

# DISTRICT 40 NEWSLETTER

UNITY - RECOVERY - SERVICE

## Step 8

**Made a list** of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

## Tradition 8

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

## Concept 8

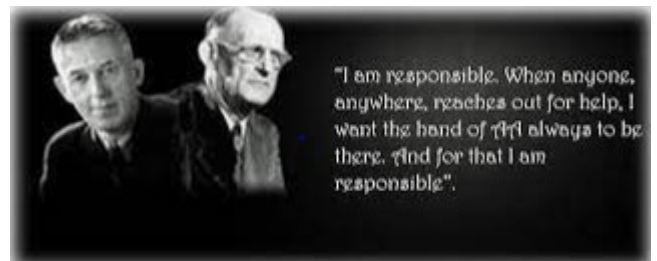
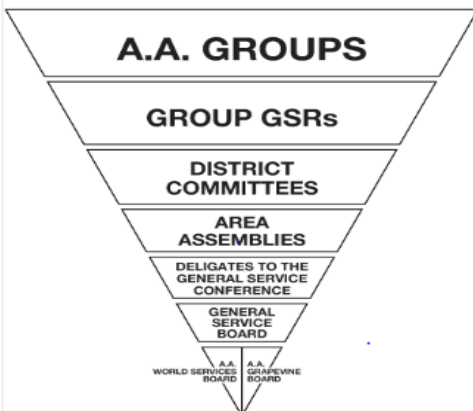
The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

## Getting Involved

We will start up an Outreach Committee in this month's District 40 meeting on Aug 8th at COTHA and online using Google Meet. This Committee will be charged with reaching out to groups in our District. We will come up with a welcome packet and a brief presentation for each group. If you wanted to know what we are trying to do here, it is straight from our Policies and Procedures manual "THE DISTRICT'S PURPOSE... To find ways to contribute to the growth and well-being of the groups that make up the district. To connect the groups to AA as a whole; to convey the groups' conscience to the Assembly and inform the groups of news that affect our Area and A.A." There are many ways we are working towards this goal and one of them will be the outreach committee. **We could use you and others** to carry the message to every group we have in our district. Groups are divided into active, inactive, unknown, and unregistered (aka, dark). The deadline we have for the unknown group is by Oct this year. GSO asked our area registrar to clean up this part of the database, so she reached out to each DCM to work on their list. This is a bit of a daunting process but worth the effort in the long run. Back when the world changed for a little bit when we were not allowed to meet in person and the landscape of our AA fellowship changed. In-person groups had to change and a lot of online groups started up. We are tasked to clean up the records at GSO in the fellowship connection database. Plus, this will help us on our mission to connect with all the groups in the district. We will make sure their information is correct, for anyone in that group that would like to receive the D40 mailouts, get them the information to register with GSO if they are not already done so and invite them to our monthly meetings. But the main question will be "**How can we help your group?**" The farther we go down the Triangle in AA Service Structure it is our privilege to be "Of Service" to them. I hope you read this and feel inspired to be "**Part OF**" this journey of growing and strengthening the fellowship in this district. At least have the chance to venture out to other meetings and talk a little about what we do in District and Area. Also, let them know that as members of AA, they have the right to participate in the whole service structure. Although each entity is autonomous, the district strives to stay within the spirit of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Doug D—DCM D40

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE  
(U.S. and Canada)



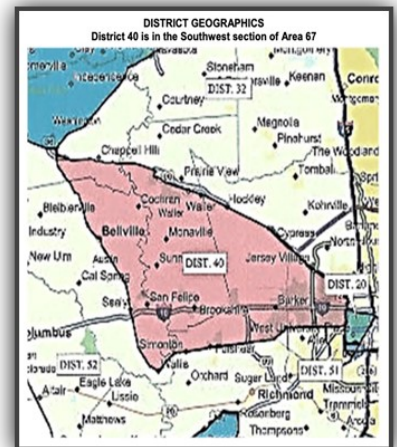
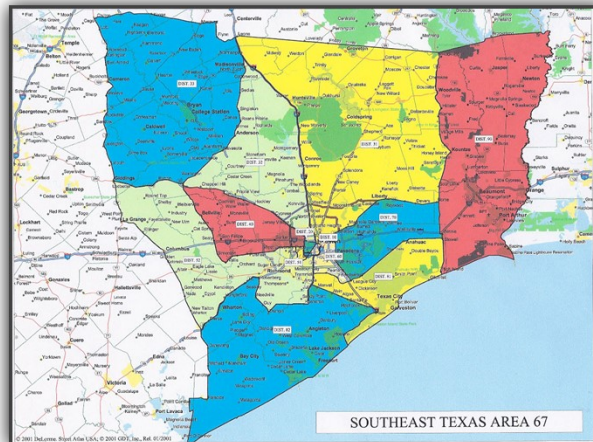
### District 40 Annual Traditions Dinner

**WOW!** Thank you so much District 40 for showing up and helping! You made it possible and a success!  
A big thank you to Clean Meals on Wheels (Lisa) for catering the event. I had feedback from several attendees that the food was great. The left-over food went to two local recovery houses.  
To all my volunteers, immense gratitude for all you did before, during and after.  
To Billy, our speaker, **WOW!** Incredible talk and Q&A!  
Most importantly, the attendees. Without you it wouldn't have been an event. By you spreading the word and bringing people including yourself, you made it a success. I am humbled. We had 81 guests sign in utilizing our QR code, and 30 manually sign in. For a total of 111 that signed in.  
We also collected \$309 in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Contributions! Thank you for your generosity. This will help pay for last minute expenses for the dinner.  
One of my favorite parts of the evening was giving away a hard leather-bound 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous, by Myers R. from Big Book Fixer. This book was beautiful, and everyone was excited to have the chance to win it. None more excited than the winner. She came up and introduced herself as an Al-anon, and she emotionally said that she was hoping to win it for her husband who was celebrating 30+ years sober! Amazing!  
Now, I have had several people reach out, asking if we recorded the event and if so, could they get the recording. Yes, I recorded it. I have already edited the audio. They're in two parts. The main talk and then the Q&A. I am working with SE-TA IT to figure out how best to share it out for everyone that wants it to get it. More to come!  
Finally, plan to attend next year and bring people! I look forward to putting another one together, next year. Yes, next year is good.  
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

**Next District 40 meeting  
NOW HYBRID!!!  
Tuesday September 12, 2023  
7-9 pm  
Link Here: [Google Meet](#)  
Or in person at:  
Church of the Holy Apostles  
1225 W Grand Pkwy S, Katy,  
TX 77494**

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



# AA GRAPEVINE

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

**COMING  
SEPTEMBER 2023!**



## THE NEW GRAPEVINE & LA VIÑA APPS!

- Read or listen to every issue
- Search our vast GV/LV Archives
- Keep track of your sobriety and spiritual practices
- Share your thoughts on articles
- Share AA stories and area events with friends
- Find meetings and connect to [aa.org](http://aa.org)

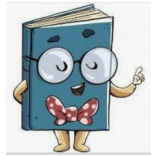
**EASY TO USE!**  
Take GV & LV wherever you go!

Watch this Space:  
[www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)




**LITERATURE CORNER**  
This month's pamphlet—QR code = pamphlet

A pamphlet called "The A.A. Group" offers a condensation of the service manual and includes all kinds of helpful information, such as how to form a new group, the types of officers that should be elected and their duties. The pamphlet also offers a brief explanation of the A.A. service structure and where the group fits into it (spoiler: at the top), discusses how a group might organize a group inventory, the structure and function of the General Service Office, meeting formats and the importance of rotation of service, among many other topics. One copy of the pamphlet may be downloaded for personal use using the QR code. Check it out!

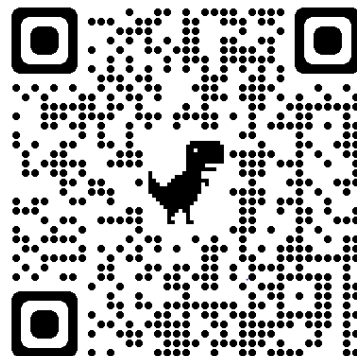
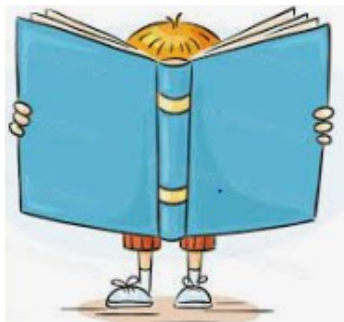


The A.A. Group  
...where it all begins



How a group functions.  
How to get started.

This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

# 2023 BRIDGING THE GAP

Workshop Weekend

TEMPORARY CONTACTS

## 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](http://btgww.org) for online registration and more information about Bridging the Gap and the workshop

\$35 Early Bird Registration only     \$40 Registration only after July 31st  
 \$90 \$85 Registration & Banquet    Banquet Registrations must be received by August 20th

Total Submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_     I am interested in purchasing recordings

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Area #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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.org](mailto:coordinator@btgww.org).

# AA GRAPEVINE

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

Snacks and Refreshment Provided

Master skills in writing and submitting your story to AA Grapevine Magazine


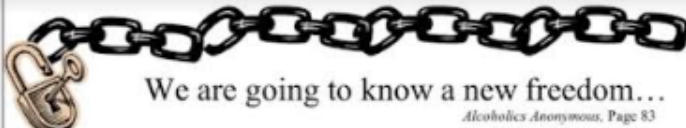
Learn Skills to:  
 \*Carry the message  
 \*Write and submit your story  
 \*Utilize Grapevine resources

## District 20 Presents Grapevine Writing Workshop

Sunday August 20, 2023  
 12 Noon  
 Location: AA Lambda Club  
 1201 W Clay St. Houston TX 77019

Join with Google Meet  
 Meet page: <https://meet.google.com/...>  
 Meeting ID: <https://meet.google.com/...>  
 Phone Numbers:  
 (US) +1 606 477-0493  
 PIN: 223 463 7888

Workshop Facilitated By SETA Grapevine committee. Class will be in person and Google Meets. Pre-Register with District 20 Sarah.l@aa-seta.org or Linda.g@aa-seta.org Please Note in e-mail headline Writers workshop registration. Scan QR for Registration.





We are going to know a new freedom...  
*Alcoholics Anonymous, Page 83*

## Southeast Texas Area 67 Correctional Facilities Conference September 15, 16, and 17, 2023

<p>TDCJ Orientation</p> <p>CF Professional Panel</p> <p>Volunteer Panel</p> <p>Ask-It-Basket</p> <p>Speakers &amp; AA Meetings in English &amp; Spanish</p> <p>Inmate Speaker</p>	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p>Ola T. Houston, Tx</p> <p>Datham M. Houston, Tx</p> <p>Rochelle B. Sealy, Tx</p> <p>Alvaro D. Houston, Tx</p>	<p>Friday &amp; Saturday Night Ice Cream Socials</p> <p>Saturday Night Banquet</p> <p>Hospitality Room and Great Fellowship</p> <p>Registration \$10.00</p>
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DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel-Intercontinental, 15747 JFK Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77032  
 Limited rooms are available, so please reserve your rooms early.  
 Mention you are attending the SETA CFC 2023 to receive the \$89 per night Rm.  
 All reservations must be made by **September 8th** through the reservations department by calling 1-855-610-TREE 855-610-8733  
 Link: <https://tinyurl.com/SETACFC>  
 For Further Info: call - (832) 883-9110  
 Mail the form and make check payable to:  
 SETA CFC 2023 CONFERENCE PO Box 925241 Houston, TX 77292-5241



Eventbrite registration QR code

<p>Name(s) _____</p> <p>Badge Name _____</p> <p>Badge Name _____</p> <p>Mailing Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>	<p>Professional: <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>Volunteers: <input type="checkbox"/> AA <input type="checkbox"/> Alanon <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p># People _____ @ \$10.00 = _____</p> <p>Saturday Banquet _____ @ \$40.00 = _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Fish <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan</p> <p>Unlimited Coffee _____ @ \$ 5.00 = _____</p> <p>Please accept my donation of = _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Total = _____</b></p>
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## 61ST ANNUAL S.E.T.A. CONVENTION

WHAT SHAPE IS YOUR TRIANGLE?

JANUARY 19-21, 2024

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

9:00A GSD - 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., BISMARCK, ND

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE IS \$20 FOR AA/AL-ANON -BY 11/30  
 HOTEL RATE - \$129 SINGLE/\$149 DOUBLE - BOOK BY 12/29  
 SETA CONVENTION, 2951 MARINA BAY DR., SUITE 130 BOX 273, LEAGUE CITY, TX., 77573



<p>Full Name: _____</p> <p>Badge Name: _____</p> <p>Home Group: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p>	<p>Quantity/Type      Cost</p> <p>AA Pre-registration      \$20</p> <p>Al-Anon Pre-registration      \$20</p> <p>Alateen/Child      Free</p> <p>Coffee Badge      \$10</p> <p>Box Lunch - Saturday      \$20</p> <p>Banquet - Saturday Night      \$50</p>
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# JUNE Treasurer's Report 2023 Pg 1

SETA District 40 Monthly Financial Report -- June 2023							
EXPENSES	Initial Approved Budget	Approved Budget Changes	Revised Approved Budget	Expense This Month	Year to Date Expenses	% This Month	% Year to Date
DCM	\$ 925		\$ 925	\$ 30.00	\$ 451.83	3%	49%
Alt. DCM	\$ 900		\$ 900	\$ -	\$ 227.70		25%
Secretary / Copying	\$ 150		\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -		
Treasurer	\$ 75		\$ 75	\$ -	\$ -		
Newsletter	\$ 100		\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -		
PO Box	\$ 160		\$ 160	\$ -	\$ 166.00		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	\$ 148.00	10%	49%
Gratitude Dinner - Food	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Fellowship Fest	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Traditions Dinner	\$ 1,300	\$ 400	\$ 1,700	\$ -	\$ 300.00		18%
Service Workshop	\$ 300		\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -		
SWRAASA (Even Years)	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
The Forum (Odd Years) See Note	\$ 1,900		\$ 1,900	\$ 606.61	\$ 606.61	32%	32%
Delegate Report Meeting	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
State Convention Hospitality Suite	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
SETA Hospitality - District 40	\$ 300		\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 400.00		133%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,884</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,283.96</b>	<b>\$ 667.61</b>	<b>\$ 3,764.10</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>41%</b>

INCOME	
Group Name	Amount (\$)
Friends of Bill W. (Post Oak)	\$ 50.00
Just For Today	\$ 31.69
Katy 12 & 12	\$ 49.02
Sisters in Serenity	\$ 129.09
Event Donations	
Traditions Dinner Donations	
Gratitude Dinner Donations	
State Conv - Hospitality Suite	
SETA -Hospitality Suite	
Delegate Report Contribution	
Fellowship Fest	
<b>Total Income this Month</b>	<b>\$ 259.80</b>

<b>Beginning Bank Balance</b>	\$ 3,549.81
<b>Total Expenses this Month</b>	\$ 667.61
<b>Total Income this Month</b>	\$ 259.80
<b>Prudent Reserve (0.25 x Budget)</b>	\$ 1,855.00
<b>Held for SETA Hospitality</b>	\$ -
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	\$ 1,287.00
<b>Ending Balance / Total Funds</b>	\$ 3,142.00
<b>Unspent Portion of Budget</b>	\$ 5,519.86

Notes:



# JUNE 2023—Meeting Minutes Pg 1

## DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Location:**

COTHA Church, 122W. Grand Parkway, Katy, Tx. Rm. 115

Google Meet

<https://meet.google.com/scf-xndv-noe>

[doug.d@aa-seta.org](mailto:doug.d@aa-seta.org) DCM

[mike.b@aa-seta.org](mailto:mike.b@aa-seta.org) Alt. DCM

[theresa.s@aa-seta.org](mailto:theresa.s@aa-seta.org) Secretary

[ronnie.h@aa-seta.org](mailto:ronnie.h@aa-seta.org) Treasurer

**Mailing Address:**

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

**Date:** June 13, 2023

**Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 PM

**Attendees:** 33 total, 12 in-person, 21 on-line

**Call to Order – 7:00 pm, Doug D.**

**SERENITY PRAYER-** Doug D.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT –** Theresa S., (Alt. OPEN) accepted with corrections.

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

**Delegate's Report – given by Rick M. and Christina S.**

(The full report will be available at a later date)

**Highlights:**

- **Audit Results**
  - Completed on schedule
  - Unmodified or "clean" audit opinion
  - The financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects
  - No material weaknesses
  - No significant deficiencies
  - 5 recommendations (3 AAWS and 2 GV) compared to 5 in 2021
- **GSO Budget**
  - Under Budget Categories represent 72% of total operating expense
  - Over Budget Categories represent 28% of total operating expense
  - Operating revenue \$18,791,320 compared to \$15,910,334 in 2022.
  - Contributions \$10,500,000 compared to \$10,548,525 in 2022.
  - Literature gross margin \$7,950,000 compared to \$4,894,113 in 2022.
  - Operating surplus of \$505,841 after depreciation compared to \$1,579,305 deficit in 2022.
- **Contributions**
  - Groups 59%
  - Individuals 31%
  - Areas and Districts 9%
  - Events and Online Meetings 1%
- **Reserve Fund Policy**
  - Policy adopted by GSB in 2022 includes:
    - a 9 to 12 month goal range
    - At least 50% of the portfolio available within one year
    - GSB must authorize transfers into and withdrawals from the Reserve Fund

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- In the event of emergencies such as a bank failure or inability to meet payroll, Trustees Finance and Budgetary Committee may authorize a withdrawal. If the Committee is unable to be gathered within the needed timeframe, two officers of the GSB may authorize.
- Grapevine and La Vina Apps
  - Meeting readers where they are:
    - Newspapers and magazines 11 minutes
    - Smart Phone - 3 hours plus
    - 84% of households have at least one smartphone
    - Average person looks at their smartphone every 5 ¼ minutes.
    - New York Times Example
    - Print subscriptions 740,000
    - Digital Subscriptions 9,600,000
    - Print will continue as flagship for traditional subscribers to Grapevine and La Viña, Corrections, CPC & PI, Groups and for 12th Step work. The magazines are not going away!
    - Launch September 2023
- Online Groups
  - In December 2022 there were 883 groups with 587 having GSRs as main contact
- Plain Language Translation of Alcoholics Anonymous
  - Rick's Take Aways
    - The Area's Conscience was abundantly clear.
    - Informed and not Instructed.
    - Honest – Open Minded – Willing
    - One Hour was not nearly enough.
    - There is still work to be done.
    - Overall, I was pleasantly surprised.
    - May well be useful to those without access to a sponsor.
  - A Few Points About the Translation
    - In the Preface of the book, there is a clearly written statement about the fact that this book is not a replacement for, but a companion to the Big Book and that it was written to help explain our program of recovery in easier to understand terms.
    - The Preface makes clear that this new book will carry the same message of hope for the still suffering alcoholic that our Fourth Edition has in it.
- General Service Board Resignations
  - What we know
    - During a Planning and Sharing Meeting on January 29, 2023, a discussion was initiated that questioned the Board Chair's leadership style.
    - The Board Chair offered to resign if the Board wanted her to.
    - The Board Chair left the meeting and went to her room.
    - Later, two members of the Board took a letter of resignation to the Chair's room.
    - The Chair signed it after adding the words – "At the request of the Board"
    - After considerable discussion, the Board voted to accept the resignation.
    - Several Board members have stated that they didn't know this discussion was to occur.
    - After considerable discussion, Southwest Regional Trustee Jimmy D. was elected interim Board Chair
    - A few weeks later Grapevine Board Chair Josh E., resigned citing a lack of willingness to pause, reflect and inventory, and a rush to forward a new chair to the 73rd GSC.

\*Actions of the 73rd GSC Around the Board and the Resignations

The slate of Trustees for the General Service Board was approved by the GSC.

The slate of officers of the GSB was approved.

The slate of Directors for AAW'S was approved by the GSC.



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The slate of Directors for AA Grapevine was approved by the GSC.

- Actions of the 73rd GSC Around the Board and the Resignations
  - The following floor action was passed:
    - “In an effort to improve communication, ensure Board policies are reflective of our principles, and reestablish a relationship of trust between the General Service Conference, the General Service Board and the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, the General Service Board is asked to undertake an inventory prior to the 74th General Service Conference. To assist the Board in this endeavor, the 73rd General Service Conference will establish a working group to aid the General Service Board in formulating possible inventory questions.”
  - The following floor action failed:
    - “The 73rd General Service Conference censure the General Service Board due to poor communication to the Fellowship regarding the resignation of the former Chair of the General Service Board and for the process that was followed regarding the acceptance of her resignation.”
- Advisory Actions 73rd GSC
  - Agenda
    - 2024 Conference Theme – Connecting with Love, Unity, and Service
    - 2024 Presentation and Discussion Topics – Responsibility in Service: When and How to Give.
    - 2025 Workshop Topics – Connecting Home Groups to the Conference throughout the year, to better inform the Group’s Conscience.
    - Conference inventory be conducted starting with the 75th General Service Conference
  - CPC
    - Approved updated pamphlet of “AA in your Community.”
    - Took no action on retiring “A Members Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous.”
  - Corrections
    - Language on outside sponsorship be added to the pamphlet “AA in Correctional Facilities.”
    - Change the word "correspondence" to "communication" in the committee’s Composition, Scope, and Procedure.
  - Finance
    - Specify that contributions are received by the General Service Board.
    - Area contribution for delegates expense to Conference increase from \$1,800 to \$2,200.
    - Report quarterly financials to conference members for AAWS, GSE, and AAGV.
  - Literature
    - “AA Three Legacies” pamphlet be discontinued, and the material turned into a service piece.
    - Updated pamphlet “12 Traditions Illustrated” be approved.
    - The pamphlet “Too Young” be retired and the content be repurposed for a video.

### Policy and Admissions

Revise polling between annual meetings of the Conference to use virtual meeting technology.  
Meet with the conference members 2 additional times per year in General Sharing Sessions.

### Public Information

Create periodic analytics reporting on our current communications platforms.  
2022 Membership Survey be approved.

### Report and Charter

Final anonymity protected report to be on AA.org.

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Wait an additional year for publishing the Service Manual. No 2023 – 2025 Edition. 2024 -2026 Edition instead.

Rework chapters 8-12 in the Service Manual to correct inaccuracies.

### Treatment and Accessibilities

Approve Updated pamphlet – “AA for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late”.

Approve Military Audio Interviews.

### Trustees

Approve Slate of Trustees for GSB

Approve Officers for GSB

Approve Slate of directors for AAW'S

Approve Slate of directors for AAGV

### International Conventions / Regional Forums

Cities for 2025 Convention be considered: Phoenix, AZ; Indianapolis, IN; New Orleans, LA.

21 non-AA-Speakers to be invited to attend the 2025 International Convention.

### Q&A

Farah

Q. The Grapevine is bleeding (money). Are we banking on this new GV app that's being released in September will get them out of the hole?

A. Yes, it should be a money generator in the future.

Q. Who/what population received the survey?

A. I do not have that information.

Q. If this can be answered, was “God” and “gender” taken out of the PLBB from what you read?

A. “God is not removed. In some cases gender was changed to “people”, when referring to an individual, gender was not changed

Q. Was God still used in the Steps?

A. Yes

Q. 73rd GSC Quick Reference Guide (section 2022 Contribution Stats) shows Group Contributions at 33.48% but the PowerPoint slide showed 58.8%.

A. 58.8% refers to total contributions, not groups.

Q. Short Form Reference Guide doesn't show Additional Considerations. Is there another document that is more detailed?

A. Rick is looking into it.

Marilyn's questions:

Q. What projects can be earmarked for a slower rollout until we rebuild our prudent reserve?

GSO has had multiple recast budgets

A. The prudent reserve is for operating expenses.

Q. Why are prudent reserve funds being diverted to special projects when GSO is struggling financially?

A. The prudent reserve is for operating expenses.

## JUNE 2023—Meeting Minutes Pg 5

Mike

Q. Is GV a separate corporation?

A: Yes

Q. Service Manual - 4. How does general service pay for its activities? Each entity that makes up general service is self-supporting through voluntary contributions from the Fellowship, supplemented by sales of A.A. literature. (According to its charter, the AA Grapevine cannot accept group contributions and does not receive a share of any contributions made to the General Service Board. Its self-support comes directly through the sale of magazine subscriptions and other content-related materials.) Pg 6 FAQ

I have been informed from another Delegate that we have given 1.2 million to GV so far.

A: Rick said he would look into it

### DCM Report

Welcome to the District 40 monthly meeting. This will be a quick report since our delegate Rick M will be giving his report on the GSC and that will take up most of the meeting. We will have some time at the end for Mike to talk about the traditions dinner coming up in July.

### ALT. DCM Report

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](mailto: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

### DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives Rep: Lilian K. – No report

CFC Rep: Anne M - Nothing to report this month

CPC Rep: Eric C – No report

Grapevine Rep: Wendy F – No Report

IT Rep: Peggy A – no report this month.

Houston Intergroup Liaison: Fernando B- No report

Literature Rep: Carol F. - We are continuing to work on a workshop that we are planning for late this year or possibly early next year. I think it will be a very interesting workshop when we get it done, and I will be giving more information about it as the time grows near. Thank you for your service.

Newsletter Editor: Sara A. - Reminder: have the QR code available for your groups to see the newsletter. On a bulletin board or on

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the weekly email list if your group has it.

Summer means so many activities in AA! Check out the events section. Also, the traditions dinner is coming soon!

Pamphlet of the month: provided by Carol, THIS IS AA, for those that are sober-curious looking to learn what it is all about. The QR code is provided for convenience

Topic for July writing: How we can go anywhere as sober people and have a community to go to, around the world. It is a great feeling to be sober and know we are a part of something this big.

PI Public Information): OPEN

TFC Rep: Matt G - Area 67 TFC Committee meeting June 15 th 7:00 pm. \*\*\*\*

1. Treatment Facilities Committee invites DCM's, District TFC's, Area Committee Members, and all member interested to help carry the message and administer the resources of AA to the Alcoholic that stills suffer.

2. DCMs who are fortunate to have District TFC Chairs/TFC Committees, please pass this invitation on to them! Also, please provide our meeting and contact information to any AA members wishing to attend and participate.

The Area TFC Zoom Login is: ID # 552 569 731 (PW 169753)

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

2. Working on a Hybrid location for future Area 67 TFC meetings...Stafford / Missouri City area.

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

4. 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&amp;12

Matt.g@aa.seta.org

832-466-3835

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

The Ad-Hoc committee has been meeting monthly since the beginning of the year, working on finding a permanent location for the monthly district meetings to return. We have recently found a new temporary location, one that many are already familiar with... COTHA – Church of the Holy Apostles, it is located 1225 W. Grand Pkwy S, Katy, TX 77494.

District 40 is a very large area, as far Northwest – Brenham off of 290 & Hwy 36 down to Sealy at I-10 & I-10 from Sealy to inside the Sam Houston Toll Road. We are looking into a centralized location that can accommodate “Hybrid setup” capable of both in-person and on-line.

Below is the current list of locations that are available and we are considering.

COTHA: New Temporary Location.

Location: COTHA – Church of the Holy Apostles. <https://www.cottha.org/>

Address: 1225 W Grand Pkwy S, Katy, TX 77494

Cost: \$30 a meeting.

Wifi access would be Broadband connection

Availability: on the current scheduled 2 nd Tuesday of each month.

Woods Road:

Location: Woods Road Club. <https://www.woodsroadclub.org/>

Address: 2119 Woods Rd, Brookshire, TX 77423

Cost: \$25 a meeting.

Wifi would be a “Hot Spot”

Availability: on the current scheduled 2 nd Tuesday of each month.

Bear Creek Fellowship Church: Currently looking into this as an option.

Location: Bear Creek Fellowship Church

Address: 5151 Addicks Satsuma Rd, Houston, TX 77084

Cost: ??? a meeting.

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Availability on the current scheduled 2 nd Tuesday of each month??

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT - Inventory**

There are five people on the committee and three were present for the last meeting. Mike B. was elected as Chair and Peggy A. elected as Secretary. More people are needed for the committee. The committee meets on Monday on google meet.

### **Traditions Dinner**

There will be an Ask-It-Basket section. Volunteers are needed. Set-up is from 2-4 pm and clean-up is from 7-8pm. Committee Reps are invited to showcase their committee. Tables will be available. Theresa S. will invite the Area PI chair to set up a display.

### **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 –**

David R. is the new GSR for the Wild West Group.

**RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT:** .All Together

**ADJOURN :** 9:00 pm



**2023 District 40  
Officers and Committee Representatives**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>
DCM	Doug D	<a href="mailto:Doug.d@aa-seta.org">Doug.d@aa-seta.org</a>
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Secretary	Theresa S	<a href="mailto:Theresa.s@aa-seta.org">Theresa.s@aa-seta.org</a>
Alt Secretary	OPEN	
Treasurer	Ronnie H	<a href="mailto:Ronnie.h@aa-seta.org">Ronnie.h@aa-seta.org</a>
Alt Treasurer	OPEN	
Archives	OPEN	
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CFC Rep	Anne M	<a href="mailto:anne.m@aa-seta.org">anne.m@aa-seta.org</a>
Intergroup Rep	Fernando B	<a href="mailto:Fernando.b@aa-seta.org">Fernando.b@aa-seta.org</a>
CPC Rep	Eric C	
PI Rep	OPEN	
TFC	OPEN	

## AREA 67 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee	Meeting Date & Time	Location
Archives	2nd Monday of the Month 7pm	Google Meet Link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/uus-pbqk-xip">meet.google.com/uus-pbqk-xip</a> 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 7p	Zoom ID: 552 569 731 Passcode: 169753