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DISTRICT #40 NEWSLETTER

UNITY - RECOVERY - SERVICE

April Assembly

Jackie S., District 40 DCM

The April 2022 SETA Assembly was hybrid but I chose to attend in person. The current agenda can always be found on the Area Chair page of the aa-seta.org website.

We broke up into several groups and dispersed into different rooms to discuss and vote on a few Final Agenda Items that Kris H, our current delegate, had chosen for us. I was in an active group; we each had two minutes to share our opinion. I found it challenging to decide what to say during my two minutes, I felt a bit of pressure. This exercise was supposed to emulate the feeling of being at the GSC. Our Alt DCM Doug D and PI Rep Theresa S were chosen to be facilitators of two of the round table groups. Fernando B, our district newsletter editor was the recorder for Doug's group and Fernando's presentation on Sunday morning was outstanding! During the reports, we heard from Yolanda who was a great Spanish translator!

The winners of the SWAARSA drawing are;

1. GV Chair
2. SCAP
3. Literature Chair

These winners get reimbursed for travel expenses! I look forward to their reports when they return!

Delegate Kris H announced the call for stories for the 5th edition which are due in October. He said he planned to email a daily journal of the GSC through SETA Announce. And he did! It was amazing to hear day to day everything that was going on.

Alt Delegate Rick M announced that SWAARSA would be held on Oct 7 – 9th in Tulsa, OK!

Next District Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday June 14th 7 - 9 PM

Meeting ID - 824 4810 5482

Passcode - 072830

Step 5

Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Tradition 5

Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Concept 5

Throughout our world service 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.

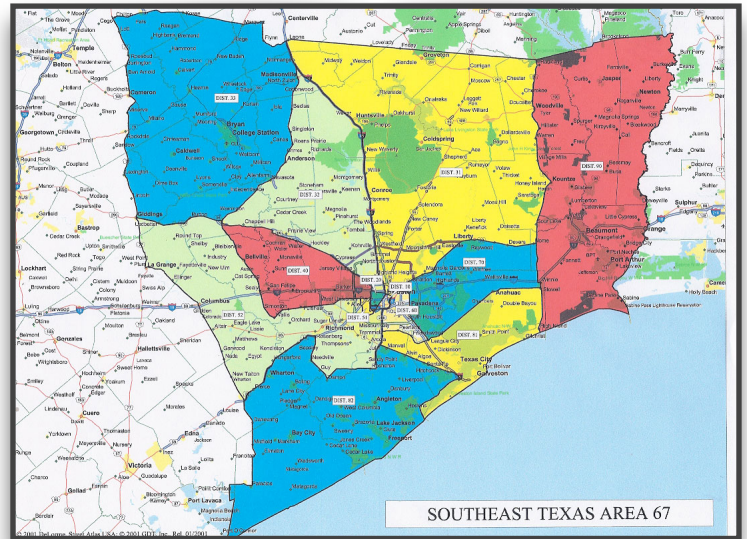
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Our 2022 SETA Convention Chair Debi F gave her final report. And 2023 SETA Convention Chair Annette announced the next one will take place in Beaumont and the planning meetings will be on Zoom.

Tracy stood for the open position of Area Newsletter Editor.

I attended DCM sharing session early, early on Sunday morning! It was quite the enjoyable experience!

The Area Committee meetings met at the assembly for the first time since COVID. I attended the PI Committee meeting since our district has been active in that committee. Our PI Rep, Theresa S is also the PI committee secretary! I just now see a note that I am supposed to submit our exact questions regarding doing Facebook ads. I'm not sure if I know enough to even have a specific question???



The DCM reports are always interesting for me to hear what other districts are doing. Some groups in others districts are hosting ice cream socials, some have a buddy system for GSRs to make plans to stay overnight at assemblies together, several GSRs visit groups with the DCM and I heard there is a Women in Gratitude field trip that takes place!

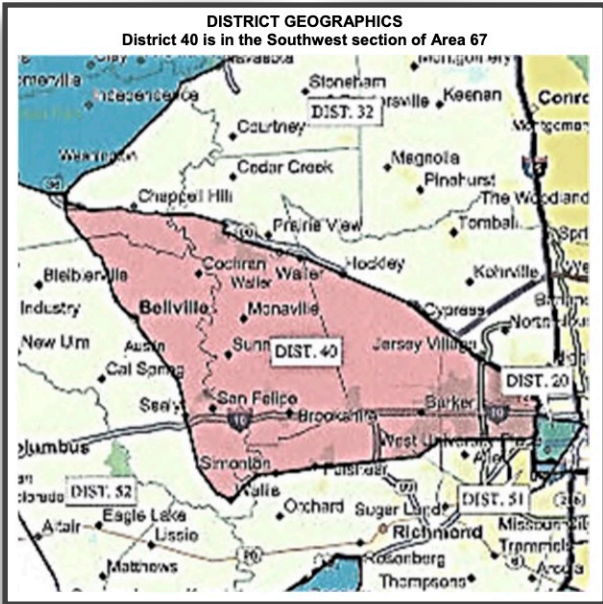
The Area Committee reports were great, I think I'll let our District 40 committee reps give you the good news!

The first two items of the Policy Change motions passed, and the third item failed.

Past Delegate Troy BD is working on the Area Inventory. There is a 6 person committee that plans to visit the Area in July. And visit with districts too!

Area Alt Chair Bella announced we will continue to meet for assemblies at the Double Tree Hotel for 2023 and 2024 and we can bring our own Hybrid equipment!

The notes I listed above were not necessarily in chronological order but never the less, they did happen during the April assembly!



Your Service Family

Doug D., District 40 ALT- DCM

The state convention is coming in June, area assemblies in July and October, and SWRAASA will also be in October this year. When I was new in service I was fortunate that my home group funded the GSR with a night of hotel for area assemblies as is mentioned in the service manual. I found out that others did not have that benefit but were able to team up with others to share a room or a ride.

I know this year, a few others and I are going to carpool over to Austin for the state

convention. We all can help by working together to help others have more access to events. I would suggest that you form friendships and network with others to achieve this. I know some of us are starting to work on our trip to SWRAASA this year in Tulsa. Talk about a road trip but with airfare raising, it seems to be the best option at this point.

I hope this might help everyone in service by asking for help or to help provide it for others. We are all in this fellowship together, as family.



Pamphlet of the Month - April
The Twelve Steps Illustrated
Scan the QR code or [click here](#)

March Treasurer's Report for District 40



Looking for the Treasurer's Report?
Keep digging and expect to find it next month!

Upcoming Events



There is a solution.

Join Us.

Announcing the 75th Anniversary of The Texas State Convention.

Join us for the 75th Anniversary of The Texas State Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous. We have curated amazing speakers from all over the country. Enjoy a weekend of incredible panels, meetings and a fantastic dance party as we celebrate recovery Texas-style. Don't miss this opportunity to mix and mingle with friends in recovery from all over our great state (and country).

Who?

Featuring:
Erica C. from Cambridge, MA
Lillie H. from Portland, ME
Georgia B. from Montrose, CA
Tim R. from Chicago, IL
Bob B. from Minneapolis, MN
Beau B. (GSO Speaker) from Neptune, NJ

When & Where?

June 17-19, 2022
Austin Hilton in Downtown Austin
550 East Fourth Street
Austin, TX 78701



How Do I Register?

Visit our website for full details, agenda and to get your earlybird ticket. We can't wait to get together.

txaaconvention.org/register

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Southwest Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

SWRAASA 2022

Hosted by Area 57

Oct 7 8 9
Tulsa OK
Renaissance Hotel

6808 S. 107th E. Ave. Tulsa, OK 74133
\$124 per night 1-800-264-0265 for reservations
Free Airport Shuttles Available

Visit us at
www.SWRAASA2022.org



\$15 REGISTRATION

Do you have any questions?
SWRAASA2022@GMAIL.COM



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

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SATURDAY
JULY
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[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

Open Positions in District 40 - IT Rep

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

Meeting ID: 824 4810 5482

Passcode: 072830

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natalie.a@aa-seta.org Secretary

Scott.b@aa-seta.org Treasurer

Mailing Address:

District 40

PO Box 19085

Houston, Tx. 77024-9085

Date: March 8, 2022

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Attendees: 29

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

PRE-AMBLE – Natalie A

UNITY DECLARATION - Kevin B.

PI Special Report: Natalia Buvat de Virginy

INTRODUCTIONS – Name/Home Group/Service Position

TRADITION/CONCEPT – Tradition III– Matthew G. / ConceptIII– Thank you both!

Next month – Tradition IV – Theresa S./Concept IV Ed S.

District Inventory Question 9: “ Has enough effort been made to explain to all groups the importance of the GSR?”

DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS

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

Treasurer’s Report – Scott B, (Alt. Ronnie H.)

D40 DCM Report - Jackie S.

Jackie presented a Final Agenda Item regarding a plain language big book per the request of Kris H., Area Delegate. Marcus S. was the recorder.

Alt DCM report – Doug D.

First off, let’s hear from all you GSRs on what date your homegroup came up with?

Last month, I asked y’all to ask your home group what Saturdays in June and July will work for y’all and what weekend will not work all to ask your homegroup on what Saturdays in June and July will work for y’all and what weekend will not work also. Ask about how many people might attend and any questions that y’all may have.

Here were the guild lines:

- Dates blocked due to AA events:
- June 17-19 State convention
- July 9-10 area assembly

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- Time will be reserved from 4 to 7 pm
- We as a district have chosen (3 choices)-
- July 16, 1st
- July 23, 2nd
- July 30, 3rd
- I will contact COTHA and determine if we can rent their hall for traditions dinner on one of these date's traditions dinners.

I will need volunteers to head up sub-committees

- Sub-committees: (Peter and Mitch all-around helper)
- Setup & table decorations: Theresa, Marti, Natalee,
- Cooking: Marcus Snell, Tim C, Kate, Hilton,
 - Marcus: Group donation signup sheet will be made for side items and drinks and will come up with a few recommendations for the main course.
- Greeting/registration: bill A. Gary, matt G, Matthew G,
- Committee reps display: D40 committee reps will have space for display and information.
- 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: will decide in later after date and time is chosen

Flier -- Fernando will make it when we have the date and time locked down.

Next month:

- I will have confirmation from COTHA on date available
- I will have an outlined budget laid out for the traditions dinner.
- We will hear back from sub-committee leads on their progress

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Archives Rep** – Mike B.
- 4 people were in attendance
- The Chair, Mike D, expressed his appreciation to Eddie R, Joel G, Michael B and Chuck S for their work in the Archives Display at the Area Convention.
- Discussion followed regarding the audio and visual quality for the new screen, projector, and sound equipment. The visual and light quality were good. The sound can be improved.
- The Next discussion item was the Spanish translation of AA History in Houston. Eddie said he knew someone who was interested. Eddie will reach out to him. (The History is the one Eddie gave at the District 40 meeting about Larry Jewell and the beginning of AA in Houston. The Spanish translator is a member of Nuevo Commencion.
- Mike D circulated a work copy of the 2022 Archives Committee request to the Districts to give a presentation at their District Meeting. The form to be mailed to the Districts provided a space for the District to indicate the date the District would like the Committee to make the presentation.
- The Archives Committee page on SETA's website: Eddie R reported he had submitted the updated page with photos and related comments to the then Chair on the IT Committee maybe a year and a half ago. Joel G said he would follow up with Michael B about contacting the IT Committee regarding the same.

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- Next Committee Meeting: Committee members bring your laptops. Joel G will present the G Suite.
- Will also be working on distribution of Districts to Committee Members. Will need to work on acquiring group histories we are missing to-date.

In service,

Mike Bolyard

- **CFC Rep** – Marcus S
- The CFC Committee met on February 16th
- Wayne Wight and Springfield Units are starting meetings again
- 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
- Working on adding Spanish language elements to the CFC website
- We received 10 Correspondence letters from incarcerated persons
- CFC Conference Subcommittee will have their first planning session at 630p on March 16th (1/2 hour before the CFC Committee meeting)
- Received \$4,028 in Blue Can contributions for January
- Approved \$3,074.20 in Literature order

CPC Rep – Bill A.

- The Disaster Relief Sub Comm is going to meet with area clubs to verify that they are available to bring meetings into shelters in the event of a disaster and that they have the literature to take into shelters.
- Trustees Committee for CPC is initiating a program to interviewing current or retired military personal to promote AA's outreach to veterans. Also talked about taking meetings to Camp Hope.
- Voted to have CPC Committee at Area Assembly April 10th and 11th

• **Grapevine Rep** – Gary S

Greetings:

Grapevine attempted to meet on February 17th. Only another representative and I met. The Chair did not leave me an agenda to run the meeting. The other rep and I made a goal to get more grapevine representation from other clubs and groups so we can carry the grapevine message. Workshops are still a goal, but we need more grapevine members. One doesn't need to be a gsr to be a member of our committee.

- **IT Rep** – Bree C. – Not Present
- **Houston Intergroup Liaison** – Mitch A.

Intergroup Liaison Report 03/08/2021(Intergroup 02/17 Meeting)

BOOKSTORE

- They are out of stock on hard back Big Books due to AAWS no stock of BB and various other items. Once the HBBB are back in stock they will send out an email blast. Groups and individuals can order by

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phone, email or online bookstore. The five percent case discounts only apply to phone or email orders. December income was \$24,868 and January income was \$17,910.

THE LINK

- The February edition was e-distributed by the first week of the month. The Link is posted on the Intergroup website and can be printed from there. The Link was sent out in 8503 emails with 8134 successful and 2476 opened. Please remind your group members to subscribe.

MEETING CHANGES/DIRECTORIES

- Please remind your group to update their meeting information by email or phone to Intergroup. As of February 1st there were 2036 meetings per week, 578 groups and 330 meeting locations.

CHIP SALES

- Sales analysis for 2020 versus 2021 showed an increase in every category. For example, Desire chips are up at 10,251 from 9,481.

PHONE CALLS TO INERGROUP

- The 2021 calls were down compared to 2020. It could be due to more in person meetings open in 2021. Don't forget to remind your groups that volunteers are always needed to answer the calls from those in need.

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NEW LOCATION

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- During a building code inspection several minor problems were found and all should be fixed by the end of February. Also, the Fire Marshall has the building occupancy at 49. They are working to find a solution to increase that number to make sure they can accommodate larger meetings and workshops. Still working on getting our \$4000.00 deposit back from the old location.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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- The SETA Liaison noted that there were over 1300 attendees at the SETA Convention. Also, the Workshop Events Committee is looking for suggestions for 2022 workshops. Please ask your groups for input.

- **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 A.A. for the Native North American:

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/assets/p-21_aafortheNNA.pdf

- There are approximately four million Native people in the United States and Canada, many still living on reservations and many who have moved to big cities. Wherever they are, alcoholism is a major health problem. It is not unusual for Native North Americans to feel torn between their native culture and the dominant culture. Many turn to alcohol for escape from their problems. Many want to stop drinking and yet cannot — whether by trying to do so in the white man's world or by employing their ancient healing practices.

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- When they got drunk, they were violating their native spiritual teachings. In this pamphlet, men and women, all Native people, share how they gave up drinking. They have found it possible to be A.A. members and still be proud of their rich Native heritage and spiritual teaching. A.A. has a spiritual foundation and respects the spiritual beliefs of each of its members.
- Nothing is forbidden in A.A., not even drinking. There are choices. You will find that Native Americans use various terms when referring to their heritage. Although American Indian remains the most widely used and recognized term, some may use Native, Aborigine, or First Nation People. One woman, a Sioux/Blackfoot with many years of sobriety in A.A., says: "Most of us believe in a Great Spirit.... Well, I didn't have to give up any part of my beliefs when I joined A.A. It was a great relief to find out I could believe in a Higher Power of my choice. I could live in the white man's world, but also retain all of my people's Native traditions, customs, and ceremonies. In fact, A.A. made my beliefs stronger. My joining A.A. didn't restrict me, it gave me more freedom."
- The greatest spiritual law of Native people upholds community over individual effort. A spirit of community is at the heart of Alcoholics Anonymous, too. The stories that follow tell what it was like, how it is now, and how many North American Natives found the "road to happy destiny," or, as it is often referred to, the "red road of recovery."
- **Next Area Literature meeting on Zoom, January 18th, 2022 @ 8:30PM**
- **Newsletter Editor:** Fernando B./ see attached newsletter
- **PI Rep** – Theresa S.
- **March PI Meeting, March 8, 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 the Unity Conference on February 25 -26, in Kurten Tx, right outside of Brian and will have a display set up at Lone Star College's Health Fair March 9, from 10am – 2pm.
- District 40 still has 5 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

OLD BUSINESS:

Theresa S. / PI Rep – PSA Proposal Discussion with possible motion

NEW BUSINESS:

None

RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT : Matt G.

ADJOURN : 9:00pm

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**District 40 Officers and Committee
Representatives**

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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 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