DISTRICT 40 NEWSLETTER

UNITY - RECOVERY - SERVICE

<u>Step 5</u>

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 that still suffers.

Concept 5

Throughout our world services 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.





What was your DCM doing this past month?

I would like to thank Rick O. from Bear Creek Fellowship for inviting me out to their Group Conscience in April with Rick M, our delegate. We attended the meeting before the GC and it was an awesome Traditions meeting! I do love a good tradition meeting, I still think we need more of them. It is good to see a group involved in their business to make sure they will be there for the next suffering alcoholic to walk in the doors as we all did on that day we started down the path of recovery.

It was good to start to get out to the groups in the district. I am still working on getting a current list of registered and non-registered groups in the District. GSO has 169 on its list and Intergroup's list is of all the meetings in the meeting finder. That one will take more time to strip down since most groups have more than one meeting. I see it as one of the tasks I get to work on during my rotation to get more of the Dark groups to get involved in the structure of AA and all Three Legacies. That is my wish but I will be happy with just reaching out to them and seeing if they need anything. As we all know that most AAs don't like to be told what to do but at least I can start the process. Just like meeting a newcomer, it is my privilege to plant a seed of what AA can do for a person, family, or group.

The lottery for a trip to SW Regional Forum in my place is gaining names by the day. It is good to see so many that would love the opportunity to go and experience it firsthand and report back on what they learned. Mike B and Theresa S will be drawing for this at our May D40 meeting. I am excited to see who wins. Once that is done the arrangements can be made for travel and hotel. I hope they find the fight that everyone else from the Houston area will be on. It was fun going to SWRAASA last year and seeing everyone you see at assemblies walking through the turnstiles at the airport heading down the same way towards the fight. I am not sure what Bill meant by "you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny". It was good to sit and talk with everyone before, during, and after the flight. You can also see if others want to share an UBER or get a ride from someone that has a rental car.

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Primary Purpose

Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. – Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions Pg 150

Tradition five is <u>one</u> of my favorites, and since it's the fifth month, I figured I would write a little on it.

The long form in the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (Pg 190) is: Five—Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity *having but one primary purpose*—that of

carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

I thought it was trivial when I got sober and was first introduced to our basic text (Alcoholics Anonymous), but thanks to good sponsorship, I was encouraged to understand what I was reading. This was done by using a dictionary and other literature aids. It was pointed out to me Bill's use of the em dash. It can create emphasis or be used to end a thought and begin a new one. Something closely related to this tradition is this statement in Alcoholics Anonymous (Pg 58-59)

"Remember that we deal with alcohol-cunning, baffling, powerful!"

This one was used for emphasis. What do we deal with? Alcohol. What are its features? Cunning, baffling, powerful! We don't deal with anything else. What is the ingredient necessary to be an alcoholic? Its in the name. **This is what we're good at.** I may, personally, know a lot about a lot of things. But that is not what I am called to do in the 12th step. Carry **this** message to alcoholics. What is the message? The message our basic text, Alcoholics Anonymous, carries. This <u>includes</u> the spiritual program of action outlined in our twelve steps. The group is the spiritual entity with which the message can be carried. Not my mess, the message. That's the emphasis here in this tradition—carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Whether newcomer, middle timer or old timer, the qualification here is the **alcoholic** that is still suffering.

As always, please let me know how I can be of service to your group in better carrying out our primary purpose!

Love through service, Mike B – Alt DCM District 40



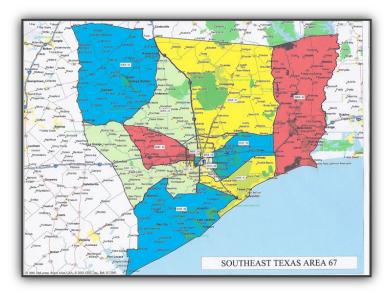
What Is AA's Primary Purpose?



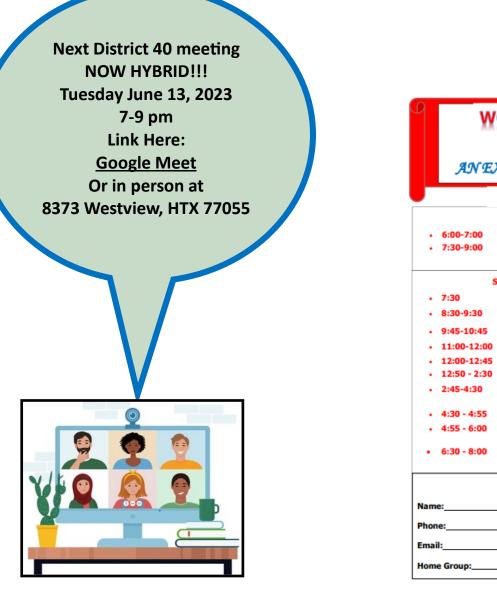
"Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose – that of carrying it's message to the alcoholic who still suffers."



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







WORKING WITH OTHERS MAY 19-20, 2023 AN EXPERIENCE YOU MUST NOT MISS Mens Sponsorship Workshop Friday May 19 Location Food & Fellowship OB S. **Dunbar Park Pavilion** Sponsorship Panel Paul M 803 FM 2004 Lake Jackson, TX 77566 Saturday May 20 Breakfast Jim Ed Spiritual Discussion Curtis Bring your favorite Chair, macky towely Ask It Basket Rick M y Coat& **BB** Prayers 1im Ed kie, flashlight, Lunch Rick M quíto spray, etc. BB Prayer discussion Jim Ed St. Francis Prayer Fred & Weekend Fee: \$40.00 Gary Please RSVP and pay your Welcome Families weekend fee ASAP Family Afterward Ron & Weekend fee will cover food Karen for the weekend and facility **Family Dinner** Jim fee. If you cannot afford the registration fee, please get with your sponsor so arrangements can be made. Registration We want you to attend! RSVP to Andy H andy harr@vahoo.com Steve C scsaltlife59@gmail.com

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AAGRAPEVINI

SATURDAY MAY 20, 2023 1:30-4:30 PM

Giveaways! Food! Fellowship! Fun!

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SETA DISTRICT 70 PRESENTS

The 2023 Spring GRAPEVIN

resources should be an essential part of our sober lifestyle. Learn how to ize, AND CONTRIBUTE to this rich resource, and bring your program into the HERE and NOW!

UP THE STREET CLUB 17400 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 800 WEBSTER, TEXAS 77058

upthestreetclub.org

Learn how to:

- · Write your story
- · Submit your story
- Become a Grapevine Representative
- Utilize Grapevine web resources
- Get involved with Grapevine
- · Carry the Message

Wi-Fi available. Bring your tablet or laptop.



76th Annual Texas State AA Convention

San Antonio, Texas

June 9 - 11, 2023

"The age of miracles is still with us. Our own recovery proves that!"

Registration Fee: \$30.00 at the door; early online registration \$25.00

Scheduled AA Speakers

Willard M. Austin, TX Gary K. Sulphur Springs, TX Tisa B. Sheep Springs, NM Jackie K. Granbury, TX Chris R. Ingram, TX Old Timers Panel Texas Panel 71 and 72, Delegates G.S.O.: Jimmy D. Dallas, TX Al-Anon: Stephanie B. Granite Shoals, TX

Hotel Information

The Westin San Antonio North 9821 Colonnade Boulevard San Antonio, Texas 78230 210-691-8888 Room Rates \$125 - \$145 Booking Code: (Texas State AA Convention

UPCOMING EVENTS: We are not a Glum Lot



Spring Group is Hosting

Women's Sponsorship Workshop

Sunday, June 4, 2023 24307 Aldine Westfield Rd, Spring, Tx 77373

1pm to 5pm



How to be a sponsor and sponsee, along with a panel for questions & answers. Come out for fun, food (feel free to bring food to share) and fellowship! R.S.V.P. with Jennifer C. at jennifer.cr@aa-seta.org



TEMPORARY CONTACTS

July 31st ugust 20th

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September 8th - 10th 2023

Sheraton North Houston 15700 John F Kennedy Blvd Houston TX 77032

Hosted by Area 67 Southeast Texas

For hotel reservations call Reservations at 1-281-442-5100 Refer to Group BTGWW for special workshop rate of \$89 plus tax

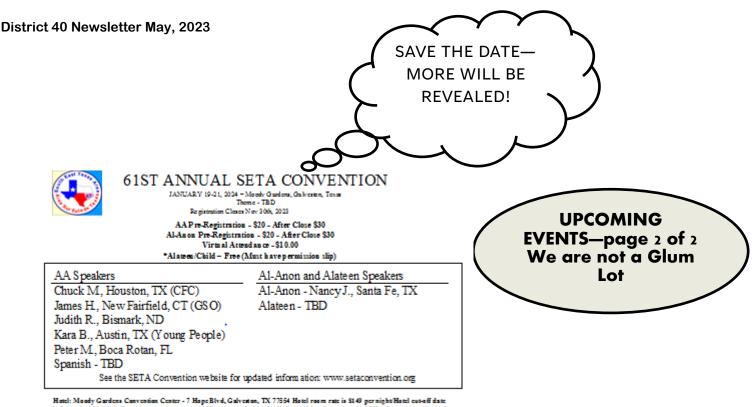
The Annual Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend consists of presentations, discussions, shared experiences, and breakout sessions on BTG topics. Go to btgww.org for online registration and more information about Bridging the Gap and the workshop

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I am willing to give a presentation on the following topic:

Accommodations-Special Needs?

Return registration form and check to: BTGWW, 2107 Watson Ave St. Paul MN 55116 Any questions contact Laura S. at (612) 309-8385 or email coordinator@btgww.



in December 29, 2023. To reserve your room, seas (OR code or please call 409-741-8484 and mention the SETA Convention. Limited rooms are available... so please reserve your rooms carly.

MAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE TEST YOUR AA KNOWLEDGE!

Across in ch 4 of the big book. what were we lacking, that is our dilemma? 5. who is chapter 8 in the big book written to? step 4 involves writing this someone who guides 4. where we share our you through the steps, experience, strength and traditions or concepts hope and close with the Down 1. what kind of chip do we Lords prayer give someone on their 1st day in AA 2. who is chapter 10 in the big book written about? 3. what are at the end of step 9

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MARCH Treasurer's Report 2023 Pg 1

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EXPENSES		Initial Approved Budget	Approved Budget Changes		Revised Approved Budget		xpense This Month	Y	'ear to Date Expenses		% Year to Date
DCM	\$	925		\$	925	\$	-	\$	257.70		28%
Alt. DCM	\$	900		\$	900	\$	-	\$	227.70		25%
Secretary / Copying	\$	150		\$	150	\$	-	\$	-		
Treasurer	\$	75		\$	75	\$	-	\$	-		
Newsletter	\$	100		\$	100	\$	-	\$	-		
PO Box	\$	160		\$	160	\$	-	\$	-		
Literature Committee	\$	175		\$	175	\$	-	\$	-		
PI	\$	560		\$	560	\$	-	\$	-		
Grapevine	\$	50		\$	50	\$	-	\$	-		
CFC	\$	50		\$	50	\$	-	\$	-		
TFC	\$	75		\$	75	\$	-	\$	-		
Archives Committee	\$	50		\$	50	\$	-	\$	-		
GSO 2022 Contribution	\$	732		\$	732	\$	-	\$	731.98		100%
Intergroup 2022 Contribution	\$	366		\$	366	\$	-	\$	365.99		100%
SETA 2022 Contribution	\$	366		\$	366	\$	-	\$	365.99		100%
IT Committee	\$	50		\$	50	\$	-	\$	-		
Miscellaneous	\$	300		\$	300	\$	15.00	\$	71.00	5%	24%
Gratitude Dinner - Food	\$	-		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
Fellowship Fest	\$	-		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
Traditions Dinner	\$	1,300		\$	1,300	\$	-	\$	-		
Service Workshop	\$	300		\$	300	\$	-	\$	-		
SWRAASA (Even Years)	\$	-		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
The Forum (Odd Years) See Note	\$	1,900		\$	1,900	\$	-	\$	-		
Delegate Report Meeting	\$	-		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
State Convention Hospitality Suite	\$	-		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
SETA Hospitality - District 40	\$	300		\$	300	\$	-	\$	400.00		133%
TOTAL	\$	8,884	\$-	\$	8,883.96	\$	15.00	\$	2,420.36	0%	27%

INCOME		
Group Name	An	nount (\$)
Colors of Change Group	\$	49.21
Everything is "Alright Already"	\$	25.00
Friends of Bill W. (Post Oak)	\$	50.00
Hockley Group	\$	45.00
Journey Group	\$	24.58
Katy 12 & 12	\$	52.20
Outpost Group (Men's)	\$	219.00
Rosewood Thursday Night Group	\$	60.80
Event Donations		
Traditions Dinner Donations		
Gratitude Dinner Donations		
State Conv - Hospitality Suite		
SETA -Hospitality Suite		
Delegate Report Contribution		
Fellowship Fest		
Total Income this Month	\$	525.79

Beginning Bank Balance	\$ 2,739.50
Total Expenses this Month	\$ 15.00
Total Income this Month	\$ 525.79
Prudent Reserve (0.25 x Budget)	\$ 1,855.00
leld for SETA Hospitality	\$ -
Inrestricted Funds	\$ 1,395.29
Ending Balance / Total Funds	\$ 3,250.29
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SELF-SUPPORT

The Seventh Tradition states that Alcoholics Anonymous is self-supporting through our own contributions. The contributions help to cover the group's expenses. But the Seventh Tradition is more than simply paying for rent and other group expenses. It is both a privilege and a responsibility of individual groups and members to ensure that our organization, at every level, remains forever self-supporting and free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose.

The monetary amount of each contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that joins us in unity with A.A. groups around the world.

Service Material from the General Service Office

Self-Support Facts

Does G.S.O. handle all the contributions that come from the Fellowship?

While members and groups often use the phrase "contributing to G.S.O.," contributions are actually made to the General Service Board, which is responsible for all Seventh Tradition contributions. The G.S.B. accepts contributions and uses them to help pay for services to the Fellowship that are carried out by employees of the two affiliate corporations working at the General Service Office.

Seventh Tradition contributions do not cover all costs of services; the shortfall is made up with literature sales.

Contributions may be made by check or credit card, using the contribution envelope. Make checks payable to the General Service Board and send to:

> General Service Office P.O. Box 2407 James A. Farley Station New York, NY 10116-2407

(Please write your group number on the check)

Online contributions may be made by credit card. Additionally, members or groups can set up recurring contributions that will automatically charge their credit card either monthly, quarterly or annually. Click on the A.A. Member Contributions Online icon on www.aa.org.

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Colors of Change Group	<u> </u>		 		\$	49.21										\$ 49.21
Copperfield Willingness Group	 		+		-	12.21							+	<u> </u>		\$ -
Daily Reflections Group			+										<u> </u>			\$.
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First Light Group			+			20.00										\$ -
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Outpost Group (Men's)					\$ 2	219.00										\$ 219.00
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Primary Purpose Group - SGS																\$-
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Rosewood Thursday Night Group	\$	184.00			\$	60.80										\$ 244.80
Rule 62 Group	\$	50.00														\$ 50.00
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MARCH 2023—Meeting Minutes Pg 1

DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location:

Google Meet

https://meet.google.com/scf-xndv-uoe

doug.d@aa-seta.org DCM mike.b@aa-seta.org Alt. DCM theresa.s@aa-seta.org Secretary District 40 PO Box 19085 Houston, Tx. 77024-9085

Mailing Address:

ronnie.h@aa-seta.org Treasurer

Date: March 14, 2023 **Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Attendees: 31

Call to Order - 7:00 pm, Doug D.

SERENITY PRAYER- Doug D.

PREAMBLE: Ronnie H.

UNITY DECLARATION: Mike B.

INTRODUCTIONS - Name/Home Group/Service Position

SPECIAL GUEST: Delegate Rick M., and Alt. Delegate Christina S.

Rick's purpose at this meeting was to solicit feedback from groups and committees concerning Agenda Items for the 73rd General Service Conference which will be held in New York the week of April 24-29, 2023. The

following are the instructions he gave to GSRs and DCMs to use when reviewing the agenda items:

- Have your group/committee review the conference agenda and pick three items (or more if you so desire) that are important to your group/committee and have a thorough discussion of these items.
- Using the provided feedback form, let me know if the group/committee agrees or disagree with the item.
- · Include any comments in the comments section you feel are pertinent and/or informative.
- The form is fillable, so you can save it and fill it out electronically. Then email it to me or
- · Print it out and fill in by hand. Either scan it and email it or send me a photo of it.

Rick would like to have this information before April 24 if possible. A note from Rick: I truly appreciate your time and consideration in this matter. Thank you for your participation in the Conference process.

Clarification concerning the 5th edition of the Big Book versus the Plain Language Translation Big Book: The 4th edition of the Big Book was published in 2000 and typically AA does another edition around every twenty years or so. The 5th edition Big Book will contain the original "first 164 pages" unchanged except for some statistics about membership and it will contain a new Forward. The goal is to release this book at the 2025 International Conference.

The Plain Language Big Book was voted in by the 71st GSC. This book is being written for a reader with a fifth grade reading comprehension and the writing has been in progress for two years. At the 73rd GSC, each Delegate will have one hour to review the new Forward, The Doctor's Opinion, and the first six chapters. This will be done in a secluded room with no electronics allowed. During the 73rd GSC, the entire Conference will get to vote 1) Approve, 2) Not Approve, OR 3) Send it back to Trustees for further review.

Just as an FYI, a subcommittee of three trustees (Jimmy D. is the Chair) have been meeting with the translators every two weeks.

Question: Is the Plain Language Book being written to compete with other publishing companies that are writing plain language books? No

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Question/Statement: AA has been allowing other publishers to write our history books. I think it is more important to write our own history book instead of the Plain Language Book. Rick's reply: Good idea, maybe good idea for the 74th GCS.

Question: How much has already been spent on the Plain Language Book and what is the completed cost? Rick: I don't know.

Discussion of Resignation of the Chairman of the Board, Linda Chezem:

Rick: "Two Trustees asked for the resignation before the regular meeting. Ms. Chezem went to her room. The two Trustees typed a letter of resignation, took it to her room, where she signed it and 2/3s of the Board Members voted to accept it.

Question: Was one of the Trustees the Treasurer? Yes

TRADITION/CONCEPT : Tradition II and III – Daniel. / Concept II and III – Melanie Not done this month due to lack of time.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Theresa S., (Alt. OPEN) accepted as presented. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ronnie H, (open) accepted as presented.

DCM REPORT: Doug D -

D40 Inventory:

We are still currently compiling all the answers that were sent in and those additional items gathered at the District Inventory meeting. Once it is finished, I will send it out in the next D40 mail out.

GSC Agenda Items

I have not heard back from any of our GSRs on agenda items that your group wanted to discuss. I have selected a few and one I am sure to bring up some debate over the plain language version on Big Book 4th edition.

April SETA Area assembly

Location: book your room if you still need one with the link below.

DoubleTree Hotel Houston Intercontinental Airport

15747 John F Kennedy Blvd, Houston, TX 77573

Book room: https://group.doubletree.com/5x2w4a

Remote: ZOOM Participants ONLY Must Register Online for April 2023 Assembly

Go to http://aa-seta.org/agenda/index.shtml

Quick Schedule:

Saturday

A new GSR Workshop, an Advanced GSR Workshop and a Spanish GSR Workshop will be held at 8:30 a.m.

- The Area Assembly will take place at 9:45 a.m.
- Roundtable Discussions 2:30 p.m.
- Speaker Meeting: Patrick C. Past Delegate Panel 63 7:45 p.m.
 Sunday
- The Area Assembly will take place at 8:30 a.m.

I hope to see all of you there. This is where you get to vote and represent your home groups' voice in AA. If weather permits, we usually go over next store for Chinese food for lunch on Saturday.

ALT DCM REPORT: Mike B. - GSRs and Alt-GSRs, as always please let me know how I can best serve you and your homegroup, so that we can carry out our primary purpose.

As stated in my submission for the newsletter, the District Inventory went great. It was great because of your participation and Wayne's facilitation. Thank you again to everyone who participated! I am looking forward to seeing the district's considerations addressed. Willingness without action is fantasy.

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Speaking of, there was a topic that was brought up a few times that caught my attention at the District Inventory. If you would like to see your Group put on a function for the District, focused on the 12 Concepts, please see me and we'll see what we can come up with. I would love to be of service.

The SETA Assembly is coming up April 1st – 2nd! No, it's not an April Fool's joke. Let your Groups know. Your Group's voice and presence are important! The round tables at the Assemblies are opportunities to hear different perspectives throughout SETA on different topics affecting AA and maybe even your group. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you for letting me be of service! Through love and service, Mike

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Archives Rep: Lillian K. absent
- CFC Rep: (Correctional Facilities Committee) OPEN

CPC Rep: Eric C – The committee discussed two agenda items at their last meeting; "A Members Eye-View of AA" and the CPC Workbook.

- Grapevine Rep: OPEN
- IT Rep: Peggy A Nothing to report at this time.

Houston Intergroup Liaison: Fernando – Bookstore hours are 9-5, M-F, they will be closed Good Friday. The group elected two new Board Members. Kelly is leaving Intergroup. Intergroup reported that they sold 200 more One Year Chips this year than in 2022.

Literature Rep: Carol F. - Literature Report for February 2023

The SETA Literature committee met Feb. 21 and decided that at the next meeting, March 21, we will discuss three agenda items for the GSO meeting in the Spring. The three items are proposed small changes to the wording of the 12&12, a progress update on the translation of the Big Book to "plain language" and an update of the creation of a video concerning the 12 Concepts of Service. The background materials for these topics can be found on the SETA website, items H and N for the Literature committee and item F on the Finance committee background. The Finance committee will handle the proposed changes to the 12&12 since the Literature committee has so much to deal with.

The SETA Literature committee is open to all. We meet at 8:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month. Please contact me, Carol F., <u>carol.f@aa-seta.org</u> or Dan K, SETA Literature chair at <u>daniel.k@aa-seta.org</u> for access to the Google meet codes.

Many interesting and compelling topics will be discussed April 1 at the Round Table discussions which are part of the SETA Assembly at the Doubletree Hotel at the Bush airport. This meeting will also be held on zoom, but you must register for the zoom meeting through the <u>aa-seta.org</u> website.

Important and interesting things are being discussed these days across AA. Let your voice be heard!

Newsletter Editor: Sara A. - It has been such a blessing collaborating with our D40 members during the short time of my tenure as editor. Thank you for the warm welcome. This month's writing suggestion as we step into spring: Springing into Action! How did or didn't you spring into action when you were new or when you needed a reboot! Our program says "vigorous action", "Next we launched out on a course of vigorous action, the first step of which is a personal housecleaning" I am open to suggestions for our newsletter so please do not hesitate – my door /or email is always open.

Yours in service,

Sara A

• PI Public Information): OPEN

TFC Rep (Treatment Facilities Committee): Matt G Area 67 TFC Committee meets on the 15th of every month

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- Newly elected Chair Chris G. D-52
- · Attendance is getting bigger, have open positions that need to be filled.
- · Bridge the Gap brochures are completed, to include volunteer, facility & patient.
- · Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend:
- Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend September 8th - 10th, 2023 Hosted by SETA Area 67 at Sheraton North Houston

Matt G. D40 TFC - Katy 12&12

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT - 2023 Hybrid Meeting - Matt G. - there was no meeting this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

· Discuss and vote on as many Agenda Items as we have time for. VI: Literature, item H. Plain Language Book Keep working On It Yes No 11 7

II: CPC, item D. Consider retiring the pamphlet "A Member's Eye-View of Alcoholic Anonymous" Yes No 8

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- · Create an AD-hoc Committee to go over the D40 inventory answers and propose Volunteers: Mike B., Juan, Marilyn, and Peggy
- · Regional Forum in September- Doug and Mike's trip is paid for but Doug might not go so there will be a drawing and the winner gets to go in Doug's place.
- · Open Positions 2023 Wendy F voted in as Grapevine Rep Please let your groups know that we have open positions!!

OLD BUSINESS:

- Open positions 2023 CFC Rep, Grapevine Rep, & PI Rep, Alt Treasurer, Alt. Secretary
- Wendy F voted in as Grapevine Rep

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GSR/GENERAL SHARING SESSION -

- Farrah- Her group picked three agenda items and sent the feedback forms to Rick M., their Alt, GSR will be attending the General Assembly in April, and they are considering doing a workshop in May.
- Dan P. is the new Alt. GSR for the PPG-SCS group. Welcome!!
- Amanda L. is the new Alt. GSR for the God Group. Welcome!!
- Matthew G. from the Rule 62 Group announced they will be having a bonfire meeting at Woods road on March 17 at 9pm.

RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT : . All Together

ADJOURN : 9 pm

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PI Rep	OPEN	
TFC	Matt G	matt.g@aa-seta.org

ARI	EA 67 COMMITTEE	MEETINGS
Committee	Meeting Date & Time	Location
Archives	2nd Monday of the Month 7pm	Google Meet Link: meet.google.com/uus-pbqk-xip Online Only
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 Month 7p	Zoom ID: 552 569 731 Passcode: 169753