service does cover a vast arrangement of selections to give back to the fellowship. So next year talk with your service sponsor, GSR, or your DCM to see how you get help out.

Hope to see all of y'all next year in person at SETA 2023!



Pamphlet of the Month - January

A.A. for the Native American

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



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Group Contributions 2021

SETA DISTRICT 40 -- GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2021													
District 40 Groups	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
Another Chance Group													0.00
Bear Creek Fellowship		25.00											25.00
Beginners Group								100.00					100.00
Broad Highway Group						25.45							25.45
Bunkerhill Tuesday A.A. Group													0.00
Chapelwood Tues 8pm				172.40			113.80			101.00			387.20
Colors of Change Group			135.00	28.60						174.64			338.24
Copperfield Willingness Group												1320.00	1320.00
Daily Reflections Group													0.00
Drifter's Group (000606304)						54.50					174.40		228.90
Everything is "Alright Already"													0.00
First Light Group													0.00
Four Horsemen Group							24.85			72.09			96.94
Fourth Promise Group													0.00
Fry Road Group								130.00			120.00		250.00
Friends of Bill W. (Post Oak)											50.00		50.00
Friends of Bill W. (West Houston CC)													0.00
Fulshear Group													0.00
God Meeting Group			90.00			90.00							180.00
Good Morning Open Book Study Group												25.70	25.70
High Hopes				12.00							38.00		50.00
Hockley Group								45.00					45.00
Houston Young People													0.00
Journey Group							18.98		10.44				29.42
Just For Today								50.00			49.24		99.24
Just The Black Print Group	20.09									125.58			145.67
Katy 12 & 12	42.40	44.09	15.69	47.75	200.41	43.07	46.48	550.64	48.43		93.74	500.00	1632.70
Katy 164 Group													0.00
Katy Big Book													0.00
Katy Crossroads Group							25.20		62.70				87.90
Katy Primary Purpose Group													0.00
Kingsland Group													0.00
Living Now Group													0.00
Memorial Going Home Group					119.00						63.00		182.00
Memorial West Group													0.00
Men's Supper/Step Study Group													0.00
Monaville Group													0.00
New Beginnings group		42.68							37.00				79.68
New Oxford Group													0.00
Our Common Journey Group													0.00
Outpost Group (Men's)								98.33					98.33
Peek Road Group													0.00
Rooted in Love Group										59.00			59.00
Rosewood Thursday Night Group									50.83				50.83
Rule 62 Group	34.31			35.97						48.00			118.28
Sage-Piney Point													0.00
Sage-Piney Point Noon Tuesday													0.00
Saturday Solutions Group	33.28			11.40							20.00		64.68
Simply AA							213.65						213.65
Sisters in Serenity		23.30						32.00					55.30
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						50.98	137.04
There is a Solution Group				139.51									139.51
36 Principles Group													0.00
Wednesday Reflections						29.88							29.88
West Memorial													0.00
Wild West Group											23.25		23.25
Working With Others	54.00			54.00					40.00				148.00
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	1005.97	249.40	580.31	631.63	1896.68	6576.05

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SETA 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		\$ 233.26		\$ 133.03	\$ 194.21	\$ 768.76
Alt. DCM	\$ 750	\$ 165.44						\$ 208.26		\$ 233.26		\$ 180.00		\$ 786.96
Secretary / Copying	\$ 50													\$ -
Treasurer	\$ 50	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 19.40	\$ 2.00	\$ 19.40	\$ 2.00	\$ 58.80
Newsletter	\$ -													\$ -
Zoom Meeting Hosting	\$ 180	\$ 30.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 195.00
PO Box	\$ 90	\$ 92.00												\$ 92.00
Literature Committee	\$ 175													\$ -
PI	\$ 50												\$ 3,861.75	\$ 3,861.75
Grapevine	\$ 50													\$ -
CFC	\$ 300													\$ -
TFC	\$ 50									\$ 71.15				\$ 71.15
Archives Committee	\$ 100													\$ -
Intergroup Donation/Contribution	\$ -													\$ -
Intergroup Liaison	\$ -													\$ -
IT Committee	\$ 50													\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -													\$ -
Gratitude Dinner - Donation	\$ -													\$ -
Gratitude Dinner - Food	\$ -													\$ -
Fellowship Fest	\$ -													\$ -
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	\$ -													\$ -
SETA Assembly Host District	\$ -													\$ -
SETA - 2022 Hospitality Suite	\$ 300													\$ -
TOTAL	\$4,570.00	\$ 289.44	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 804.18	\$ 17.00	\$ 572.07	\$ 17.00	\$ 347.43	\$ 4,072.96	\$ 6,205.08

District 40 Alcoholics Anonymous Southeast Texas Area 67

2021 Year End Treasurer's Report

Description	Budget (\$)	Actual (\$)	Difference (\$)
Income (Group Contributions)	\$ 4,390.00	\$ 6,576.05	\$ (2,186.05)
Expenses	4,570.00	6,201.08	(1,631.08)
Prudent Reserve	1,165.50	1,165.50	-

December 31, 2021 - Balances	Percent (%)	Amount (\$)
Ending Bank Balance		\$ 5,856.44
Less: Prudent Reserve 2022		(1,200.00)
Less: Held for Hospitality		<u>(1,078.37)</u>
Net Unencumbered Funds (Available for Disbursement)		\$ 3,578.07

Proposed Disbursements:

AA General Services Office	APPROVED	50.00%	(1,789.04)
SETA Area 67			-
Houston Intergroup			-
PI - 2022 Budget Increase	APPROVED	50.00%	<u>(1,789.04)</u>
Total			<u>\$ (0.01)</u>

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DISTRICT 40 UNOFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location:

ZOOM
Meeting ID: 824 4810 5482

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

Mailing Address:

Passcode: 072830
9085

natalie.a@aa-seta.org Secretary
Scott.b@aa-seta.org Treasurer
Houston, Tx. 77024-19085

Date: December 14, 2021
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Attendees: 26

Call to Order – 7:00pm, Jackie S. – Serenity Prayer

PRE-AMBLE – Dave R.

UNITY DECLARATION - Theresa S.

INTRODUCTIONS – Name/Home Group/Service Position

TRADITION/CONCEPT – Tradition XII – Peter H./Concept – Bill A. – Thank you both!
Next month – Tradition – Kate C./Concept – Ed S.

District Inventory Question 12: “ Do our groups carry their fair share of supporting Area and GSO?”

- Answered by Scott B/ need more support physically and financially

DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary’s Report – Natalie A., (Alt. Ed S.) accepted
Treasurer’s Report - Scott B., (Alt. Ronnie H.) accepted
D40 DCM Report December 2021

As you know we had our District 40 Holiday Party at Houston Intergroup on Saturday. There was a pretty good turn out and plenty of food. To represent District 40, I brought three homemade recipes and they were a big hit. Doug and I were able to pass out to all the District 40 members a copy of the GSC Final Report along with a couple of hand outs and Theresa passed out an Adopt a Rack to several people.

Last month, I physically mailed out a letter to all the” in person” A.A. groups in District 40. The purpose was to invite groups to have representation here at the District meeting. But I also sent a letter to groups already with representation just see if using the mail service is an effective way of communicating to groups. Do any of you here tonight know if your group received the letter?

Lastly, I just want to mention the letter from GSO regarding 7th Tradition contributions. The mailing address has changed. I attached the letter with the agenda that I emailed last Thursday.

Does anybody have any questions?

ALT. DCM REPORT – Doug D.

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Last month, Nov 20th we had the GSR workshop, attendance was good but I wished we had more of yall show up. We did have people from other districts and one even from Ontario Canada. I would like to thank the Presenters, Hilton, Pam and Jackie. We did use the information out of the new service manual that is available now at intergroup.

SETA Hospitality 2022

Well, this took a turn from when we talked last time. We found out what we could and everything we cannot do. Due to the all the restrictions and how expensive it would be if we ordered HOT food through the hotel catering, we have decided to turn the money over to the hospitality committee with no string attached. I have asked the members that were going to help out when we hosted the Saturday night hospitality if they still wanted to volunteer and send me email verifying their response. Those will be forwarded to the hospitality committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 12th Step Work – End of Year
Excess money
Theresa S – PI Rep
- After much discussion, it was decided to allot \$3861.75 on adds
Houston Intergroup
GSO
Unspent budget
Committee Reps

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Archives Rep – Mike B.
CFC Rep – Marcus S. I missed providing the prior CFC Committee update, so I have provided the October and November update, combined below.
- The CFC Committee met on October 20th.
 - SETA CFC Annual Conference (September 17-19) was a great success including speakers, attendance, and new people attending for the first time
 - We have started going to the Hamilton Unit in College Station again after 3 or more years
 - Discussion on upcoming SETA Convention
 - CFC IT Subcommittee is working to update the Website map and list of units where we have meetings
 - We received 12 letters from incarcerated women and 9 from men
 - \$4,081.80 in literature orders.
 - The Alt Chair of the CPC Committee presented a new Bridging the Gap Worldwide initiative. In the new initiative, anyone in a treatment or correctional facility can add their name, location, discharge/release date, where they will be getting out, etc., in order to find a meeting upon discharge/release. Initiative website: <https://btgww.org/>

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- The CFC Committee met on November 17th.
 - The Pack Unit had their 37th Anniversary on October 30. 17 volunteers and about 50 inmates participated
 - The Wynne Unit had their anniversary November 13. About 15 volunteers and about 50 inmates participated.
 - Bahiyyah W, Larry L, and Roland did a presentation at the 24-Hour Club on November 6. The overall topic was service, and nine SETA Service Committees made presentations.
 - The 5th National Corrections Conference was held in New Orleans, LA, November 12-14. About 200 people attended. The next National Corrections Conference will be in Illinois, November 11-13, 2022.
 - The Eastham unit is starting a meeting again on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 2:45 – 4:00 PM
 - \$664.80 in literature orders
- CPC Rep – Bill A. Bill A is the new Disaster Relief Chair for the CPC sub-Committee relieving Peter C who has started this Committee.

The Disaster Relief Comm was set up in the event of a disaster and long-term shelters could hold AA meetings provided by AA volunteers.

- Grapevine Rep – Boyd J. , now open position
- IT Rep – Bree C.
- Houston Intergroup Liaison – Mitch A.
- Literature Rep – 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's pamphlet is Bridging The Gap- Between treatment and A.A. through contact programs: https://aa.org/assets/en_US/aa-literature/p-49-bridging-the-gapbetween-treatment-and-aa-through-temporary-contact-programs
- Part of Bridging the Gap between and treatment program and A.A. is the Temporary Contact Program, which is designed to help the alcoholic in an alcoholism treatment program make that transition.
- The pamphlet describes “between the door of the facility and the nearest A.A. group or meeting” as one of the more slippery places in the journey to sobriety.
- In order to bridge this gap, A.A. members have volunteered to be temporary contacts and introduce newcomers to Alcoholics Anonymous.
- The video “Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous” shown to patients in treatment, emphasizes the importance of having a temporary contact as the essential link between treatment and recovery.

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- It is suggested that the temporary contact take the newcomer to a variety of A.A. meetings and introduce them to other A.As, gain contact info for other A.A.s and share the experience of sponsorship and a home group.
- The pamphlet then discusses guidelines for temporary contacts to follow. One interesting guideline is that you need not have experience with treatment settings. Your qualifications are experience as an alcoholic and recovery in A.A.
- **Next Area Literature meeting on Zoom, December 21st, 2021 @ 8:30PM**
- Newsletter Editor: Fernando B.
- PI Rep – Theresa S.

PI Rep – Theresa S. November PI Meeting, November 30, 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. The committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month on zoom. The login information is in the D40 newsletter. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The PI Committee continues to read and gain information from the A.A. PI Workbook and continues sharing ideas on ways to "carry the message" to the general public.

The PI Committee will have a table set up at the SETA Convention in January 2022. Volunteers are needed. Our next meeting will be in January 2022.

- TFC Rep – Matt G

GSR/ General Sharing Session:

Feedback, News, Concerns, Questions, Etc.

RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT: Carolyn H.

ADJOURN: 9:00pm

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District 40 Officers and Committee Representatives

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>
DCM	Jackie S.	jackie.s@aa-seta.org
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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	Matt G.	matt.g@aa-seta.org

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Area 67 Committee Meetings

Committee	Meeting Date and Time	Location
Archives	2nd Sunday of the Month 1:00 pm	Zoom ID - 858 6157 6627 Passcode - 423970 Houston Intergroup 5151 Mitchelldale St. Houston, Tx 77092 Conference Room
Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)	1st 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)	3rd Wednesday of the Month 7:30 pm	Houston Intergroup 5151 Mitchelldale St. Houston, Tx 77092 Conference Room
Grapevine	3rd Thursday of every other Month, 7:30 pm	Zoom Password - 114 207 273 Passcode - 610793
Intergroup (Delegate's Meeting)	3rd Thursday of every other Month, 8:00 pm	Currently on Zoom Call (713) 686-6300 for more info
Internet Technologies (IT)	4th Saturday of the Month 10:00 am	Google Meet ID - nqm-vypy-yso
Literature	3rd Tuesday of the Month 8:30 pm	Zoom ID - 257 198 925 Passcode - 443980
Multi-Lingual	1st Thursday of the Month 7:30 pm	District 66 4800 5645 Hillcroft Suite 410 Houston, TX 77036
Public Information (PI)	4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30 pm	Zoom ID - 330 417 285 Passcode - 153379
Treatment Facility Committee (TFC)	2nd Monday of the Month, 7:00 pm	Zoom ID - 552 569 731 Passcode - 169753