## **DISTRICT 40 NEWSLETTER**

UNITY - RECOVERY - SERVICE

#### Step 7

**Humbly** asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

#### **Tradition 7**

Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

## **Concept 7**

The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.



#### GSRs get more time.

We at **District 40**, will be implementing a new agenda format. You might have seen so far that it is more of a dynamic solution to adapt to what the district needs to help each GSR. We will be opening approximately a 40 min window in the first hour of the monthly meeting to focus on training, tips, and sharing sessions for each GSR. Let us know about your groups, how old your group is, where you are meeting, what type of meeting you have, and any events and/or problems that your group may be experiencing. This is where we can discuss the **experience**, **strength**, **and hope** from our collective experience.

We will be setting up an **Outreach Committee** to see if we as a district can get more involvement for all the groups in the district. Our primary purpose is to help the next suffering alcoholic, not just sponsoring but helping the message get out. This is where we need to get the groups more active in the whole structure of AA. Not isolated islands but a chain of recovery that spreads across our district, all the AA areas, and the world. As our preamble was changed to use people instead of men and women, I think it should have been earthlings but that is just because we have NASA in our area. I think it sums us up better as a whole if we use tradition and practice unity. I will ask those who would like to help in this to let Mike and myself know. We can't go to a woman's meeting so we will need help there and also those that have different schedules to reach out to meet during any time of the day. We look forward to implementing this for the duration of this rotation.

**Workshops**, let us know if your group would like to host one or fund one. We are using COTHA for our physical location for district meetings now and I am sure we could use that location to put them on in a hybrid format as long as Mike or myself are there for tech support. We are working to collaborate with other districts to put on more workshops and training. We will be bringing this to the other DCMs at the DCM sharing session with our delegate and Alt delegate at the July Area Assembly.

Let us know your thoughts on this and what else you think would help with the communication up and down the triangle. Thank you for your service and commitment to the program that saved our lives and restored us to functioning members of society.

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 Commit-

tee 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 Tradi-

tion donations

What else can you bring? Your appetite for fun, food, fellow-

ship, and our Traditions.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any ques-

tions. 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

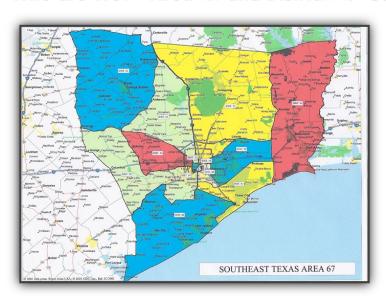




#### THE TWELVE TRADITIONS

- 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.
- 3. 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.
- 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





Next District 40 meeting
NOW HYBRID!!!
Tuesday August 8, 2023
7-9 pm
Link Here:
Google Meet
Or in person at
8373 Westview, HTX 77055

LITERATURE CORNER
This months pamphlet—
QR code = pamphlet



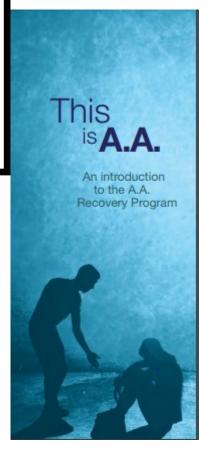


The pamphlet offers a brief overview of the AA program and might be useful for people who are "sober curious" or just ask you what it's all about.

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









## DISTRICT 40 ANNUAL TRADITIONS DINNER

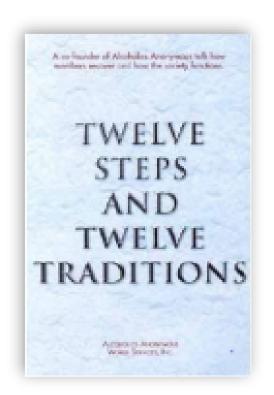
July 22, 2023, 4 to 7 p.m.

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).









## 24TH ANNIVERSARY OF SISTERS IN SOBRIETY

#### **Anniversary Celebration**

Come celebrate with Sisters in Sobriety as we celebrate our 24th 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.

9:00-11:00AM

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

## **Volunteers**

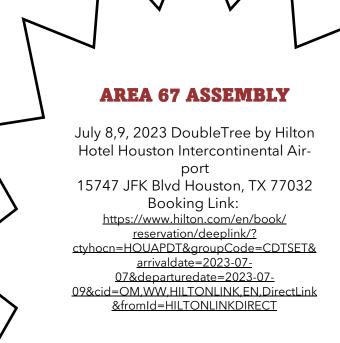
We need You, Yes You!!!

## **Houston Intergroup**

2nd Friday of every Month 10AM-3PM

## Project "Office Deep Clean"











#### **61ST ANNUAL** .T.A. CONVENTION WHAT SHAPE IS YOUR TRIANGLE? JANUARY 19-21, 2024 FRIDAY 7:30P AA - SHANE S., CHATTANDOGA, TN 10:00P YPAA - KARA B., AUSTIN, TX MODDY GARDENS CONVENTION CENTER 7 HOPE BLVD, GALVESTON, TX, 77554 SATURDAY **WEBSITE - REGISTRATION - HOTEL** 9:00A GSO - JAMES H., NEW YORK, NY 10:45A ALATEEN - SPEAKER TBA 11:00A AL-ANON - NANCY J. SANTA FE, TX 1:30P AA - CFC CHUCK M., HOUSTON, TX 4:00P AA SPANISH SPEAKER - FERNANDO L CHIAPAS, MX 7:30P AA - PETER M., BOCA RATON, FL SUNDAY 11:00A AA - JUDITH R., BISMARK, NO. PRE-REGISTRATION FEE IS \$20 FOR AA/AL-ANON -BY 11/30 HOTEL RATE - \$129 SINGLE/\$149 DOUBLE - BOOK BY 12/29 VENTION, 2951 MARINA BAY DR., SUITE 130 BOX 273, LEAGUE CITY, TX., 77573 Full Name: Quantity/Type Badge Name: AA Pre-registration \$20 Al-Anon Pre-registration \$20 Home Group: Alateen/Child Free Coffee Badge Address: Box Lunch - Saturday \$20 City, State, Zip: Banquet - Saturday Night \$50 Phone: Scholarship Donation Email: \$20

www.2024setaconvention.org

Total Due

## MAY Treasurer's Report 2023 Pg 1

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EXPENSES		Initial Approved Budget	Approved Budget Changes		Revised Approved Budget	E	xpense This Month	1 .	ear to Date Expenses	% This Month	% Year to Date
DCM	\$	925		\$	925	\$	30.00	\$	421.83	3%	46%
Alt. DCM	\$	900		\$	900	\$	-	\$	227.70		25%
Secretary / Copying	\$	150		\$	150	\$	-	\$	-		
Treasurer	\$	75		\$	75	\$	-	\$	-		
Newsletter	\$	100		\$	100	\$	-	\$	-		
PO Box	\$	160		\$	160	\$	166.00	\$	166.00	104%	104%
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	\$	31.00	\$	117.00	10%	39%
Gratitude Dinner - Food	\$	-		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
Fellowship Fest	\$	-		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
Traditions Dinner	\$	1,300		\$	1,300	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	23%	23%
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	\$	527.00	\$	3,096.49	6%	35%

INCOME		
Group Name	An	ount (\$)
Another Chance Group	\$	150.00
Friends of Bill W. (Post Oak)	\$	50.00
Fry Road Group	\$	96.00
Katy 12 & 12	\$	50.99
There is a Solution Group	\$	35.00
Westchase Nooners	\$	60.00
Event Donations		
Traditions Dinner Donations		
Gratitude Dinner Donations		
State Conv - Hospitality Suite		
SETA -Hospitality Suite		
Delegate Report Contribution		
Fellowship Fest		
Total Income this Month	\$	441.99

Beginning Bank Balance	\$ 3,634.82
Total Expenses this Month	\$ 527.00
Total Income this Month	\$ 441.99
Prudent Reserve (0.25 x Budget)	\$ 1,855.00
Held for SETA Hospitality	\$ -
Unrestricted Funds	\$ 1,694.81
Ending Balance / Total Funds	\$ 3,549.81
Unspent Portion of Budget	\$ 5,787.47
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Notes:

## May Treasurer's Report 2023 Pg 2

	SETA DISTRICT 40 EXPENSE BY MONTH & TOTAL FOR 2023																					
	Bu	udget		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May	J	lun	Jul		Aug	Sep	Oct	Nav	Dec	Total YTD
DCM	\$	925	\$	227.70	\$	30.00			\$	134.13	\$	30.00										\$ 421.83
Alt. DCM	\$	900	S	227.70																		\$ 227.70
Secretary / Copying	\$	150																				\$ -
Treasurer	\$	75																				\$ -
Newsletter	\$	100																				\$ -
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SETA 2023 Hospitality Suite - District 40	\$	300		400.00																		\$ 400.00
TOTAL	\$	8,884	\$	2,350.36	\$	55.00	\$	15.00	\$	149.13	\$	527.00	\$	31.00	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,127.49

#### **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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## MAY Treasurer's Report 2023 Pg 3

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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: May 9, 2023 Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Attendees: 31

Call to Order - 7:05 pm, Doug D.

SERENITY PRAYER- Doug D.

Preamble - Sara A.

Unity Declaration - Doug D.

INTRODUCTIONS - Name/Home Group/Service Position

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Theresa S., (Alt. OPEN) accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Report given by Doug D. (Alt. open) accepted as presented.

#### DCM REPORT: Doug D -

D40 DCM report May 2023

Hello, my name is Doug D. and I have the privilege of being the DCM of this district.

I put some of my reports in this month's newsletter so I could make sure Mike B had more time to discuss the Traditions Dinner.

Next month we will have Rick M, our Area Delegate stop by to give his report on the GSC 2023. We voted on having it during our regularly scheduled District meeting in June. We will be pressed for time so I hope all of our committee reps will send in their reports before the meeting so our secretary, Theresa S, can insert them into the unofficial minutes.

Area Committees are meeting at the Quarterly Area Assemblies in April, July, and October. January is usually too busy to meet during the convention. In July, I hope all our committee reps will come on out to the Assembly and meet up with your committees in person.

Collecting and sorting all the groups in D40 is being worked on now. GSRs please send me a new email, please don't click on an old one, I get a lot of responses to the D40 agenda emails and sometimes they get lost in the deluge of different topics under one thread. So, if you could start a new email and send me your group info to make sure your group uses the correct info, info to make sure your groups are using the correct info and I can check you off the list. I currently have 168 groups from GSO and around 100 from the meeting guide app. I am trying to make sure our active groups have all the correct information and get the inactive groups reconnected. I just found out that if GSO does not have a contact for your group like a GSR it will automatically transition your groups to inactive because they cannot connect with you.

In Service,

Doug D D40 DCM

#### ALT DCM REPORT: Mike B

April 2023 Alt-DCM Report

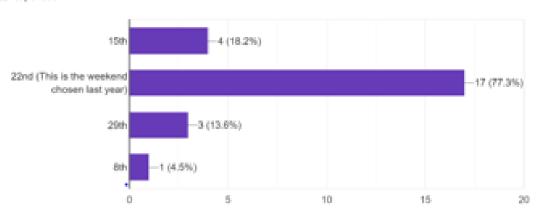
GSRs and Alt-GSRs, as always please let me know how I can best serve you and your home group, so that we can carry out our primary purpose.

Get it on your calendar, it will come fast, July 8th & 9th is our next Area Assembly! Also, the 76th Texas State Convention is June 9th-11th. Registration is open online.

The General Service Conference has passed. Rick M, our Delegate, attended and sent daily updates while there. If you're a GSR or Alt-GSR and haven't signed up for a SETA email and/or SETA announce, you're missing out on a lot of great information. See our District IT Rep for more information on how to do that. Rick will be joining us in June to give his full report.

The Traditions Dinner planning is underway. Most of you should have gotten a survey to determine which date works best for the District in July. We had 22 responses, and of those 22, 17 chose the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July. I have confirmed that date with COTHA, where it was held last year. 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. (See survey results below)





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

#### DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives Rep: Lillian K. – the committee is now meeting on the second Monday of the month. The group found \$400 and is going to use it on new technology. Starting in June the group will have a workday on the second Sunday of each month from 2-4 pm.

CFC Rep: Anne M - absent CPC Rep: Eric C - absent

**Grapevine Rep:** Wendy F- the committee is having a subscription drive. The winner will get a free one-night hotel stay at the next area assembly. D70 will have a workshop in Webster, May 20, from 1:30 – 4:30.

IT Rep: Peggy A – no report this month.

**Houston Intergroup Liaison: Fernando B-** there is going to be an increase in the price of books. Kelly is staying. Their hours are M - F = 5. Intergroup will start Project Deep Clean on the second Friday of each month, from 10 - 3. The next Open House will be June 24. There is a Trustee position open.

Literature Rep: Carol F. - Ever wonder how or why changes are made to AA literature? Watch this space for a very informative workshop being developed by the SETA Literature Committee coming this fall!

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 sara.a@aa-seta.org

May Suggested writing / picture / song submission topic: Step 5 and honesty

PI Public Information): OPEN

TFC Rep: Matt G - Area 67 TFC Committee meeting April 18th 7:00 pm.

TFC/BTG Binders Distribution. I picked up Binder for D40 last week.

Would like to make this binder available for groups in D40, will be reaching out to Group TFC or GSR to make arrangements to review the binder.

Please reach out as well if your group is interested in reviewing.

Bridge the Gap brochures are completed, to include volunteer, facility & patient.

Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend:

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September 8th - 10th, 2023

Hosted by SETA Area 67 at Sheraton North Houston

Matt G. D40 TFC - Katy 12&12

Matt.g@aa.seta.org

832-466-3835

Lottery Drawing: Trip to SW Regional Forum in El Paso. Winer is Anne M. runner-up is Theresa S.

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

Committee met on April 28 (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. COTHA Church on Grand Parkway is available for \$30/month. Wood's Road is available for \$25/month. Still waiting for information from Peace Community Church.

#### 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.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

 PAI - Request an independent forensic audit of the General Service Board and of A.A.W.S. for the years 2019-present. The results are to be shared with the entire fellowship.

Farah, SFSG

Questions and Answers/ Comments:

Chuck J. — What is the next step?

Farah - Present to D40, then Area, and hope it becomes an agenda item for 74th GSC.

Scott M - Yes, agrees with it, thinks there is a break in communication, seems things are hidden.

Fernando B. - Has this ever been done before?

Farah – I don't know.

Mike B - Thinks it hasn't been done before.

Carol G. - What is the difference between a forensic audit and a regular audit?

Mike B. - Forensic has legal ramifications, must comply with laws of state of New York.

Doug D. - Is the prudent reserve low because of Covid?

Farah - Will have to get back to you on that.

Mike B.- International Conference cancelled, lost money.

Poll: For = 22, Against = 0

Mike B. – The PAI has more meaning/weight if District and Area support it.

Kevin -Is this the only way to get this done?

Farah - Yes

Matt G. – Shouldn't we take this to our groups before we vote?

Farah - Don't have time for that, but you are welcome to take it to your groups.

Mike B - A vote is different than a poll, just trying to get a sense.

Farah – GSRs will be voting at at Area Assembly.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Open positions 2023 - PI Rep, Alt Treasurer, Alt. Secretary

Please let your groups know that we have open positions!

#### GSR/GENERAL SHARING SESSION -

Chuck J. from Post Oak, Darkside group introduced himself as the new GSR.

Scott M. announced that the PPG-SCS group has a zoom meeting on Thursdays at 8pm. They use a Big Book Study Guide and go through the book line by line. They use a 1936 dictionary. They also have a speaker meeting at the end of the month. All are welcome.

Caitlin B. is the GSR for the Sisters in Sobriety group which is an online women's meeting that meets three times each day. They have a morning meditation meeting and a Saturday night speaker.

Joey announced that the First Light group meets at 6:30 am and Saturday at 7 am on zoom and in person at the Post Oak Club. One challenge is they seem to have split into two groups, online and in-person.

Doug shared about his home group, the Katy 12&12, with 57 meetings a week, started in 1989, will make final mortgage payment this month.

Chuck told everyone about a Conference in Kerrville, Tx., August 18-20.

Doug D. asked everyone to remind their groups about the Traditions Dinner on July 22.

Mike B asked for group participation at Tradition's Dinner. Many volunteers are needed, set-up, clean-up, cooking, Drinks, Desserts.

Carol asked if we could do a pot luck? Said food was cold last year.

Joey asked about the location, same place as last year, COTHA Church on the Grand Parkway in Katy.

Doug D. asked the group if their home group would pay for them, the GSRs, to stay at the hotel for one night for the Area General Assembly held in July and October.

Caitlin asked about where to send their monthly contribution. Send to the PO box.

RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT: .All Together

ADJOURN: 8:52 pm

## 2023 District 40 Officers and Committee Representatives

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PI Rep OPEN

TFC OPEN

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							