

DISTRICT 40 NEWSLETTER

U N I T Y - R E C O V E R Y - S E R V I C E



Step 1

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol --- that our lives had become unmanageable.

Tradition 1

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Concept 1

Final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA World Services should always reside in the collected conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Welcome ! A word from our New D40 DCM, Doug D!

Here we are at the start of this rotation. I would like to welcome all of the new GSRs to the start of an exciting 2 years of service and to welcome back those that have decided to take on another position and be of service to AA for a little bit longer.

To those new to service at the District and Area level, let me start by thanking you for your willingness to step up into this position. I would also recommend you find a service sponsor. If you have never heard of a service sponsor, they will help you through the 12 traditions and the 12 concepts like your sponsor walked you through the 12 steps. They will also walk you through the structure of AA and be a great resource throughout your journey in the 3rd legacy of AA. There are other resources that you may utilize like the district officers, we will always be here to help you just like those area officers too.

Jan 14-15 is the South East Texas Area Convention and the area assembly does meet both Saturday and Sunday. There will be a GSR workshop on Sunday morning. At every Area Assembly, every 3 months (January, April, July, and October), there will be a GSR workshop to help those new to the position. This one in a few weeks will be out in Beaumont Texas but the other ones this year will be at the doubletree on JFK over by Bush Intercontinental Airport.

Being a GSR, you are the conduit between your home group and the rest of AA. I hope to see each one of yall at our district meeting once a month, area assemblies every quarter, and other AA events during these next few years.

I look forward to the privilege to serve as the DCM of District 40 during this rotation, panel 73.

Doug D

Here's to New Beginnings

New Beginnings

Mike B., District 40 Alt-DCM

Happy New Year District 40! I am looking forward to serving you over the next 2 years as your Alternate District Committee Member. How do I begin about new beginnings? What better way than to talk about the many that will be stumbling through the doors (virtual or physical) of our Homegroups? Some for the first time, and a few of the fortunate that will be returning. What can I do to make sure that the message of Alcoholics Anonymous is carried to those potential alcoholics? For me, it starts with keeping my own house in order, as the Big Book directs me to do. I can't transmit what I don't have. That's why I am excited that our District has decided to move forward with an inventory. I look forward to launching into this new year with each of you! Please let me know how I can help you and your Homegroup to better carry out our Primary Purpose.

Through love & service,
Mike

A Declaration of Unity

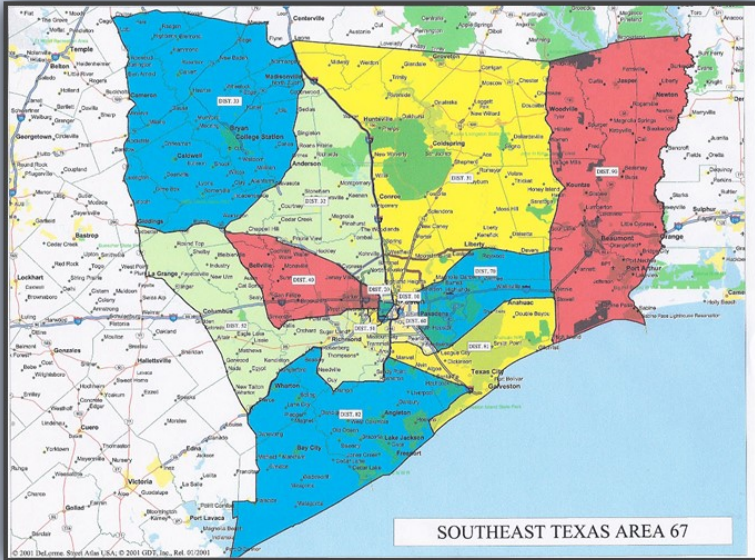
This we owe to A.A.'s future:
To place our common welfare first;
To keep our Fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives,
And the lives of those to come.



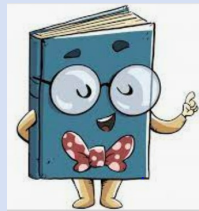
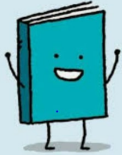
Next District 40 meeting
Tuesday February 14th
7-9 pm
Google Meet



Who are We? —Area #67 and District #40 - See Boundaries below



LITERATURE CORNER



PAMPHLET OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER
"A NEWCOMER ASKS"
Scan the QR code or [click here](#)





UPCOMING EVENTS!
We aren't a Glum Lot p132

Please forward all future events & flyers to

Sara.a@aa-seta.org

60TH ANNUAL SETA CONVENTION
 JANUARY 13th, 14th & 15th 2023 - Beaumont, Texas
 "New World Come to View!" Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 12
 Registration Closes Dec 30th, 2022




Registration - \$15.00
 Pre-Registration - \$15.00
 AI-Anon Pre-Registration - \$15.00
 Virtual Attendance - \$10.00
 *Admission/Child - Free (Must have permission slip)

Friday - January 13th 9PM AI-Anon Speaker - TBD 10PM - Spanish Speaker - TBD Saturday - January 14th 9AM - AI-Anon Speaker - TBD 10:30AM - CTO Speaker - TBD 1:00PM - AI-Anon Speaker - TBD 1:30PM - TBD	Saturday - January 14th (continued) 1:00PM - CTC Speaker - TBD 4:30PM Spanish Speaker - TBD 7:30PM - Sobriety Countdown and Speaker - TBD 9:30PM - Entertainment & Dance Sunday - January 15th 11AM - AI-Anon Speaker - TBD
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Hotel: MCM Elegance Hotel - 2395 E. 10th, Beaumont, TX 77707 Hotel room rate is TBD per night. Hotel cut-off date is TBD. To reserve your room, please call 409-842-5400 and mention the SETA Convention. Limited rooms are available... so please reserve your rooms early.

Note: Most attendees like to hold conferences/conventions. In AA, a conference/convention is an important opportunity to share the AA experience in a broad way. There are many AA conference/conventions held around the world. One common misconception of these gatherings is that they are AA meetings, and since there are no dues or fees for AA membership, there should be no fee to attend these events. Conferences/conventions are special events, not regular AA meetings. The conference/convention requires months of planning, preparation, and money to present. Since most events are in hotels/convention centers, the hotel/convention center will require that the group purchase coffee and food. Other expenses include travel and lodging for conference/convention, speakers, printing, postage and other supplies. A large event requires a substantial amount of money. Attendance at a conference/convention is voluntary, attending in part of a group is optional, but as a responsible AA member we must get our own way.

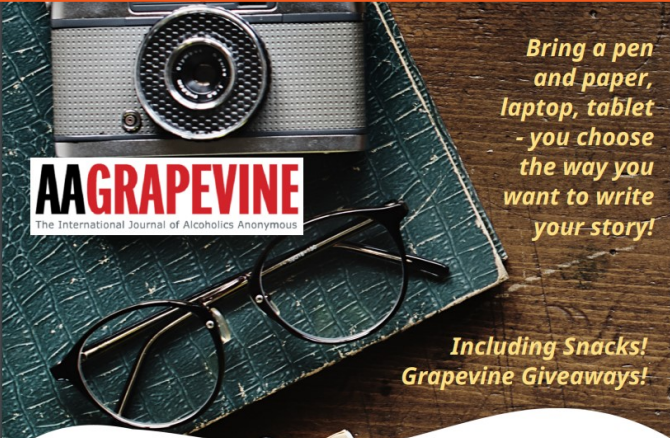
Mail to: SETA Convention
 C/O Julian Lightfoot
 6400 Washington Blvd
 Beaumont, TX 77707

Convention Registration Code 
 Hotel Booking Code 

Name(s) _____ AA: _____ AI-Anon _____ Alates _____
 Home Group _____ Budget Name _____
 Name(s) _____ AA: _____ AI-Anon _____ Alates _____
 Home Group _____ Budget Name _____
 Email Address _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____

*Early Registration (\$15.00) Qty _____ On-Site Registration (\$15.00) Qty _____
 Coffee Badge (\$5.00 Each) Qty _____ Scholarship _____
 Please accept my donation of _____
 Total amount enclosed _____
 *Name: Onsite registration \$15.00

Please indicate Special Needs: _____



AA GRAPEVINE
 The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

Bring a pen and paper, laptop, tablet - you choose the way you want to write your story!


Including Snacks! Grapevine Giveaways!

SETA Area 67
 District 31 / Spring Group Presents
AA GRAPEVINE WRITING WORKSHOP
 Sunday, February 12, 2023
 12pm - 3pm
 24307 Aldine Westfield Rd
 Spring, TX 77373
 For further info contact leslie.s@aa-seta.org
Learn how you can share your experience, strength and hope through writing stories that you can submit to AA Grapevine (our "Meeting in Print")

COFFEE CORNER:
 Hey District 40—This is OUR newsletter—Please share & submit your favorite stories, jokes, pictures, experience, strength and hope to make it inspiring, informative or just for some good clean fun!!!
 Email sara.a@aa-seta.org



It's not procrastinating if you're drinking coffee,



it's "procaffinating".

AN IPHONE AND A FIREWORK WERE ARRESTED ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

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One was charged and the other was let off.

November Treasurer's Report 2022

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							\$ 20.20		\$ 8.60	\$ 2.60			\$ 31.40
Bunkerhill Tuesday A.A. Group			\$ 147.00										\$ 147.00
Chapelwood Tues 8pm		\$ 90.45						\$ 343.00					\$ 433.45
Colors of Change Group			\$ 55.50										\$ 55.50
Copperfield Willingness Group		\$ 147.00											\$ 147.00
Daily Reflections Group						\$ 7.53			\$ 5.00				\$ 12.53
Drifter's Group (000606304)													\$ -
Everything is "Alright Already"										\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00
First Light Group													\$ -
Four Horsemen Group		\$ 58.00		\$ 17.38									\$ 75.38
Fourth Promise Group													\$ -
Fry Road Group		\$ 80.00			\$ 100.00			\$ 150.00			\$ 140.00		\$ 470.00
Friends of Bill W. (Post Oak)	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 150.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 600.00
Friends of Bill W. (West Houston CC)													\$ -
Fulshear Group													\$ -
God Meeting Group						\$ 72.00							\$ 72.00
Good Morning Open Book Study Group							\$ 31.30						\$ 31.30
High Hopes									\$ 8.00				\$ 8.00
Hockley Group	\$ 45.00												\$ 45.00
Houston Young People													\$ -
Journey Group		\$ 14.24	\$ 12.89				\$ 14.41			\$ 11.63			\$ 53.17
Just For Today	\$ 120.80												\$ 120.80
Just The Black Print Group													\$ -
Katy 12 & 12	\$ 134.31	\$ 52.19		\$ 141.90			\$ 51.49	\$ 338.95	\$ 48.99	\$ 51.81			\$ 819.64
Katy 164 Group													\$ -
Katy Big Book													\$ -
Katy Crossroads Group	\$ 25.80		\$ 40.20			\$ 40.00			\$ 40.00				\$ 146.00
Katy Primary Purpose Group													\$ -
Kingsland Group													\$ -
Living Now Group													\$ -
Memorial Going Home Group	\$ 43.35			\$ 77.40			\$ 53.00			\$ 75.37			\$ 249.12
Memorial West Group													\$ -
Monaville Group													\$ -
Monday Night Men's Supper/Step Study											\$ 100.73		\$ 100.73
New Beginnings Group													\$ -
New Oxford Group													\$ -
Our Common Journey Group (Closed in 2017)								\$ 223.60					\$ 223.60
Outpost Group (Men's)				\$ 125.00					\$ 200.00				\$ 325.00
Peek Road Group													\$ -
Primary Purpose Group - SGS							\$ 192.77						\$ 192.77
Rooted in Love Group													\$ -
Rosewood Thursday Night Group								\$ 227.25					\$ 227.25
Rule 62 Group	\$ 49.00			\$ 46.38			\$ 49.54			\$ 48.65			\$ 193.57
Sage-Piney Point													\$ -
Sage-Piney Point Noon Tuesday		\$ 8.78		\$ 118.04			\$ 30.00						\$ 156.82
Saturday Solutions Group		\$ 35.00	\$ 19.60				\$ 19.30			\$ 26.80			\$ 100.70
Simply AA													\$ -
Sisters in Serenity	\$ 25.00												\$ 25.00
Sober in Brookshire													\$ -
So Far So Good Group													\$ -
Spring Shadows Group													\$ -
Spring Shadows Group													\$ -
Stepping Stones in Recovery Katy													\$ -
Steps in Sobriety													\$ -
Taking Care of Business													\$ -
Tuesday Night Step Study					\$ 68.25			\$ 47.83					\$ 116.08
There is a Solution Group							\$ 74.78						\$ 74.78
36 Principles Group													\$ -
Wednesday Reflections													\$ -
Westchase Nooners								\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00		\$ 160.00
West Memorial													\$ -
Wild West Group	\$ 22.87			\$ 83.49			\$ 79.38			\$ 90.50			\$ 276.24
Working With Others		\$ 200.00									\$ 130.00		\$ 330.00
White Oak													\$ -
Unknown			\$ 10.00										\$ 10.00
TOTAL:	\$ 516.13	\$ 785.66	\$ 335.19	\$ 609.59	\$ 318.25	\$ 112.00	\$ 623.70	\$ 1,480.63	\$ 360.59	\$ 457.36	\$ 480.73	\$ -	\$ 6,079.63

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DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location:

ZOOM
Meeting ID: 824 4810 5482
Passcode: 072830

Saved to this PC [org](#) DCM
[www.orgamseca.org](#) Alt. DCM
[natalie.a@aa-seta.org](#) Secretary
[ronnie.h@aa-seta.org](#) Treasurer

Mailing Address:

District 40
PO Box 19085
Houston, Tx. 77024-9085

Date: Nov. 8, 2022
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Attendees: 32

Announcement: Betsy G. has passed away

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

PRE-AMBLE –Denis K.

UNITY DECLARATION – Mike B.

INTRODUCTIONS – Name/Home Group/Service Position

Welcome: Visitor Mark K. – past delegate Louisiana

TRADITION/CONCEPT – Tradition XI – Dawson P. / Concept XI – Mike B.

Thank you!

Next Month: Tradition XII – Jeff H./ Concept XII – Cecily J.

Secretary’s Report – Natalie A., (Alt. Ed S.) accepted as “Best Recollection” (notes lost)

Treasurer’s Report – Ronnie H., (Alt. Eugenie C.) accepted

Proposed D40 Budget 2023 accepted as adjusted

GSR/GENERAL SHARING SESSION:

Farrah shares her experience – Natalie commented

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Archives Rep – Mike B. Submitted in newsletter
- CFC Rep – Marcus S. Also submitted in newsletter
- CPC Rep – Bill A. – Not Present

- Grapevine Rep – open

- IT Rep – Peggy A.
- Houston Intergroup Liaison – Mitch A. gave report – tax free day December 10th
- Literature Rep – Dan K. report submitted to newsletter
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- Newsletter Editor: Fernando B./ absent
- PI Rep – Theresa S.
- TFC Rep – Matt. G gave report

Old Business:

Volunteers for Ad Hoc committee concerning Hybrid meeting

Doug. D., Mike B., Theresa S., Melanie G., Chloe, Matt. G., Dawson P.

New Business:

Motion to revise Alt Secretary Job description to include updating roster – Passed

Grapevine Rep – open

Mike B proposes motion as follows

I would like to submit new business concerning the old business for District Inventory. – DCM agreed

Background:

On our October 4, 2022 District meeting, we had one possible facilitator presented to conduct our District Inventory, which was voted for on our September 6, 2022 District Meeting. The District voted to not proceed with the presented facilitator. The DCM asked the District to bring possible facilitators to the next regularly scheduled District Meeting, which is November 8, 2022, and to send that information to the DCM & Alt-DCM.

It was decided, without a District vote, to hold a special meeting outside of the regularly scheduled and attended District meeting. A separate Zoom account was also purchased for this. The purpose given for this special meeting was to vote for a facilitator and determine whether the inventory would be virtual, face to face or hybrid. The reasoning given was because we had too much District business to do before the EOY to fit in this District business.

Two of the four possible facilitators were invited to the regularly scheduled, attended and agreed upon District meeting to introduce themselves to the District, for the district to make an informed decision on the facilitator for the District inventory. It is unclear if the other two have even been approached to determine their willingness to facilitate the District inventory.

Motion: Passed

Table the business of determining the facilitator and medium of the District Inventory until the January and possibly running over into the February District Meeting(s).

Motion: Denied by DCM initially - I appealed the DCM's decision, it was seconded and passed

Hold District Inventory a month after the final votes for facilitator and medium are concluded, separate from the regularly scheduled District meeting, final date to be determined in the January or

February District meeting(s).

Passed initially, minority opinion heard, failed second time

Respectfully submitted in service,

Mike Bolyard

GSR PPG-SCS

D40 Archives Rep

SETA Alt Archives Chair

DCM REPORT: Jackie S. emailed to secretary because of interruptions during meeting

November 2022 DCM Report

Next month is the last month of this 2 year term. May I suggest that everyone holding incoming and outgoing service positions, please coordinate the transition of duties. Some of us have physical items that are owned by D40 that need to be passed on. I plan to do this at the hybrid meeting in December that Doug will be speaking about in a minute. Another thing I plan to pass on at the hybrid meeting is the GSC Final Reports that have arrived recently. In the past the Final Reports include many interesting items such as the Keynote Address, the Conference Advisory Actions, how many pieces of each Literature was distributed and many other things. I think there should be enough for you to take several to share with your home group!

Jackie S

Alt DCM report – Doug D.

The December District 40 will be held in a Hybrid format. The Physical location will be at the B373 Club. In the past, we made it a potluck kind of holiday party. It has always been a great way to fellowship and I know we have been on zoom these past 2 years but seeing everyone in person would be great. This is where the current position holder can pass the items to the new incoming servant for D40. We will also be handing out the final reports from the GSC 2022.

The Special District 40 Meeting on Nov 22nd 2022, the email will be sent out to resend this and push it to the new business of the January D40 meeting.

in service,

Doug D.

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RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT .

ADJOURN : 9:00pm

**2023 District 40
Officers and Committee Representatives**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>
DCM	Doug D.	Doug.d@aa-seta.org
Alt DCM	Mike B	Mike.b@aa-seta.org
Secretary	Theresa S	Theresa.s@aa-seta.org
Alt Secretary	Chloe	
Treasurer	Ronnie H	Ronnie.h@aa-seta.org
Alt Treasurer	Evan L	
Archives	OPEN	
Newsletter Editor	Sara A	sara.a@aa-seta.org
Grapevine Rep	OPEN	
IT Rep	Peggy A	
Literature Rep	Carol F	carol.f@aa-seta.org
CFC Rep	OPEN	
Intergroup Rep	Fernando B	Fernando.b@aa-seta.org
CPC Rep	OPEN	
PI Rep	OPEN	
TFC	Matt G	matt.g@aa-seta.org

AREA 67 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee	Meeting Date & Time	Location
Archives	2nd Sunday of the Month 1pm	Zoom ID: 858-6157-6627 Passcode: 423970 Houston Intergroup 5151 Mitcheldale St, HTX 77092 Conference Room
CPC - Cooperation with the Professional Community	1st Monday of the Month 7:30p	Zoom ID: 632-634-860 Passcode: 153379
CFC - Correctional Facilities	3rd Wednesday of the Month 7:30p	Zoom ID: 4772549035 Passcode: heartbeat Houston Intergroup 5151 Mitcheldale St, HTX 77092 Conference Room
Grapevine	3rd Thursday of the Month 7:30p	Zoom ID: 114 207 273 Passcode: 610793
Intergroup (Delegate's Meeting)	3rd Thursday Every Other Month 8p	Zoom Call (786)686-6300 for more info
IT - Internet Technologies	4th Saturday of the Month 10am	Google Meet: ID: nqm-vypy-yao
Multi-Lingual	1st Thursday of the Month 7:30p	District 66 4800 5645 Hillcroft Suite 410 HTX, 77036
Literature	3rd Tuesday of the Month 8:30p	Zoom ID: 257 198 925 Passcode: 443980
PI - Public Information	4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30p	Zoom ID: 330 417 285 Passcode: 153379
TFC - Treatment Facility Committee	15th Day of Every Month 7p	Zoom ID: 552 569 731 Passcode: 169753