# **DISTRICT 40 NEWSLETTER**

### UNITY - RECOVERY - SERVICE

# <u>Step 6</u>

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 and 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 Ser-



What will you be doing on July 22 this year?

We look forward to seeing all of y'all at our District 40 Annual Traditions Dinner. This is one of the honors that our Alt-DCM's Mike B. has in his job description, or at least that is how I saw it when I held that position. Please take a look at the **D40 Annual Traditions Dinner Flier** sent out in this month's agenda and in this newsletter. It is a great way for getting your home group involved in service and getting the members to come out and hear about the traditions. There will be a lot of different ways to help out with this event so when you're ready send Mike an email at <u>mike.b@aa-seta.org</u> and volunteer. It is a District 40 event and would love to see all of you with your families and sponsees come fellowship with us. What better way to spend a Saturday afternoon than working all three sides of the triangle: recovery, unity and service.

Doug D-District 40-DCM

### 76th Annual Texas State AA Convention

I am starting to get ready for the trip to San Antonio for this year's convention. I remember when I was new to the program when a member invited me to my first convention. To walk in and see everyone there was amazing but when I started to recognize some of the members from my home group is when I realized what unity and fellowship should be in AA. I think this is when the notion of "Being Part Of" started to sink in. The deeper I get into service the more I have this feeling. Now when I walk into a convention I notice a lot more people that I work with in different parts in AA. It is wonderful to see everyone giving back to the program that saved and changed our lives and those lives around us. When I first walked through the doors of AA the circle of people that I cared about could fit inside of a cheerio. I find that the circle grows bigger the more I am working on all sides of the triangle. So I will be out there on that road to happy destiny and will see a lot of y'all on the way.

Yours in Service,

Doug D—DCM District 40





# District 40 Annual Traditions Dinner

It's getting to be that time! The District 40 Annual Traditions Dinner is coming up fast, and we need your

help. Here is the information.

What: District 40 Annual Traditions Dinner

When: July 22, 2023 from 4p-7p

Where: Church of The Holy Apostles (COTHA) 1225 W Grand Parkway S Katy, TX 77494

Who: Billy N. from Palm Beach Gardens, FL

This is an opportunity for you, your group or the Area Committee you represent at the District level to

get involved and do some service. Here are some ways to serve.

You: Setup before; clean up after; appetizers/snacks or 7 th Tradition donations

Your group: Setup before; clean up after; appetizers/snacks or 7 th Tradition donations

Area Committee: Setup before; clean up after; appetizers/ snacks, display table showcasing your

committee, a giveaway related to your committee or 7 th Tradition donations

What else can you bring? Your appetite for fun, food, fellowship, and our Traditions.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions. Mike.B@aa-seta.org or 832.724.3050

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

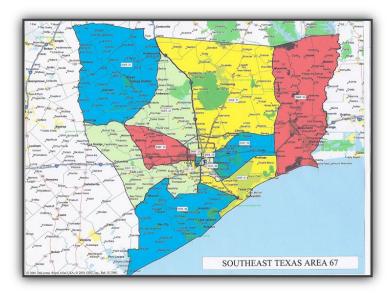


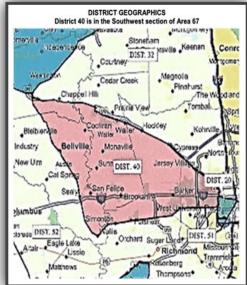


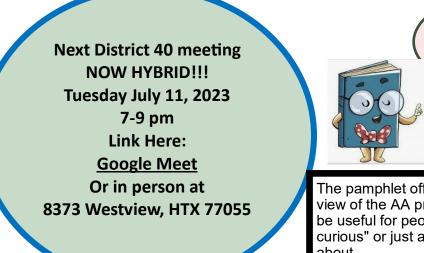
### THE TWELVE TRADITIONS

- 1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
- For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
- The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
- Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
- Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
- 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, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
- Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
- Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
- A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
- Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
- Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
- Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

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







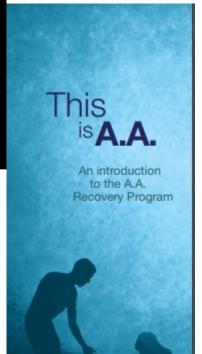


The pamphlet offers a brief overview of the AA program and might be useful for people who are "sober curious" or just ask you what it's all about.

The pamphlet is free to download as PDF and inexpensive (30 cents) to purchase. It might also be available at your home group.







4/19/2023



**NEWS FROM** 

**INTERGROUP:** 

Intergroup Association Inc. Prices effective April 3, 2023

PRICE

SPANISH

SB-1

SB-3

SB-6

SB-7

SB-8

SB-9

SB-12

SB-15

SB-16

**SB-17** 

**SB-18** 

SB-24

SB-30

SB-35

SBM-31

# AAWS BOOKS

-	ITEM	DESCRIPTION
	B-0	75th Anniversary
	B-1	Big Book HC
1	B-2	12 & 12 HC
	B-3	AA Comes of Ag

ENGLISH

INTERGROUP

SUMMER OPEN HOUSE

JUNE 24

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BOOKSTORE TAX FREE DAY!

(713)686-6300

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B-0	75th Anniversary Big Book	\$15.00
B-1	Big Book HC	\$13.00
B-2	12 & 12 HC	\$12.00
B-3	AA Comes of Age HC	\$14.50
B-5	As Bill Sees It HC	\$13.25
B-6	Came to Believe	\$7.50
B-7	Living Sober	\$7.50
B-8	Dr. Bob &the Good Oldtimer	s \$14.50
B-9	Pass It On HC	\$14.50
B-12	Daily Reflections	\$13.50
B-14	12 & 12 LP	\$12.50
B-15	12 & 12 SC	\$11.00
B-16	Big Book LP	\$14.50
B-17	12 & 12 Pocket	\$8.75
B-18	As Bill Sees It SC	\$13.00
B-19	Daily Reflections LP	\$15.00
B-24	Big Book 164 LP	\$8.50
B-30	Big Book SC	\$12.00
B-35	Big Book Pocket	\$8.00
BM-31	Service Manual	\$5.50
B-70	Our Great Responsibility	\$14.50
B-85	A Visual History of AA	\$14.50

**Houston Intergroup** 2nd Friday of every Month PRICE 10AM-3PM \$13.00 **Project "Office Deep Clean"** 14.5 TO GET ON THE LIST CALL \$7.50 BROUGHT SPONSEES & \$7.50 713-686-6300 M-F 9AM-5PM INTRODUCED THEM TO SOME REAL \$14.50 14.5 \$15.00 \$11.00 VHY ! WHY DIDN'T WE UNTEER SOONE THIS IS SO \$14.50 \$8.75 \$13.00 \$8.50 \$12.50 \$8.00 \$5.50

Volunteers

We need You, Yes You!!!

**UPCOMING EVENTS** We are not a Glum Lot



# **DISTRICT 40 ANNUAL** TRADITIONS DINNER

July 22, 2023, 4 to 7 p.m.

# Speaker: Billy N

### from Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Church of the Holy Apostles 1225 W Grand Parkway S, Katy, TX 77494

- Come share a meal with us and hear our guest speaker share on our Traditions!
- If you or your group would like to serve, we need volunteers during the event, appetizers, desserts, and/or 7th Tradition contributions.
- Please contact <u>Mike.B@aa-seta.org</u> if you have any questions.
- District 40 Area Committee Representatives: This is a . great opportunity to share information on your committee. Please let me know if you would like to have a display, and/or would like to be involved in any other way at the dinner (ex: give away, etc).

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SPEAKER, CAKE AUCTION, RAFFLES

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# 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SISTERS IN SOBRIETY

### Anniversary Celebration

Come celebrate with Sisters in Sobriety as we celebrate our 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Sisters in Sobriety was founded in 1999 in Webster, Texas. While the location has changed over the years, bur Sisters in Sobriety has been a home for countless women on their road to recovery. For 24 years women have treasured a special kind of sisterhood and fellowship that has carried the message of recovery. Make plans to celebrate the sisterhood of recovery with us in June. Any female is welcome to attend.

### JUNE 24, 2023 9:00-11:00AM

**UPCOMING EVENTS**—page

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9:00am Pancake Breakfast

10:00am open meeting to share your memories and experiences at Sisters in Sobriety Meetings

SISTERS IN SOBRIETY UP THE STREET CLUB 17400 EL CAMINO SUITE 800 HOUSTON, TX 77058



# Six AA Alcothon Meetings July 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm – 2:30 am July 5<sup>th</sup> 5609 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Katy, TX

If you're looking for serenity after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration with family and friends, come join the Sober Celebrations AA fellowship for any of the alcothon meetings beginning at 6:00 pm on July 4<sup>th</sup> continuing every hour and a half until 2:30 am on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to bring food to share if you are able. Looking forward to sharing fellowship and serenity during the holiday!

# **AREA 67 ASSEMBLY**

July 8,9, 2023 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Houston Intercontinental Airport 15747 JFK Blvd Houston, TX 77032 Booking Link: <u>https://www.hilton.com/en/book/ reservation/deeplink/?</u> ctyhocn=HOUAPDT&groupCode=CDTSET& <u>arrivaldate=2023-07-</u> 07&departuredate=2023-07-09&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink &fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT</u>

### District 40 Newsletter June. 2023



### 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!"

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

**Hotel Information** 

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







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WHAT SHAPE IS YOUR TRIANGLE?

### FRIDAY

7:30P AA - SHANE S., CHATTANDOGA, TN 10:00P YPAA - KARA B., AUSTIN, TX SATURDAY

MODDY GARDENS CONVENTION CENTER 7 HOPE BLVD, GALVESTON, TX, 77554

JANUARY 19-21, 2024

WEBSITE - REGISTRATION - HOTEL



PRE-REGISTRATION FEE IS \$20 FOR AA/AL-ANON -BY 11/30 HOTEL RATE - \$129 SINGLE/\$149 DOUBLE - BOOK BY 12/29 BAY DR., SUITE 130 BOX 273, LEAGUE CITY, TX., 77573



# APRIL Treasurer's Report 2023 Pg 1

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DCM	\$	925		\$	925	\$	134.13	\$	391.83	15%	42%
Alt. DCM	\$	900		\$	900	\$	-	\$	227.70		25%
Secretary / Copying	\$	150		\$	150	\$	-	\$	-		
Treasurer Newsletter	\$	75		\$	75	\$	-	\$	-		
PO Box	\$	160		\$	100	\$	-	\$	-		
Literature Committee	\$	160		\$ \$	160	\$ \$	-	\$			
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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	•\$	-	э \$	365.99		100%
IT Committee	\$	50		\$	50	\$	-	\$	303.33		100 /0
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Traditions Dinner	\$	1,300		\$	1,300	\$	-	\$	-		
Service Workshop	\$	300		\$	300	ŝ	-	\$	-		
SWRAASA (Even Years)	\$			\$		ŝ	-	\$	-		
The Forum (Odd Years) See Note	\$	1.900		\$	1,900	ŝ	-	\$	-		
Delegate Report Meeting	ŝ	-		\$	1,000	ŝ	-	\$	-		
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Four Horsemen Group	\$	40.00					(0.25 x Budg	et)		\$	1,855.00
Friends of Bill W. (Post Oak)	\$	50.00			Id for SETA					\$	-
Katy 12 & 12	\$	39.63			restricted F					\$	1,779.82
Memorial Going Home Group	\$	37.20		En	ding Balanc	:e /	Total Funds			s	3,634.82
Rule 62 Group	\$	45.25		_	spent Portic	on (	of Budget	_		\$	6,314.47
Sage-Piney Point Noon Tuesday	\$	16.01		No	otes:						
Saturday Solutions Group	\$	15.91									
Sisters in Serenity	\$	40.49									
Tuesday Night Step Study	\$	56.00									
Westchase Nooners	\$	60.00									
Wild West Group	⊢	95.85									
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Total Income this Month	\$	533.66					•				

# **APRIL Treasurer's Report 2023 Pg 2**

SETA DISTRICT 40 EXPENSE BY MONTH & TOTAL FOR 2023														
	Budget	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total YTD
DCM	\$ 925	\$ 227.70	\$ 30.00		\$ 134.13									\$ 391.83
Alt. DCM	\$ 900	\$ 227.70												\$ 227.70
Secretary / Copying	\$ 150													\$ -
Treasurer	\$ 75													\$ -
Newsletter	\$ 100													ş
PO Box	\$ 160													\$ -
Literature Committee	\$ 175													\$ -
PI	\$ 560													\$ -
Grapevine	\$ 50													5 -
CFC	\$ 50													ş .
TFC	\$ 75													ş .
Archives Committee	\$ 50													\$ -
GSO 2022 Contribution	\$ 732	\$ 731.98												\$ 731.98
Intergroup 2022 Contribution	\$ 366	\$ 365.99												\$ 365.99
SETA 2022 Contribution	\$ 366	\$ 365.99												\$ 365.99
IT Committee	\$ 50													ş.
Miscellaneous	\$ 300	\$ 31.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 31.00								\$ 117.00
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Fellowship Fest	\$ -													\$ -
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SWRAASA (Even Years)	\$.													\$.
The Forum (Odd Years) See Note	\$ 1,900													th I
Delegate Report Meeting	\$ -													\$ -
State Convention Hospitality Suite	ş .													ş
SETA 2023 Hospitality Suite - District 40	\$ 300	\$ 400.00												\$ 400.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,884	\$ 2,350.36	\$ 55.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 149.13	\$ 31.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Ş -	\$ 2,600.49

### 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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# APRIL Treasurer's Report 2023 Pg 3

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District 40 Groups		JAN		FEB	MAR		APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		YEAR
Another Chance Group	—		s	150.00		-										5	150.00
Bear Creek Fellowship																\$	
Beginners Group																\$	
Broad Highway Group	\$	3.59				-	\$ 37.32									\$	40.91
Bunkerhill Tuesday A.A. Group																\$	
Chapelwood Tues 8pm																\$	
Colors of Change Group					\$ 49.	21										\$	49.21
Copperfield Willingness Group																\$	
Daily Reflections Group																\$	
Drifter's Group	\$	73.40														\$	73.40
Everything is "Alright Already"					\$ 25.	00										\$	25.00
First Light Group																\$	
Four Horsemen Group						_	\$ 40.00									\$	40.00
Fourth Promise Group																\$	
Fry Road Group			\$	140.00												\$	140.00
Friends of Bill W. (Post Oak)	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	\$ 50.	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					\$ 24.	58										\$	24.58
Just For Today																\$	
Just The Black Print Group																\$	
Katy 12 & 12	\$	48.14	s	47.32	\$ 52.	20	\$ 39.63									\$	187.29
Katy 164 Group			\$	44.80												\$	44.80
Katy Big Book																\$	
Katy Crossroads Group																\$	
Katy Primary Purpose Group																\$	
Kingsland Group																\$	
Living Now Group																\$	
Memorial Going Home Group	\$	24.75					\$ 37.20									\$	61.95
Memorial West Group																\$	
Monaville Group																\$	
Monday Night Men's Supper/Step Study																\$	
New Beginnings Group																\$	
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Outpost Group (Men's)					\$ 219.	00										\$	219.00
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### DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

#### Meeting Location:

#### Mailing Address:

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 ronnie.h@aa-seta.org Treasurer District 40 PO Box 19085 Houston, Tx. 77024-9085

Date: April 11, 2023 Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Attendees: 32

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

SERENITY PRAYER- Doug D.

DISTRICT 40 PURPOSE- Carol F.

INTRODUCTIONS - Name/Home Group/Service Position

Vote: Date and Time to hear Delegates Report- During District Meeting: YES Date: June 13

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

### DCM REPORT: Doug D -

DCM April report

Wow, it is April already, next thing we know it will be time for the SETA convention 2024. If you plan on going the Room block has been opened and you can call down to Moody Gardens and book your room for January 19-20. Just ask for the SETA room rate. I do not have the link yet. They are starting to ask for volunteers so you might want to start mentioning it to your Home Groups.

April Assembly is the assembly where we have the round tables. Mike and I had one this year and we were able to complete the 4 agenda items that we were assigned. We did get a past delegate in our group that is working at GSO to shed some light on a few of the items. In our DCM sharing season with our delegate, Rick M, we will have the opportunity for the GSC 2023 final report to be sent out digitally. That version is anonymity protected not like the book version. I think with the ways we as a society are now that might be a better option for some.

Also, we need to vote on a day and time to hear the report. This was just a few minutes ago, I hope.

Southwest Forum, as it states in the P&P manual, both the DCM and Alt DCM are budgeted to go to SWRAASA and the Southwest Regional Forum or ensure that a representative from the district attends. I think this would be great for someone new into service that has never been to a forum to attend and experience it. I will hold a lottery at our May district meeting and put the names in a hat or bowl and we will pick one of them. So, check your schedule to see if you have the time, pray on it and let me know. Remember you will have to give a report either written for the newsletter or verbal at the next district meeting.

At the Assembly, we went over the Area's budget with the treasurer and we are working out of our prudent reserve right now. I know back during covid we asked groups to focus on GSO and Intergroup because they had paid employees but now we are back in person, carrying the message and doing 12 step work. We need to reexamine the way we support AA. Remember Bill's story in the 12&12 under Tradition 7, Where he gave a "slippie" 5 dollars to get over a bender and that night only dropped a dime in the basket. We should look on how we spend the money put in the basket for AA.

Where Money and Spirituality Mix

"Self-support begins with me, because I am part of us — the group. We pay our rent and utility bills, buy coffee, snacks and A.A. literature. We support our central office, our area committee, and our General Service Office. If it were not for those entities, many new people would never discover the miracles of A.A."

Doug D., D40 DCM

### 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.

The SETA Assembly was last weekend, April 1st - 2nd ! It was great to see some of you there! If you didn't get a chance to attend, don't worry, there is always July 8th & 9th , when we have our next one! Don't forget, the 76th Texas State Convention is June 9th -11th . Registration is open online. Doug and I had the opportunity to serve at the Assembly and participated in a round table discussion on 4 of the agenda items that will be discussed and voted on at the next General Service Conference. This will be the first one Rick will be attending as our Area's Delegate. I'm grateful we are helping to send him better informed. Don't forget, your group has that same opportunity. Bring the agenda items to your group and pick 3 to 4 agenda items that your group feels strongly about and get that information to Rick before April 24th . If you need more information on that, see me or Doug after the meeting. Or you can email us, and we'll be glad to help.

The Traditions Dinner planning is starting to get underway. If you are interested in helping in any way, please let me know. I would love to get participation from each of the committees, and especially any groups. More to come.

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 -

Grapevine Rep: Wendy F- Secretary's Report was sent to all Participants and posted on the shared drive, Treasurer's Report – No expenses, Old Business- Thad D. suggested equipment for workshops and hybrid meetings: Anchor Speaker Phone \$99.00 and Amazon LCD Projector \$89.96 New Business- Leslie S. Area Grapevine will be doing a presentation for District 60 on April 22, 2023 Crossroads United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd., Houston, TX District 70 Grapevine Workshop- May 20, 2023, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Up the Street Club 17400 El Camino Real, Suite 800, Webster, TX 77058 See flier on SETA Grapevine Website, Motion made to purchase IT equipment, Motion passed by committee

IT Rep: Peggy A – met with the IT people at Area Assembly, got to see their website and to hear from Susan about many training opportunities

Houston Intergroup Liaison: Fernando B- their meeting is the following week, Question to all groups – Do we want a written or digital Directory?

Literature Rep: Carol F. - The report I have from the March Literature area committee meeting was that we voted on the agenda items as follows: For the 12X12 changes:

Should the wording changes to pages 66 and 117 made by Advisory Action of the 71st General Service Conference be rescinded and restored to the original wording?

By substantial unanimity, we voted no on this topic.

Should printing of the 12X12 with the wording changes made by Advisory Action of the 71st General Service Conference be halted?

No, unanimously.

For the translation of the Big Book into Plain and Simple Language:

Should the final draft of the translation be reviewed by the full General Service Conference prior to approval or disapproval?

Yes, unanimously.

Should work on the translation be halted?

No, unanimously.

That was all we had time for in the March meeting. Thank you for your service.

Newsletter Editor: Sara A. – Please send your flyers for group events to be posted on the newsletter. We would love to hear from you, writing / drawing submissions are welcomed! use your creativity and submit to me <u>sara.a@aa-seta.org</u>. May Suggested writing / picture / song submission topic: Step 5 and honesty

PI Public Information): OPEN

TFC Rep (Treatment Facilities Committee): Matt G

Area 67 TFC Committee meets on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month, Treatment Facilities Workbook has useful information about TFC and will be passed out to districts.

9/8 – 9/10 – Bridging The Gap (BTG) Workshop, BTG is doing an audit on login access, TFC will have a training at the July Area Assembly, Matt would like to go out to groups to give a five minute presentation on BTG.

Question: BTG is not an official AA Committee so how does it work, maintain anonymity? Matt explained how it works, stating it was totally voluntary to put your name in the database. Mike B. – stated no oversight from AA and asked Matt if there was any update on that. Matt stated they are aware and working on it.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT - 2023 Hybrid Meeting - Matt G. -

Committee met on March 29 (last Wednesday of every month) purpose is to find an affordable permanent, centrally located location with Wi-Fi, with availability on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Each member was asked to research two locations that met the criteria and report back next month.

### AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT - Inventory

Mike will be determining meeting time and date. The committee will be making proposals to the district based on the answers/suggestions received during the inventory process. Will the P& P be addressed? Yes

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Talk about lottery for trip to AA SW Regional Forum, Sep29 Oct 1 2023
  - DCM will: attend Regional Forums and SWRAASA (or ensure that a representative from the district attends).

- o The Alt DCM is going to attend.
- o Do we want to spend the money
- o If we do lottery, who should go?

Doug will not be going. He recommends someone new get to go because it is a great experience. If you would like to go, please let Doug know. He will put all names in a hat and draw the winner at the May D40 meeting. The forum is in El Paso and hotel and airfare will be paid by the district.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Open positions 2023 – CFC Rep, PI Rep, Alt Treasurer, Alt. Secretary CFC Rep – Anne M. congratulations!

Please let your groups know that we have open positions!!

### GSR/GENERAL SHARING SESSION -

Farah from SFSG Group Update:

Workshop planning is postponed for now as there are functions happening at SBMC April and May.

Will let the District know more when I find out.

A home group member requested a group conscience in 2 weeks to vote on a Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) requesting an independent forensic audit of GSB and AAWS budget, finance and prudent reserves.

The ALT GSR, Gerald, attended the Assembly representing the SFSG Group.

Olivia stated her group will be having a women's retreat in August.

Scott M. from PPG-SCS group Update:

Agenda items Reviewed:

VI: Literature: M

A "Translation" is - ie. English to French / English to Spanish - this is not a "translation"

Want the "full conference" to review the final draft

All work should be stopped completely - immediately

Perhaps creating a study guide of the book could help those who need it

VI: Literature: H

Disagree with the item

II: CPC: D

This pamphlet is a fantastic item for the professional to understand AA it should stay within our literature. VI: Finance: F

Put the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions back to its original form. Do not edit our founders words EVER! Carol F – During the hybrid meeting, we can only see Doug. Can this be changed? Doug- will work on it.

RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT : .All Together

ADJOURN : 9 pm

# 2023 District 40 Officers and Committee Representatives

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AREA 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					