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DISTRICT #40 NEWSLETTER

UNITY - RECOVERY - SERVICE

Group Visits

Jackie S., District 40 DCM

Thank you to the Another Chance Group for inviting me to speak last weekend on District 40 business and events! I met up with their new GSR and a couple of more A.A. members from surrounding groups that showed interest in standing for GSR at their home groups! I also met with their group treasurer and passed along the the new District 40 P.O. Box address to her. I collected her email address to pass along to our new, well appreciated D40 Treasurer, Ronnie H. Everyone seemed genuinely interested in attending the upcoming Traditions Dinner as well. I truly appreciate and am grateful for the huge response from district 40 members at last month's meeting volunteering to hand deliver to their surrounding groups the Flyers announcing the new D40 P.O. Box address and Traditions Dinner.

Attention Group Treasurers

New District 40 Address
P.O. Box 79119
Houston, Texas 77279-9119

Elections are Coming!

Doug D., District 40 ALT- DCM

When are elections held? GSR elections in the group, this one is open for discussion due to each group is autonomous. They should be forward-thinking and take into consideration the time for their GSR packet to get delivered after the group information change form has been sent to GSO. District elections are in September, the month before Area 67 holds its elections, on even years. Area elections are at the Area Assembly in October of every even year also.

Next District Meetings (Zoom)

Tuesday July 12th 7 - 9 PM

Meeting ID - 824 4810 5482

Passcode - 072830

Step 6

Were entirely ready to have God remove all 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 or prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

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

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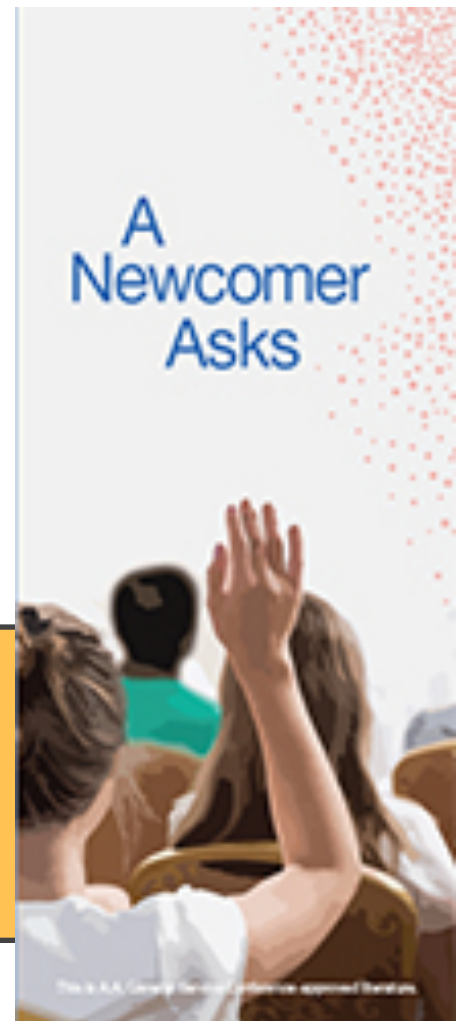
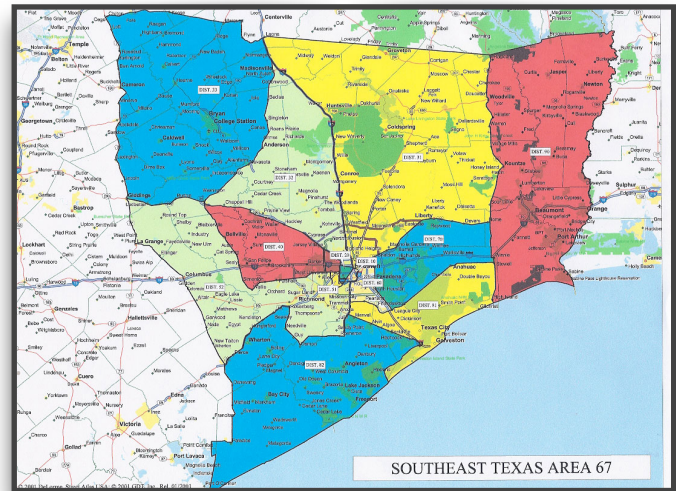
If you are not aware of third legacy voting you should find some time to sit down with your service sponsor and go over it before District and Area hold their elections. I believe we in AA are the only place you will encounter it. Also, take the time to go over the job description of any position you want to stand for with your service sponsor so you may know the tasks, requirements, and duration of the term and additional terms also. Like alt-DCM would roll into DCM or alt-treasurer would roll into treasurer too.

The duration of a position has never been an issue for me since I will be working on this program for the rest

of my life. I

have been blindsided on some of the tasks just because I did not go over the job description fully before I stood for it. the truth is, as I was told when I first came into AA, the only thing I needed to change was everything, like me having to write an article each month like this one. If you could only hear me whine when my service sponsor told me I had to write one and now I have to do one each month. So let me know

what you are looking to stand for next in service?



Pamphlet of the Month - May
A Newcomer Asks
Scan the QR code or [click here](#)

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Upcoming Events

Don't miss this chance to learn about AA Service Structure! **06/11/22 12PM CST on Zoom**

General Service Workshop

Hosted by the Texas Bid for SERCYPAA

Zoom Meeting ID: 982 248 8860

Hamburgers/Hot dogs

50/50 raffle

3rd of JULY

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Celebration

Sun., July 3rd 2022

WOODS ROAD CLUB

3PM ICECREAM/5PM SPEAKER
/6PM DINNER/
7PM FIREWORKS-BONFIRE

FOOD | DRINK | MUSIC

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Fireworks donations will be accepted at meetings.

Southwest Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

SWRAASA 2022
Hosted by Area 57

Oct 7 8 9
Tulsa OK
Renaissance Hotel

10805 S 107th E Ave, Tulsa, OK 74138
\$124 per night & 400-264-6565 for reservations
Free Airport Shuttles Available

Visit us at
www.SWRAASA2022.org

the gathering
In the Heartland of Service

\$15 REGISTRATION
Do you have any questions?
SWRAASA2022@GMAIL.COM

Mail to: SWRAASA 2022, PO Box 702641 Tulsa OK 74170

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Email: _____

SATURDAY
JULY
23
2022

Click Here to Sign Up

TRADITIONS DINNER
HOSTED BY
DISTRICT 40

COTHA
1225 W Grand Pkwy S.
Katy, TX 77494

4 PM - 7 PM

GUEST SPEAKER - RON C. PAST DELEGATE PANEL 67 AREA 67

HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS WITH POT LUCK SIDES
GROUPS CAN USE QR code TO SIGN UP TO BRING SIDES

LITERATURE AND GRAPEVINE GIVEAWAYS

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SETA DISTRICT 40 -- GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2022													
District 40 Groups	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
Another Chance Group													\$ -
Bear Creek Fellowship													\$ -
Beginners Group													\$ -
Broad Highway Group													\$ -
Bunkerhill Tuesday A.A. Group			\$ 147.00										\$ 147.00
Chapelwood Tues 8pm		\$ 90.45											\$ 90.45
Colors of Change Group			\$ 55.50										\$ 55.50
Copperfield Willingness Group		\$ 147.00											\$ 147.00
Daily Reflections Group													\$ -
Drifter's Group (000606304)													\$ -
Everything is "Alright Already"													\$ -
First Light Group													\$ -
Four Horsemen Group		\$ 58.00		\$ 17.38									\$ 75.38
Fourth Promise Group													\$ -
Fry Road Group		\$ 80.00											\$ 80.00
Friends of Bill W. (Post Oak)	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00										\$ 200.00
Friends of Bill W. (West Houston CC)													\$ -
Fulshear Group													\$ -
God Meeting Group													\$ -
Good Morning Open Book Study Group													\$ -
High Hopes													\$ -
Hockley Group	\$ 45.00												\$ 45.00
Houston Young People													\$ -
Journey Group		\$ 14.24	\$ 12.89										\$ 27.13
Just For Today	\$ 120.80												\$ 120.80
Just The Black Print Group													\$ -
Katy 12 & 12	\$ 134.31	\$ 52.19		\$ 141.90									\$ 328.40
Katy 164 Group													\$ -
Katy Big Book													\$ -
Katy Crossroads Group	\$ 25.80		\$ 40.20										\$ 66.00
Katy Primary Purpose Group													\$ -
Kingsland Group													\$ -
Living Now Group													\$ -
Memorial Going Home Group	\$ 43.35			\$ 77.40									\$ 120.75
Memorial West Group													\$ -
Men's Supper/Step Study Group													\$ -
Monaville Group													\$ -
New Beginnings group													\$ -
New Oxford Group													\$ -
Our Common Journey Group													\$ -
Outpost Group (Men's)				\$ 125.00									\$ 125.00
Peek Road Group													\$ -
Rooted in Love Group													\$ -
Rosewood Thursday Night Group													\$ -
Rule 62 Group	\$ 49.00			\$ 46.38									\$ 95.38
Sage-Piney Point													\$ -
Sage-Piney Point Noon Tuesday		\$ 8.78		\$ 118.04									\$ 126.82
Saturday Solutions Group		\$ 35.00	\$ 19.60										\$ 54.60
Simply AA													\$ -
Sisters in Serenity	\$ 25.00												\$ 25.00
Sober in Brookshire													\$ -
Spring Shadows Group													\$ -
Spring Branch Memorial Club													\$ -
Spring Shadows Group													\$ -
Stepping Stones in Recovery Katy													\$ -
Steps in Sobriety													\$ -
Taking Care of Business													\$ -
Tuesday Night Step Study													\$ -
There is a Solution Group													\$ -
36 Principles Group													\$ -
Wednesday Reflections													\$ -
West Memorial													\$ -
Wild West Group	\$ 22.87			\$ 83.49									\$ 106.36
Working With Others		\$ 200.00											\$ 200.00
White Oak													\$ -
Unknown/Misc			\$ 10.00										\$ 10.00
TOTAL:	\$ 516.13	\$ 785.66	\$ 335.19	\$ 609.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,246.57

Open Positions in District 40 - IT Rep and Alt Treasurer

Grapevine Area Committee - Grapevine Representatives are needed from our local groups! Please ask your GSR or email Gary S.

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DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location:

ZOOM

jackie.s@aa-seta.org DCM

Meeting ID: 824 4810 5482

Passcode: 072830

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: April, 12, 2022

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Attendees: 26

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

PRE-AMBLE – Ronnie H.

UNITY DECLARATION - Dennis K.

INTRODUCTIONS – Name/Home Group/Service Position

TRADITION/CONCEPT – Tradition IV– Theresa S./Concept IV – Ed S. – Thank you both!

Next month – Tradition V – Kevin B./Concept V – Aimee J.

District Inventory Question 12: “ Considering the number of alcoholics in our district, are we meeting the needs of enough people?”

- Answered by Theresa S. – Thank you!

DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary’s Report – Natalie A., (Alt. Ed S.) accepted

Treasurer’s Report - Scott B., (Alt. Ronnie H.) No report

D40 DCM Report

Jackie attempted to collect votes regarding the Final Agenda Item that was discussed in the previous month's meeting.

ALT. DCM Report – Doug D.

Tradition Dinner will be on July 23rd at COTHA on 99.

It will be held on July 23. 4 to 7pm, (2 hours to setup before and 1 hour)

Speaker will be past delegate Ron C.

Budget is 1,300.00

1. Venue 300.00
2. Food 600.00
3. Giveaways 150.00
4. Setup / decorations 150.00
5. Other 100.00

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Updates for committees:

- Peter and Mitch all-around helper
- Setup & table decorations: Theresa, Marti, Natalee,
- Cooking: Marcus Snell, Tim C, Kate, Hilton,
 - Marcus: will setup a signup sheet for groups to bring items (sides. Drinks, ext.)
- Greeting/registration: bill A. Gary, matt G, Matthew G,
- Cleanup: Kimberly G, Gary, Hilton, Eric H,
- I will work out the budget for each committee for the traditions dinner by the next D40 meeting, 02/20/2022.

Main food: hamburgers and hotdogs

Flier – will be made with the signup sheet QR code link on it

Groups will have the opportunity to bring side dishes, drinks and people

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Area IT Committee request for Google Works
- SETA emails, google drive folders, etc.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Archives Rep** – Mike B.
Archives Report for March 13, 2002
 - 5 people in attendance
 - We were supposed to have SETA Google Workspace training, but the individual that was going to give the training wasn't able to attend.
 - Discovered SETA Archives page was not up to date with the changes I had sent in to IT
 - Eddie R. will send Mike B. website information to add to the SETA Archives page
 - Mike B. gave the IT Committee report
 - Eddie R. will visit District 31 to ask if they want an Archives presentation.
 - Group history form needs to be updated which Sarah D. will take as an action item.
- **CFC Committee** The CFC Committee met on March 16th
 - Hamilton Unit in Bryan is in need of men to take meetings in on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings
 - We have Blue Cans for groups who need it; if your group wants a new (or first time) Blue Can, please let me know
 - The Area CFC Committee now has a Zoom account for Committee & Jail meetings:
SETA CFC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4772549035?pwd=elp3NjdreURqMjN2NC94VIZ6UzZEUT09>
Meeting ID: 477 254 9035
Passcode: heartbeat
 - Spanish Subcommittee Chair met with all 4 spanish districts and will be in charge of the Hospitality Room of the September CFC Conference

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- We received 10 Correspondence letters from incarcerated persons
- CFC Conference Subcommittee had first planning session and will continue to have planning sessions adjacent to the CFC Committee meeting
- Received \$2,857.85 in Blue Can contributions for February
- Approved \$1,443.14 in Literature order

- **CPC Rep – Bill A.**
- The Trustees' CPC is initiating a program to interview AA Veterans currently serving or recently retired. This program is to improve AA's outreach to the military. Anyone who is interested can contact me. or go to militaryoutreach@aa.org.
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- As Area's Disaster Response Rep and Peter C as outgoing Rep we currently going to the various Groups and Clubs who are going into shelters in the event of a disaster. We are reconnecting with the Clubs to make sure they still have the literature to bring into shelters and get new contact numbers as rotation occurs in groups.
- 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 – Gary S**
We met on March 17th at 7pm. Our newsletter needs to update the time from 7:30pm to 7pm. The chair was absent again and our committee was only two people. Our goal is to reach out to districts and groups to revive SETA Grapevine. Please reach out to your groups and see if you have a member who is interested in becoming a grapevine representative.

- IT Rep – now open

- **Literature Rep – Dan K.**

District 40 Literature Rep Report- April 12th, 2022

- **Purpose:** The purpose of the literature committee is to raise the awareness for AA conference approved literature, audiovisual, and other special items.

- The Area literature committee met on March 16th at 8:30pm via Zoom.
 - 7 attendees
 - Our chair, Hilton L., shared his experience at the Unity Conference he attended in February, and that he distributed 9 pamphlet packets.
 - Alt. Chair Dan K. shared his experience attending the area 2023 budget meeting, in which the Literature Committee budget was approved at a slight increase based on current chair's experience.
 - We had the opportunity to review Agenda Item K and submit our feedback to Kris our delegate. The committee had a spirited discussion on the potential plain language edition. Great viewpoints were raised on both the pro and con side, but no substantial unanimity was reached on whether to continue with the plain language edition or not. We did our best to inform, not instruct!

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- Also, the committee voted to submit our pamphlet packet project to GSO to consider as a Literature workbook item, so we will work on that in the coming months!

- This month's pamphlet is The Twelve Steps Illustrated: <https://www.aa.org/twelve-steps-illustrated>
- This pamphlet is a simple, yet powerful pamphlet containing visual depictions for each step, with each capturing the emotions often found stirred when working through the steps.
 - **Next Area Literature meeting on Zoom, May 17th, 2022 @ 8:30PM**

- 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.

- 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.As and share the experience of sponsorship and a home group.

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- 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.

- District 40 PI Report from Theresa S.
- The PI Committee met on March 22, 2022.
- 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 had a display table at Lone Star College’s Health Fair March 9, from
- 10am – 2pm. Attendance was good.
- District 40 still has 3 adopt-a-racks ready to give-away to GSRs who are interested. Just contact me at theresa.s@aa-seta.org.

TFC Rep – Matt G

GSR/ General Sharing Session:

Feedback, News, Concerns, Questions, Etc.

RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT : Doug D.

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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Newsletter Editor	Fernando B.	fernando.b@aa-seta.org
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IT Rep		OPEN
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	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 7:30 pm	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 Zoom ID - 477 254 9035 Passcode - heartbeat
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