

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA 67
QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY
Clarion Inn – Houston, Texas
Workshop Reports
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Area Standing Committee and Intergroup Liaison Reports
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Workshop Reports

GSR Workshop

Leader: Paul M

Paul opened the workshop with introductions, and then shared about the literature there for the GSRs to take. He then explained the roll of a GSR, read Concept 1, and discussed it. He explained the GSR is the group contact, its voice; they inform their group of what's happening in AA as a whole. They report back to the Area, and work with the treasurer to ensure their group is self supporting.

Paul then discussed the DCM position, and that it was the responsibility of the GSRs to attend District meetings, so their Group questions and concerns could be discussed there. The GSRs have the authority to make decisions on behalf of their group. The GSRs should have Alternate GSRs, and should encourage the Alternates to participate.

The Principle of Rotation, Group Inventory, Intergroup, What AA Does Not Do, Cooperation but not Affiliation, clubs – these were all brought up and discussed.

The meeting ended with the Responsibility Statement.

Advanced GSR Workshop

Leader: Larry N, Recorder: Barbara Green

Larry N opened with the Serenity Prayer at 9:30; introductions were made and slips of paper passed out for questions. Twenty one attended. He introduced the pamphlets, "The AA Group", 12 Concepts & 12 Traditions Illustrated", as well as the AA Service Manual and the GSR pamphlet. He shared his experience with service work, discussed service sponsorship, and reminded those attending to be strong and stand for the principles. Some questions were:

How do you submit a GSR report people want to listen to? Hold separate business meetings from group conscience. Don't lecture or use guilt. Demonstrate interest. Just do it and don't worry about the outcome. Controversy gets people involved. Try to reach just one person.

What are some points to get new members interested in being a GSR? Get a sponsor with an elbow. Show your enthusiasm and take them to service opportunities. Sponsorship is taking them through steps, traditions and concepts. Make it attractive and fun. Get to meet new and different people.

What is a Group Inventory? Referred to page 27 in "The AA Group." Go to the group conscience and ask for an inventory, pick a date and use outside facilitator. Use questions in the pamphlet or the Traditions Checklist.

Do you let other members from other groups vote or is it left up to the home group to decide? One vote and one voice. Don't go to other groups to sway the vote. If it is the right thing to do, we ought to do it.

What's the difference between a group conscience meeting and a business meeting? Page 21 in "An AA Group" discusses steering committees.

With many groups meeting in one place, how do you get and stay informed and participate in group conscience? Try to have the group conscience on Sunday afternoon that doesn't conflict with a meeting. Expect diversity and dissention when you have many meetings under one umbrella. It's hard to imagine successful service reps and responsibility with such division.

Treatment Facilities Workshop
Leader: Jeff B, Recorder: Marcia P

TFC Chair, Jeff B., started the workshop off by explaining that there is always more TFC work than people available to do it. The TFC committee has, to date, maximized its impact by focusing on the Bridging the Gap Program (BTG).

Treatment Facilities are considered to be any place alcoholics get and stay sober while living in groups. The TFC deals mostly with people who are 0-30 days sober. We cooperate with treatment facilities, but are not affiliated with them. TFC maintains a "tradition-focused" relationship with the facilities.

TFC is currently focusing on empowering districts to do TFC work in treatment facilities in their districts. As a result, BTG programs are now active or starting up in Districts 33, 81, and 90. Marcia P. described the BTG and Temporary Contact Programs. BTG is an informational meeting to help introduce Alcoholics Anonymous to attendees. A typical agenda goes as follows:

1. The AA preamble, the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions are introduced generally;
2. Traditions Three and Five are discussed specifically.
3. A sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous tells a short version of their story and how the fellowship has helped them stay sober.
4. The Temporary Contact Program is introduced.

The Temporary Contact Program provides a contact to those getting out of treatment to meet them at a meeting and help them feel more comfortable by introducing them to people and answering questions. TFC maintains a database of sober volunteers to do this. A phone committee then matches the request to the volunteer and telephones him or her to make sure that he/she is still willing/able to act as a temporary contact. The volunteer's name and number are then communicated back to the requestor. The requestor is then responsible for calling the volunteer contact.

Jeff explained that there are also some closed meetings at other Treatment Facilities like Harris County Psychiatric Center (HCPC). He invited all to attend the TFC meeting at 4:30 pm on Saturday where we meet at any Quarterly Assembly.

How can you help? Let us count the ways:

1. Sign up to be a temporary contact
2. Recruit others to sign up to be a temporary contact
3. Volunteer to run a BTG meeting at a local Treatment Facility
4. Tell your story at a BTG meeting
5. Volunteer to lead or be on a phone team
6. Start or attend a meeting at a local Treatment Facility
7. You can do as much or as little as you want!

Regional Forum Workshop

1. Betsy G

The Regional Forum was held in Rogers, Arkansas in December 2005. A great group of people represented our Area and participated in the workshops. Those present covered all of the break-out workshops and gave short reports to us on what they learned at the workshops that they attended. In addition to topics on our service committees, some of the interesting topics covered were "AA Around the World," "Our Seventh Tradition," "Third Concept," "Finance: The Larger Picture and the Spirit of Sacrifice," "How Can We Regain the Ability To Do Our Own 12th Step Work Again?," and the very popular "Rituals and Chanting in AA." The overall consensus was that "this was an experience that all are glad they didn't miss!"

2. Bob B

The really special thing for me that stood out at this particular workshop was a father/daughter team in attendance. The dad had over twenty years of sobriety and was recently introduced to service and his daughter was fast approaching one year and was the proverbial sponge.

Some wonderful points were brought out during the workshop. Naturally we talked about how we keep tied together this concept of mutual trust and our First Concept of authority and responsibility. We, as

groups and individuals, ought to be vigilant in our considerations for trusted servants. But, we can also rest assured that when the able aren't willing, the willing will, by the grace of God, stand and represent.

We discussed at some length the difference between being informed and instructed. I felt like it took a few folks aback when it was mentioned that Area 67 actually votes on this each year in regards to our delegate and his responsibilities at the GSC. Naturally, this brought up the difference between a trusted servant and a messenger and whether or not our trusted servants were representing us or acting on our behalf. All excellent points to ponder during a tenth step, after any voting matter.

District Reports

District 10

Kathleen O, DCM

Allison W, Alternate DCM

Welcome all from District 10! D10 has seen more GSRs attending our meetings, though if all the GSRs and committee members attended at one time, we would be having some good-sized meetings. We have had visits from the following committees during the last year: Chair/Alt. Chair, Literature, Delegate/Alt. Delegate, PI and, of course, GV. We are looking forward to visits from TFC, CPC, and CFC in the coming months.

D10 and D20 have tentatively (after taking it back to our districts for approval) to have Charles and Gus come and meet with both districts and give their Conference report on August 5. We are looking forward to this and think this would also be a good way for both sets of GSRs to meet together.

I would like to especially thank Tom and the GV committee for all their support and donation of a flyer and lots of GV packets. They seem to always be showing up at our meetings, and I for one, am glad of it!

We are looking forward to the Gratitude Dinner this year and having all that spaghetti! I volunteered D10 to bring the bread and will okay this with the district at our next meeting.

Look forward to see all at the July Assembly.

Thank you for letting me serve, Kathleen O

District 20

Deborah De B, DCM

We are very excited about the District. WE have had new GSRs and Alternate GSRs come to our district meeting. Our District meeting has had a special member, a past GSR, come do a series of all 12 Traditions from her own experience. This has helped us a great deal in understanding and applying the traditions everywhere we go and especially in meetings we attend. This has been a real treat. We had a very successful SETA convention this year, giving 20 Grapevine subscriptions and spreading the word of the 2nd oldest piece of AA literature in print. We are planning the 2nd annual "What Is a GSR?" Service workshop May 13, 2006, at Lambda Center on Clay Street. Our District is committed to reaching our hand out to AA, and everyone is pitching in to make that happen. We will be having our Summer service workshop On July 29th and our Holiday workshop October 28th; both will be located at The Council on Alcohol & Drugs. We now have two meetings committed to setting funds aside on a monthly basis to send the GSR to the Forum in 2007. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah DeBram

District 31

Gene J, DCM

Dwayne P, Alternate DCM

District 31 is alive and well -- we are having 25 or so GSRs attending our monthly meetings now -- thanks to all who come help us serve the District. We have an opening for Alt. DCM since Duane P needed to resign because of business commitments.. He served us well and he will be missed. Thank you for your service and continued support, Duane. We are having fun planning for the Gratitude Dinner in November -- trying out spaghetti recipes and ways to cook pasta ahead so it will be edible. Promise we'll perfect it so the dinner will

be fabulous! We are counting on all of you to make this event in our Gratitude month fun, filled with fellowship and love. Plan now on joining us -- we need you! We are looking forward to seeing all our AA friends at the State Convention in June! You folks are the BEST!

In love and service, Gene J

District 32
Bart M, DCM
Lynn G, Alternate DCM

The District 32 Annual Workshop is nearly upon us. Flyers are being distributed to as many places as we can think of to post them. This year's workshop will be held in May or June at Champions Group. Money and the definitions of groups and clubs seem to be hot topics among our groups, and we are hoping the two mini-sessions "Money and Spirituality" and "What Is a Group vs. a Club" will bring lots of participation. We also are actively seeking to round out the top 10 questions in groups for a final ask-it basket round. That portion of our workshop has been awesome in our past two annual workshops. If anyone from any other district would like to offer questions for the "10 most frequently asked questions" panel, please contact myself or Lynn.

The District 32 Grapevine contents is officially underway. District 32 is pleased to provide funding for contest prizes that can be won through any accepted entry, be it article, photograph, or cartoon.

We are still hoping to fill some vacant committee positions – a critical need as we work toward using more and more of our budgeted funds to support committee work at the group and district level.

The District 32 newsletter is proving to be a greater success issued on a quarterly basis. We have consistently received articles from District 32 members, with regular features including the readers' digest version of a pamphlet every month, for those of us who are challenged by time or the desire to read. This has been a very helpful addition to the newsletter. And, let's not forget our superwoman Grapevine chair, Jackie V, who supplies us with wonderful quarterly articles, monthly meetings, lots of activities, and developed the concept for this year's contest.

District 33
Tim C, DCM
Robert W, Alternate DCM

District 40
Daryl H, DCM
Chuck W, Alternate DCM

Howdy, I am Daryl H, Alcoholic, currently serving as DCM for District 40. On Saturday, June 3rd, District 40 is having our annual Traditions Dinner. Lasagna and pink lemonade will be served! Martha W. will be our guest speaker.

District 40 is hosting a hospitality suite at the State Convention. We have also decided to donate \$100 towards the upcoming Gratitude Dinner.

We are well on our way towards dividing District 40 into several sub-districts, with LCMs to better carry the message to the groups in our district. We hope this will increase participation of groups, especially the inactive ones, in the district.

In love and service, Daryl

District 51
John O'D, DCM
Paula D, Alternate DCM

The District is doing well. We've got a few new GSRs and continue to go to groups that don't have a GSR to tell them about what the district is doing.

The District Workshop in January was a success. The 12 and 12 Group had its annual barbecue the beginning of March. Delta Club and Bellaire Club will be having their anniversaries in April -- the Delta Club anniversary will be April 23, the Bellaire Club anniversary will be April 29. We're planning the rest-of-the-story traditions 7 thru 12 in the near future.

The district will have a website in about a month or sooner. The website will have the group's number, when the district meets, and where the district meetings are held. The minutes for the district will be posted on the website. District 51 meets the last Saturday of the month at the Delta Club at 11:00 a.m.

District 52
Bob B, DCM
Tom P, Alternate DCM

Hope this finds everyone well from around Area 67. The last of the quarter found the District 52 picnic coming off without a hitch thanks to all the help Glen C rounded up to give him a hand. 7:15 a.m. found plenty of breakfast goodies from the early risers for the volunteers to munch. Bar-B-Que pits were unloaded and stoked, chicken cut, tables covered and sodas iced in preparation for the the events to begin at 11:00. We all had a great time eating, throwing the baseballs and footballs around, and seeing another game played that's still foreign to me. This was the first time in at least four years we passed the basket. The picnic came off almost fully self-supporting. Thanks to all the volunteer haulers, cutters, cooks, eaters and guests who made this a great fellowshiping day.

Plans have begun, as of this month, for our first workshop of the year. The Alief Group has offered to serve as host. Topics will center around the Three Legacies. Format will be decided by the Alief Group. Tentative schedule is for sometime in June depending on the rest of the area calendar. We hope all will come join us as we attempt to become more effective and understanding in carrying our message.

As you may have read, our district has decided on a budget and a prudent reserve. Numbers seem to suggest that as soon as we start counting or keeping track, results start to slide. Ain't it great God's in charge and with His guidance all will be as it should be.

We, in District 52, thank all of you in the area for allowing us to serve in some capacity. KEEP COMING BACK.

Yours in Love and Service, Bob B

District 60
Aldrinette C, DCM
Michael McM, Alternate DCM

District 63
Austroberto R, DCM
Vicente S, Alternate DCM

This district has 10 groups with 8 GSR's. It meets on Saturdays at 6 pm at 4800 W 34th St, #C-50-K, Houston, Texas 77092, (713)-681-4377. This district meets with other districts one week prior to each Area Assembly to discuss the agenda. The district has two committees. The Corrections Committee meets on Wednesdays and visits the Central Unit Prison. The La Vina Committee has 4 La Vina Representatives and meets on Thursdays. They share with other groups on Tuesdays so that they will send a La Vina Rep. Also this committee meets with the standing committee of the South area and has 85 subscriptions.

District 64
Rodolfo C, DCM
Alvaro D, Alternate DCM

District 64 meets at 1215 Aldine Bender, Suite #110, Houston.TX 77032, telephone #281-219-1894. We have 10 groups; only one is without a GSR. We have three committees: La Viña, Literature and Correctional Facilities. The DCM and District Chair visit the groups twice a week. We also have GSR & DCM meetings every Saturday at 6:00 pm.

The four Hispanic Districts meet every two months or more if necessary to share information about SETA assemblies and Hispanic events, like the Hispanic Assemblies and the USA/Canada Hispanic Convención.

The Hispanic Districts will have a hospitality room at the State Convention.

All these meetings are with a single purpose – Keep the AA Spirit alive for all newcomers who want to know what AA is.

Thank you, Rodolfo C, DCM, and Alvaro D, Alternate DCM

District 65

Oscar T, DCM

Roberto V, Alternate DCM

District 66

Juan T., DCM

Ricardo D, Alternate DCM

Our District has 15 groups; 10 of them have GSRs. We have meetings every Saturday. We have study meetings the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Also, we have elected our Alternate DCM, our team member Ricardo D. He is from the “Hispano” group.

We will work with the district on the Gratitude Dinner. We also are going to Interdistrict meetings we’ve organized with the four Hispanic Districts.

Thanks attentively, Juan T, Ricardo D

District 70

Debra R, DCM

Raphael E, Alternate DCM

District 81

Al P, DCM

Bill H, Alternate DCM

District 81 is planning a workshop to take place sometime in July. The consensus seems to be that the workshop will pertain to sponsorship. As soon as details are available we will pass them on.

Gary K and David H have graciously agreed to return and facilitate the second annual T&C Weekend at the Beach October 20-22. Mark that on your calendars because you won’t want to miss the sequel. Flyers will be distributed this weekend at assembly and a copy of the flyer will be posted on the website.

Ray F has finished editing the T&C Weekend tapes and CDs are now available. Copies should have been sent to all those who requested them or ordered them. If anyone doesn’t have their copy yet or if anyone still wants a copy of last year’s presentation, please let me know.

Yours in service, Al P

District 82

Eileen P, DCM

Jes H, Alternate DCM

“Reaching out to the alcoholic still suffering” seemed to be the watch word for the first quarter of the year. The Brazosport area for the past several years has had an answering service for anyone looking for information about Alcoholics Anonymous. O.B. S. asked the district to find someone else to commit to be

responsible for that answering service. An ad hoc committee was formed and the outcome of that was: (1) Brazosport would keep their answering service (2) all groups will call Intergroup and insure their areas are represented by current phone contacts.

Several groups seemed to have considerable questions regarding the traditions which led to Sue M. from the Sweeny group to volunteer to be the chairman for a traditions workshop. This workshop shall be co hosted by all groups in District 82. The workshop shall be June 17, 2006 at the West Columbia Civic Center from 3 -7 PM.

The District monthly meetings are being held in the Conaco-Phillips building at 1002 Ashley Wilson road, Sweeny, TX. We meet at 3 PM on the 1st Sunday of the month with some exceptions.

.....AA Service works in District 82

Yours in Service, Eileen P

District 90

Karen Y, DCM

Harvey H, Alternate DCM

We are still averaging between 35-40 people at our monthly GSR meetings with around 16-20 groups represented on a regular basis.

Tony D is our 2006 District Conference Chair. His committee is meeting on a monthly basis now. This event will be held on August 18-20 at the Holiday Inn on Walden Road in Beaumont.

The West End Group will be hosting the 2006 District 90 Gratitude Dinner with Serenity Group as the co-host. Rick L will be the chairperson for this event and we will be electing a co-chair at our next District meeting. That will be held in November. We'll have more details at a later date.

So far this year we have had a PowerPoint presentation in February on AA websites done by our District Webmaster, Brian H, and we also had Betsy G and Terri V (Area 67 Chair and Co-Chair) come to the March GSR meeting and do a very informative workshop on Service Sponsorship. We have several more workshops planned through the year that are geared towards service and carrying our message. Some of these include Archives, CFC, and TFC.

Our GSR meetings are held the 1st Sunday of each month at 2 pm. We meet at Avenue E & Franklin in Beaumont. If you get a chance please drop in and see us.

Area Standing Committee Reports

Archives

Sarah D, Chairperson

The Archives committee is meeting at Intergroup the first Thursday of each month 7:30 p.m. for a short business meeting followed by a work session. Our second meeting is the following Thursday and conducted in an Instant Messaging format to help committee members conserve on the cost of gas. The committee members, who are able, spend the day at Intergroup on the first Thursday reviewing the archives records and building the inventory on our Access database. In the evening we discuss issues such as committee member opinion regarding committee policy on records retention, upcoming activities on the committee calendar and whatever else comes up. The IM meeting is for the exchange of ideas. During the Quarterly, we share experiences with district and group archivists, who can't make the monthly meetings.

We are interested in attracting more members of the fellowship to do their service work in Area archives and help us keep the record straight.

Yours in service, Sarah D, Chair

Correctional Facilities

ZBM, Chairperson

Meets 3rd Wed at St. Joe's Hospital, 7:30-9PM. 4 districts have CFC Rep known to the Area Committee. How about yours? Some Group reps – from D-31, D-32. Drop by to see what is happening. For map visit www.aa-seta.org, [correctional](#) page.

GENERAL REMINDER to all TDCJ approved volunteers: if you have not visited a unit this year or last year, your approval MAY have EXPIRED. Please contact SATP ID Office @936-437-2851 to check on current status. To maintain active approval, one must attend a meeting in a unit at least ONCE A YEAR. Contact the closest unit near you, or email the CF Committee for active meetings inside and an AA contact to go with you. Applications can be gotten at our monthly meeting or online at:

www.tdcj.state.tx.us/pgm&svcs/pgms-volunteer-application.PDF.

The voluntary contributions through the Area CFC Blue Can Project have been generous. We will be visiting your group, or your district, to personally THANK YOU, and ask you to sign a case of Big Books to be taken into jails or prisons with your message of hope and recovery. The Blue Can Report listing contributing groups/districts/events and facilities receiving literature is available at the Quarterly meetings. Ask your group's CFC Rep for a copy.

CF Conference planning meetings to be held APRIL 30 at 2pm, @ Good News Group in Humble, and June 4 at 2PM in The Clarion. We have trimmed down the needs of the conference, and will be offering this event next year to districts to coordinate on-site activities, i.e., registration, hospitality, hosting, safety, etc. If your group OR District would like to get involved, and be of service to inmates and the CF committee, please contact the CF Chair for delegated responsibilities and authorities at correctional@aa-seta.org. Come be a part of this Area function. Speakers are: our own Martha W, past delegate and past Trustees' Corrections committee member. Out of town speakers will be TOM I, and Jim Estelle. Conference will be 9/8-9-10, 2006 here @ Clarion – Oakwood Room. Plans have begun for the Saturday morning workshops.

- Committee approved purchasing one case of Big Books and one case of 12+12 for the libraries in 20 county jails. Eleven more to contact. Stamping & packaging party will be MAY 7, 2006 at 2PM. Ask your CFC rep for details or contact correctional@aa-seta.org.
- Road Trips planned to the Eagles Group in EASTHAM unit in Lovelady: 4/23, 5/21, & 6/25. and 7/23. contact correctional@aa-seta.org for requirements & to sign-up.
- Coordinating a panel discussion meeting at the Texas State Convention, SAT. afternoon. Come by and share your questions, your problems, & your solutions with others interested in corrections' twelfth step and general service opportunities.
- Have asked to be do a presentation at the NETA CF Conference in August, 2006.
- Gathering data of all inside-CF AA meetings and volunteers conducting them, both for counties and state facilities, as a broader point of contact to share CFC experience. Do you do AA meetings inside? Tell us about it.

And that is what is happening with the jailbirds. 🎵 ☺

Cooperation with the Professional Community

Larry B, Chairperson

Gary L. , Alternate Chairperson

The Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee has had a busy 1st quarter. Aside from our usual presentation schedule to professional organizations, we are actively seeking presentations to the Districts. We have received five responses from our mail outs to the DCMs. Presentations to Districts 10, 20, 51, 70 and 81 are in the scheduling process.

The Committee viewed an excellent Power Point presentation at the April meeting of the SETA Assembly. Hopefully by adding more visual background, we can better carry our message to the professional for which we serve.

The CPC Committee meets the 1st Monday of each month; Houston Council on Alcoholism and Drugs, 303 Jackson Hall, 6:30 pm. Come join us in carrying the message to the professional community!

Yours in Service, Gary S, CPC Alternate Chair

Finance

David H, Chairperson

See Area Assembly for Finance Report.

Grapevine
Tom K, Chairperson

Last year, when we had a roster of only a couple dozen GRAPEVINE REPS at this time, we rounded up building materials gathered from the literature: Slogans, Serenity Prayer, Man on the Bed, several *past issues* of the GRAPEVINE and folding plastic corrugated presentation display boards (Wal-Mart stuff) and *printed* grapes on transparent pages and sprayed some adhesive to make a couple of displays that have been moving around in the area to bring awareness to the GRAPEVINE effort. Apparently it's working because subscriptions by Jan 2006 were up approx 30% (instead of down 10% as in the last 7yrs) sooooo...At this April Quarterly Assembly, we had a workshop in the middle of the floor, where 8-9 people slapped 6 displays together for about \$15 each and 45 minutes work (and 2 more were ordered anonymously for the Post Oak Club and Memorial Spring Branch Club which will be presented by members of the committee in the future) When asked where you can buy a GRAPEVINE display, remember "If you make it, you can take it!"

While the *artisans* were at work, the rest of the GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE "infiltrated" the other service workshops going on at the same time, reminding each of those committees that back issues of the GRAPEVINE @ 50 cents each (in boxes of 50) are probably the best bang for the buck in leaving our messages behind. Those issues offer anyone the opportunity to support our **meeting in print** by ordering a subscription (by phone, on credit card) by attraction, not promotion--I do hope we weren't a nuisance--our only aim is to help.

Thank each of you on the GRAPEVINE committee who have made all this possible (over 100 GvRs on record and who knows how many aren't?)

Literature
Ronald C, Chairperson

24 million copies of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous have been published since 1939. Even though this does not make it the most popular book ever published (that honor belongs to another "Big Book" at close to 6 billion copies), it does speak well of the message that has been carried the last seven decades. This message, contained in the Big Book, has been translated into 52 languages.

Translation of AA literature is not as simple as translating words. The ultimate goal is to make sure the AA message is intact, so the language must be clear, accurate and true to the original intent of the literature. AAWS retains the right to all material and grants limited licenses to AA offices or entities in foreign countries. The licenses give those AA offices or entities the right to translate, print or distribute the material (with AAWS involvement). At the current time AA literature is available in 80 languages worldwide and 20 translations projects of various AA literature are currently underway.

After a brief hiatus the Literature Committee puppet show is ready to roll. If you are interested in participating or watching or scheduling a performance, contact a member of the Literature Committee. Monthly meetings are held the last Saturday of each month at the Delta Club at 12:00 pm.

Multilingual
Martin M, Chairperson

Newsletter
John S, Chairperson

I made a mistake in counting the envelopes, so only about 450 copies of the Newsletter were mailed this quarter. Please get a handful of the leftovers to take back to your groups so everyone who wants one gets one.

About 50 copies of the Newsletter were e-mailed to subscribers. If you want to get the newsletter by e-mail, please sign up by sending an e-mail to: newsletter@aa-seta.org and request the newsletter be sent to you by e-mail.

Public Information

Cynthia B, Chairperson

Patrick C, Alternate Chairperson

We have had 11 commitments since January 1, 2006. 4 were in District 51, 4 in District 31, 2 in District 51, and 1 in District 10. Many of them were last minute requests. Our committee was able to completely cover all but one. We had to call on our CPC friends. Even though it was short notice, they came through for us and for that we owe our thanks. We hate to turn down any request to carry the message of recovery.

We continue to study the Traditions monthly. Thank you to all who have presented. We started a new program this year. We are studying the literature that we hand out at each event. We felt we could carry the message more effectively, the better we knew the pamphlets that we are offering to the public.

We were disappointed when we could not run our PSA in the Houston Chronicle. It seems they wouldn't budge from their requirement that we add their logo to our PSA. After much prayer and consultation, we felt that we had to decline their offer in keeping with our Tradition of non-affiliation with outside enterprises. I didn't know that living by the Traditions could hurt!

We are gathering information from our members concerning our push last Christmas to get our radio PSA aired. So far we had a little less than 50% participation. And we'll probably never know about District 90 due to event associated with Hurricane Rita.

We would love to welcome any interested parties at our monthly meeting held the first Saturday of the month at The Houston Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse located at 303 Jackson Hill, Houston, TX 77007.

In service, Cynthia B
Public Information Chair

SETA SCAP

Debi U, Chairperson

Treatment Facilities

Jeff B, Chairperson

Currently your Treatment Facilities Committee is carrying ten meetings a week into six facilities across the Area. Most are "Bridging the Gap" meetings.

We need your help. We need Temporary Contacts. Please take forms from our display or download from the SETA website. Announce at groups and get your friends to sign up. (Preferably your alcoholic friends – actually sober alcoholic friends are most desirable.)

Members of the committee continue to be blessed with the opportunity to address districts. Note to DCMs: we have various lengths to our presentation; just tell us how long to talk and we will rock your little GSRs right to sleep.

We always have openings for those willing to serve. And before we go, I need to let you know we always have openings for those willing to serve. And finally, we always have openings for those willing to serve.

Website

Penny W, Chairperson

Marshall W, Alternate Chairperson

Intergroup Liaison Reports

Brazos Valley Intergroup Robert W

Houston Intergroup Mike D

Per the March 16, 2006 Houston Intergroup Trustee meeting, the Communications subcommittee planned a flier to be produced for all Intergroup Delegates. The flier showed that all Intergroup Delegates are invited to the next SETA Assembly in April. SHOW SUPPORT FOR SETA.

Finances are good. Income up; costs down. A position for Marketing, which would allow access to the details of sales, was suggested. This would show in greater detail how the goods and services of Intergroup Bookstore were actually being sold within our area and beyond. Charlie S has volunteered.

The questionnaire for the current General Service Conference contains questions pertaining to Intergroup, i.e., changing contributions pie chart; rescinding small order freight charge policy; discussing requests to eliminate the discounts on volume purchases of AA World Service literature. It is felt that aspects of these potential changes, if done, might hurt Intergroups.

Dick P will be going to the next AA/Intergroup-Central Office weekend being held 10/28-10/1.

On the upgraded Houston Intergroup website, meeting schedule information can't now be printed. The old search engine still has printing capacity accessible through the same website. The website can do searches for Spanish groups and District meetings.

The workshop in 3/11 went over training manuals and revisions of the AA Prison manuscript. The 3/25 workshop at the 3rd Tradition Group had TDC employees sharing and a video presentation. New fliers can now be viewed on the website events page. Jeff, chairperson, has worked with ZBM of the SETA CFC and has submitted information about both CFC committees during meetings and committee handouts. It's great to see a greater cooperation between both committees. During a 21-county jail project, the SETA CFC has recently forwarded \$4300 in books and literature to the jails.

Thanks to Tom K, current SETA Grapevine Chair and former Intergroup Trustee Board Chair. For the time being, he will be the liaison to SETA from Houston Intergroup.

An effort to e-mail, contact and promote the Intergroup website was suggested. The trustees of the Intergroup Board have been asked to attend the SETA district meetings and share about Intergroup and the website. A district calendar for the month of April 2006 was shown and is now available.

Ninth District Intergroup David M

Our New Year's dance, which is our major fundraiser, was a success. We received books and other literature from Houston Intergroup that helped to replenish our own and also distributed to others groups in need. We also found that group contributions were down. It was suggested we remind our groups we need to be self supporting. We are in need of volunteers to work in the Intergroup office. Qualifications are one year of sobriety. A sign-up list was given to everyone to bring back to their own groups. At District 90 we are in pretty good shape, just needing a little help here and there.

Again, thank God for Houston Intergroup and others.

Spanish Intergroup Open