

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA 67
QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY
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Workshops Reports

New GSR Workshop

Leader: Tom B, Recorder: (edited from a detailed report by Donna R. recorder)

Chairperson opened with history of his service work in home group. There was reference material including pamphlets on HOME GROUP, SELF-SUPPORT, AA Traditions (and Concepts) and AA Comes of Age. GSRs might want a General Service Manual and the group will decide the sobriety requirement for the Rep (for 2 yr "job")

General Service Representative (GSR) is the "trusted servant" linking the Group to the rest of the fellowship of AA and as such has a responsibility to convey the Group's conscience (not his own) ultimately to the rest of the conference through District meetings and Area Assemblies such as the SETA (South East Texas Area-67). That "opinion" is discussed at Area Assemblies before being sent to the annual conference meeting at the GSO (general service conference in April every year) to confer with the rest of the participating groups of AA. After a weeklong conference, information is sent back to the Areas for sharing with the Groups (where it all starts) by their respective GSRs. The intent is to participate in carrying a substantially unanimous message back to all participating groups. Yours is the most vital link in the chain of what AA is doing as we grow, sometimes slowly, into the future for those yet to come and that SERVICE is the 3rd leg of the triangle.

There was a Q&A session following the presentation including questions and comments by over half of the attendees. The age-old topic of how to get others involved was discussed and various suggestions were made on how that might be accomplished (SPONSORSHIP?) One very important point is that the District Committee Member (DCM) has the responsibility to help the GSRs in his district. It was stressed that the more involved one is in the WHOLE program, the more likely he/she is to stay sober! The WHOLE program has been described for years as a 3-legged stool, each leg representing a third of the WHOLE program- STEPS, TRADITIONS, CONCEPTS. There were 23 attendees signed in.

Advanced GSR Workshop

Leader: Parth M Recorder: Joshua H

We had an enjoyable & spirited workshop with energetic participation. The old question of how to get alcoholics involved in the Service Structure was posed & a second question added which sparked a helpful dialogue. The question "How to get people with long-term sobriety involved in the Service Structure?" After a lively discussion on SPONSORSHIP in all 3 legacies of AA, Leadership in AA, Workshops, Home Group involvement in service committee commitments, Service as a topic in open discussion meetings and "AA's Legacy of Service" by Bill W, the summary of ideas is as follows:

1. Invite them along to District meetings and Area Assemblies.
2. Ask for their help in fulfilling commitments.
3. Hold Home Group based Traditions workshops and meetings-invite experienced members to facilitate.
4. Go to Service functions as a GROUP.
5. Introduce the type of service and people's experience, strength and hope in service involvement at regular AA meetings.
6. Use food as a method of attraction.
7. Remember to always attract rather than promote or threaten.
8. Freely show your gratitude & excitement for service structure work by making it exciting and interesting.

Attendees: 3 DCMs, 17 GSRs

Spanish GSR Workshop

Leader: Cristobal G District 66 Recorders: Mariano T. District 63

We met at 9:30 am opening with the Serenity Prayer, Preamble, and 3rd legacy. Austraberto R. from District 63, spoke on the first Concept. Victor, from District 64 was the speaker on the second Concept. The workshop for RSGs (GSRs) in Spanish was very informative to the new participants who attended and had many questions for the speakers after their presentations on (trusted) servants in the Hispanic community. There was a discussion about presentations on (service) workshops at the District meetings.

Attendees: 9 GSRs and 20 (others?) with no service. The 7th tradition contributions totaled \$38.

Pie Chart in SETA Minutes

Leader: Barbara C Recorder: Randee B

See the Area assembly minutes adhoc report

Hotel Contract 2008/2009

Leader: Tandy B Recorder: Sarah D

Tandy began the workshop by commenting that 1) the committee had done a lot of work, the result of which would be reported and 2) these results might be viewed as indicating a need to do area business differently.

In all approximately 30 hotels, civic centers and such were approached of which only 6 were willing to respond in writing. Hotels can rent some space repeatedly for a few hours at a time, difficult to get long term proposals – some willing to consider 2008 and a few 2009. In reviewing costs, Tandy further remarked a potential tripling.

Discussions included remarks about addressing other options, the prospect of taking proposals back to groups, cost of breakfast rooms for standing committees and maybe changing when and how they meet and need for further clarification from the area about options – what are the guidelines; and, a suggestion about forming another ad hoc committee to consider how the assembly could do business differently. Shortage of time is a factor.

CPC/PI Workshop

Leader: Gary S. / Patrick C. Recorder: Bill B./ Reed A.

Jim McMann, CPC committee, gave the history of the CPC committee, which was formed in 1970-71 to better address the concerns of AA in getting the message out to the professional community, as opposed to the public at large. At that time the general public had a very favorable view of AA, but an unfavorable view of a typical AA member. The formation of the CPC committee was designed, in part to carry the AA message more effectively at the public level, including among professionals who were not alcoholics.

The professional community can be of aid to AA by making the still suffering alcoholic aware that help is available to him/her through AA by providing education, counseling and rehabilitative treatment. And the professional community can help us communicate to the still suffering alcoholic that AA works, for those who want help.

It is important for members of the professional community to try to understand exactly what AA is, and what it is not. Similarly, it is important for AA members to communicate AA concepts, approaches and purpose clearly and effectively. In other words communication is the key – both for AA members and for the professional community – in reaching out to help the still-suffering alcoholic.

All members of the CPC committee are volunteers. The qualifications include a sufficient length of sobriety to discuss our recovery program with professionals – including the steps, traditions, and service. Also we want to give an accurate and positive impression of AA. Service on the CPC committee is not restricted to AA members trained as professional speakers, or to “elder” statesmen/women.

Members of the CPC committee inform professionals and those training to become professionals about AA: what we do, where we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do. The committee members

attempt to establish better communication between AAs and professionals, and to find simple, effective ways of cooperating without affiliating.

Cooperating with nonalcoholic professionals is an effective way to carry the message to the sick alcoholic. These professionals often meet the alcoholic in settings where AA is not present. Through these professionals, alcoholics may be reached who might otherwise never find the program, or some of these alcoholics may learn about the AA program sooner with the help of an informed professional.

How is this accomplished: enlisting AA volunteers for the following:

- Initiate contact with professionals through letters
- Presentations at the invitation of an outside organization
- Workshops for AA members and for professional friends
- Newsletters to inform local AA members of the committee's actions
- Exhibits at national, local, state or regional professional meetings.

CPC needs local sub-committees at each district. It is vitally important that the professionals in the community have a local contact in the AA program.

Public Information Committee: (Patrick C, Mary Ann – co-chair, and Reed A – member of committee)

Mary Ann spoke of the need to have PI committees even at the local district level if possible. She gave a history of AA, and the origin of the PI Committee. The Public Information Committee was established in 1956 by the General Service Office.

She also spoke of District 90's PI Committee's recent projects, including a big book drive for the public library, high schools, and chemical plants in the district.

The PI Committee also responds to requests for workshops, and responds to any other requests offering an opportunity to dispense information or literature about AA.

The PI Committee has its own phone number at the area level, and attempts to answer any inquiries as quickly and accurately as possible. All of the districts in the area need additional volunteers to carry the message. However, you do need to take advantage of the training opportunities offered by the PI Committee before going out and representing AA at the public level by giving a presentation to an outside group.

Patrick C gave a summary of what the PI Committee does generally, as well as some of the activities the committee has been involved in since the beginning of the year.

Some of the information disseminated to the general public in the PI presentation may be the following::

- What services are available through AA
- How to reach AA
- What are the signs/symptoms of alcoholism

Public Information service is "12 stepping" according to a recent article in Box 459.

Patrick C advised that the PI committee cooperated with a request from Univision television station in Houston last month. Univision is doing a story on alcoholic abuse in the Spanish-speaking community. As part of the story, the television producers wanted to include a segment on AA, specifically a Spanish-speaking AA meeting. Patrick C worked with Paul M (past Area Delegate) and others to assist Univision in televising a mock AA meeting. Although AA members were being televised, none of their faces will be shown on television, in accordance with AA tradition of anonymity.

The PI Committee has also participated in numerous health fairs recently, including those sponsored by employers, Houston Community College and others. The PI Committee has also addressed a class of graduate students at Houston Baptist University about AA, and its efforts to combat alcoholism in the community.

Reed A, a member of the PI Committee, shared at the workshop about a presentation he participated in at Spring Branch High School in Houston. Reed shared that he enjoyed the experience of speaking to the students. He also said that he was careful to address the issue of alcoholism, rather than drug abuse, which many of the students are interested in hearing more about.

The PI Committee is also involved periodically in the preparation and/or dissemination of public service announcements on radio and television, or handling requests from local media in matters pertaining to AA, and alcohol abuse.

The PI Committee meets the first Saturday of the month, at 6 pm. The committee currently meets at St. Thomas University in Houston, pending completion of the parking garage at the Council on Alcohol and Drugs in Houston.

District Reports

District 10
Allison W, DCM
Walter G, Alternate DCM

We have a newly formed Visitation Committee to support participation levels at district meetings, and visit active groups who do not have GSR representation. The Southmore Group at St James Episcopal Church is just restarting their AA meeting which will meet once a month at their facility. We have recently hosted the Literature committee and much appreciated their spectacular presentation. The Cathedral group has a newly elected GSR, Joe R. Their meetings have move across the street to the Dunn volunteer center. The La Branch street group is holding their 46th anniversary celebration at St Joseph's hospital, Sunday April 22nd at 2:00 pm. The Welcome home group reports that their noon meeting attendance in growing and those sales are increasing in their bookstore.

District 20
Sammie G, DCM
Mark J, Alternate DCM

Greetings from District 20! We meet at 6 p.m. the first Saturday of every month and are currently temporarily meeting on the campus of St. Thomas University in Anderson Hall. We are hoping to be back in our normal facility, the Council on Drugs and Alcohol by no later than October. Business in the district seems to be progressing well. We have several new GSR's who have joined our ranks and are taking an active part. They are really being a conduit between the district and their groups. We are about to start work on our summer work shop...more to come on that.

I am still in awe that I have been allowed to serve in this capacity and look forward to growing into the role.

With gratitude, Sammie Green

District 31

Duane P, DCM

Jeanette W, Alternate DCM

Greetings,

Our district has been busy! Since the GSO has asked to get the best and latest data on the groups in our respective districts, we have been discovering meetings that no one had known about before. Welcoming them into our district and area has been a real joy. We are also moving ahead in implementing changes that our district inventory brought out, such as district policy and procedures manual and a budget to be voted on. We are striving to model ourselves after the area and GSO. We are planning for workshops in June and August, as well as our annual Old Timer's Day in November. We also have a very active district CFC chair who is gathering a lot of support for carrying the meetings into the jails and prisons. Our TFC chair is attempting to get regular meeting in all of the facilities in our large district. I would also like to remind you that we meet at the Kingwood Group on Russell-Palmer Blvd every 3rd Sunday at 2:00pm, and invite any and all to join us anytime.

Love in service, Duane P

District 32

Dave U, DCM

Katie B, Alternate DCM

The past three months have been a period of healthy transition and service rotation with in District 32. In short, it's a testament to how truly effective our traditions work in keeping our groups, our district as well as our fellowship in its entirety together.

Since we last met in January at Galveston, we have welcomed seven new GSR's and Alternate GSR's! They are...

- Bill C., GSR from the Monday Night Survivor's Group located on Heights Blvd.
- Teresa M., GSR & Kathy W., Alt. GSR from the Champions Group in the Champions & 1960 area.
- Brenda M., GSR from the Safe Harbor Group in The Woodlands.
- Mark M., GSR & Russ F., Alt. GSR from the West Spring Group located on Sunshine Lane in Spring.
- Tom S., GSR, from the Southern Big Book Group located in Hockley.

Besides the transition of trusted servants with in our groups, we are also transitioning with trusted servants at the district. In other words, a lot of us are still trying to figure out what we are supposed to be doing! Luckily, we have a couple of trusted servants who have been involved in district and area service for a number of years now that are helping us along. One of them is our treasurer, Lynn G. Lynn mentioned that our district used to have a more formal budget but over the past few years, we have gotten away from it. As a district, we voted to form a budget committee so that a budget, paralleling what is done at the area level but to a smaller extent, could be established. We feel that this process is crucial so that our groups can more clearly see how their contributions are working in helping to carry the message throughout our district.

Teresa M & Kathy W., from the Champions Group presented a program entitled '*Putting the Pieces Together*' at our March meeting. It was an excellent and well thought-out PowerPoint presentation. The district will be discussing how to incorporate this and/or elements of this presentation in upcoming events and workshops.

Katie B., our Alt DCM and I are currently working on the Group Information Update for GSO. We hope to have contacted all of our District Groups by the deadline in May. If you are in our District and

have yet to be contacted, please e-mail me at unger-d@sbcglobal.net. We want to make certain that ALL of our groups stay plugged into our fellowship. District 32 has tentatively scheduled an Old -Timers dinner for this fall. More details to come in upcoming months.

Finally, as many of you know, last fall our District wrote, produced and provided the actors for a three act play entitled '*How to Lead an AA Meeting.*' It was greeted with rave reviews both with in as well as outside of our district. A couple of groups with in District 32 have expressed interest in a reprisal of this critically acclaimed play. The Northwest Unity Group as well as The Champions Group are scheduled to discuss at an upcoming group conscience meetings, tentative times and dates. Again, watch for forthcoming details. If you missed this play the first time, you will not want to miss it this time.

District 32 is very enthusiastic about this month's Area 67 Assembly. We look forward to carrying what we learn here this weekend back to our home groups.

Yours in Service, Dave U

District 33
Debi U, DCM
Tim C, Alternate DCM

Howdy from Aggieland, SETA friends! Thank you, thank you, and thank you to all who attended our District 33 Unity Conference in February. We had a record attendance and so much fun with all the different activities and speakers. Many who attended were from other districts in the South East Texas Area, and we do so appreciate the effort it took to get here. Proceeds from the conference will go to help support the district standing committees in their service to our community.

We handed Southwest Regional Trustee Gary K. two "AA first experiences" -- a Chili Cookoff, for which he served as one of the judges, and the "Wheel of Sobriety" game. There were 17 Chili Teams sponsored by different groups, and the winners were:

First place was High Nooners Group of Bryan, Rick M. was the cook;
2nd place was The AA Way Group of College Station, Amanda H. was the cook;
Third place was tied between:

the Peace Seekers Group of Rockdale, Tammy M. was the cook, and
the Early Birds Group, Dana B. was the cook.

District 33 has updated all of the group contact information sheets from GSO, and got several new groups registered. We also used this information to update the Brazos Valley Intergroup meeting list and website.

We set up a "District 33 Google Group" to manage email announcements for our district. The list is private so cannot be found by searching, and no spammer can ever send anything to the list. It is configured so that only a few trusted servants can send messages to the list. No one can see anyone else's email address, so our anonymity is protected. Basically, it acts like a mailing list, just like our "allseta" list does, but replies only go back to the sender, not to the whole list. We currently have about 140 members of AA in our district subscribed to it so this has been really handy in getting the word out to our geographically large district about district meetings, group anniversaries, AA information, etc.

Lastly, we are still in search for an Alternate DCM for our District. The person who was elected took a new job and is unable to meet the time commitment. Presently I am using Tim C., our past DCM, as my sounding board and right-hand man. We've made a diligent effort the past few months to get out and visit most of the groups in our district. We still have a few outlying groups to see and will hopefully get that accomplished before the end of the summer.

Our district standing committees are beginning to take shape and get active, which is good news. There are many new people participating in the district

meeting each month and it is wonderful to see the Spirit of Service growing in our district. Utilizing the District 33 Google Group email list to get service information out to our groups about topics such as "Is Your Group Connected to AA as a Whole" and other service items on the AA website seems to be helping to build interest in service.

The 2008 SETA Convention Committee, of which Tim C. is the chairperson, has begun to take shape and make its plans for next year's convention. We look forward to having all of you visit Aggieland and enjoy the great hospitality we have to offer in our fair twin cities. Please let Tim know if you want to assist the committee in any way. His email is tcoones@verizon.net and his phone number is 979-777-2861.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve in this capacity.

Love in service, Debi U

District 40
Stan S, DCM
Elena W, Alternate DCM

Hello to all from your entrusted DCM for District 40 Stan S. We have been busy, busy here. 1st we have changed our meeting time to 7-9 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. So, if you are in our neighborhood around that time, please drop by for a visit. The area Literature committee dropped by in March and put on a nice presentation about literature and presented us with some "newcomers" packets that could be handed out at meetings. We have been making plans for our 21st Annual Traditions dinner and our speaker, SETA past delegate, Paul M is confirmed. The date in June 9, 2007 and registration will start at 5:30 pm with Paul sharing his wisdom with us on tradition 7-12. Elena W will be handling St.

Christopher's Episcopal Church at 1656 Blalock. Please bring a covered side dish or desert, District 40 will supply the Lasagna and drinks. Our Area Grapevine committee has scheduled a few minutes with us to do a presentation at our May meeting and we are looking forward to that. In between all this business we are attempting to provide our area registrar with group GSR names, addresses and phone numbers and /or contact names. This in, District 40, will be a monumental task and I know, from our DCM sharing session, that we are not the only district faced with this being so. However, we will do the best we can.

District 51
Ronald C DCM
Ypolito V, Alternate DCM

Greetings, from District 51. Attendance and enthusiasm has been increasing as 2007 unfolds. Over 50% of our active groups are represented at our District meeting every month. We have new GSRs and alternate GSRs from the Open Door group, the God Squad, Caring and Sharing, the South Gessner Group and the Bellaire 12 by 12. We are presently planning a sneak attack on the remaining 50% of the active groups to encourage their participation. We will be coming to a group near you. On Saturday May 19th at 2:30, District 51 will host a "Workshop" concerning the do's and don't s of chairing a meeting.

District 51 would like to thank District 32 for their help, encouragement and the skit we borrowed. Food fun and fellowship you can't beat that...

District 51 meetings are held the last Saturday of the Month at the Delta Club at 11:00 am. Thanks to fellowship for the opportunity to grow, Ronald C

District 52
Lee G, DCM
Harold P, Alternate DCM

Greetings and salutations from District 52! We all had to hit the ground running right from the start of the year as we had much to do in a short amount of time.

We have the privilege of hosting the SETA Gratitude dinner this year. Several folks volunteered to either visit or call many locations to get a space for us. The Rosenberg Civic and convention center is our best choice.

District 52 traditionally puts on an annual gratitude picnic at the Alief-Amity park. Ashley W volunteered to chair and Bob B volunteered to co-chair. They did a fine job, unfortunately mother nature called for rain, approximately 50 brave souls showed up for fellowship, good food and a good time was had by all.

We've got one workshop planned on sponsorship June 23, 2007. Our chair for the event is Nelson E and co-chair Mark A. We are in the planning stages for our 2nd workshop which will be a CFC workshop Keith W will be the chair. Lastly, Harold P ADCM and I have been working on the GSO Annual Group Information Sheets which we hope to have to Bill B in early May.

District 60

Michael M, DCM

Melanie M, Alternate DCM

District 63

Vicente S, DCM Grupo Hay Una Solucion

Gustavo P, Alternate DCM Grupo 31 de Diciembre

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Secretary: Daniel T., Grupo Los Dos

Treasurer: Pedro C., Grupo Libertad

District 63 is made up of nine groups, with six GSRs. District meetings are every Saturday from 6:00 PM until. Group meetings are Fridays at Grupo 3 Legados in Bryan Texas. We meet with this group two times per month.

Correctional Committee

Chair: Noe A., Grupo Libertad

Secretary: Manuel O., Grupo Los Dos

Treasurer: Felix v., Grupo Hay Una Solucion

This committee meets at the Prison Central Unit: Thursday's literature is furnished to the prisoners.

Wednesdays we have our meetings from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM twice per month. We also have business meetings two times per month.

La Viña Committee

Chair: Alfredo V., Grupo Los Dos

Secretary: Jaime J., Grupo Hay Una Solucion

Treasurer: Antonio G., Grupo Hay Una Solucion

We meet Thursdays from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM. We have five La Viña Reps. This committee meets one time per month with the area committees and also we meet one time per month with the permanent committee of La Viña Southern Zone of Texas. We meet with the groups on Tuesdays in order to motivate service.

District 64

Alvaro D, DCM

Arturo C, Alternate DCM

District 64 is made up of twelve groups which include 3 committees. These committees are La Vina, Correctional and Literature. We meet on Saturdays, beginning at 6:00 pm. The committees meet every other Tuesday at 8:00 pm. We have discussions with the groups and committees. On March 18, 2007 we had a workshop with special speakers. We are currently working with different ASM's from the state of Texas and from our Hispanic convention from USA and Canada. Before each event we meet from all four districts to discuss our points of view. Thank you

Arturo C and Alvaro D

District 65
Roberto V, DCM
Ernesto M, Alternate DCM

District 66
Jose L, DCM
Victor R, Alternate DCM

District 70
Raphael E, DCM
Johnny T, Alternate DCM

District 81
Parth M, DCM
Jim B, Alternate DCM

I am happy to say that the state of the District is good. We continue to have participation at our monthly district meeting, the 1st Wednesday of each month at Kelly's Restaurant Exit 12 off I-45 in La Marque at 7 pm.

I have had the privilege of visiting several of our groups and attend their business meetings that were run exceptionally well. I am told they were on their best behavior because I was present, I guess they don't know me very well.

We had the privilege of being visited by our Area Grapevine Chair, Dana B, who was full of energy and optimism that generated discussion in my home group members about having an active GVR. Thank you Dana.

Gus and Betsy will be visiting us in June and we look forward to having them with us...come hungry.

In June we are having our annual workshop on June 2nd at the Sante Fe Group. The intriguing topic will be AA History. The workshop will revolve around the traditions and general service through the context and medium of AA history rather than the dry essays of the 12 & 12. Two of our newer members to the district meetings, although certainly not new to AA, will be heading up the event. The district is excited and encouraged by the infusion of new energy.

Our new GSR sessions during district meetings are going well. We have covered the GSR Kit, the Conference Agenda Items, and "what it means to be a GSR" so far this year.

And, of course, despite their protestations in October, the Bubba & Stick Show will return. District 81's third annual Traditions & Concepts Weekend on the Beach will be held Sept 28-30th will Gary K and David H.

Finally, I want to thank Jim B our Alternate DCM and DCM to be for getting district members organized to host this Assembly and especially thankful to those members that have been here working all weekend.

Thank you for the privilege & opportunity to serve.

In love & service, Parth Mehta

District 82
Jes H, DCM
Open, Alternate DCM

District 90
Harvey H, DCM
Brian H, Alternate DCM

We have gotten off to a very busy 1st qtr. All Officers and Committee Chairs are in place and active in carrying the message of Recovery.

We had a very informative GSR workshop presented by Charley A. and a panel of past and present GSR'S. We had Betsy, Gus and David present a 7TH Tradition workshop also. We continue to have strong attendance and participation at the Dist. mtg. Attendance continues to average 40-50 members, with over half the groups represented.

The Dist. 90 Conference Committee continues to do the footwork, meeting every month after Dist mtg @ Elegante [Hotel. @4:00pm.Flyers](#) should be available this weekend for early registration.

Brian H. Alt.DCM Dist 90 will be heading up Gratitude Dinner planning.

We thank Betsy, Gus and David for taking the time to be participants in the 7th Tradition Workshop; we were very pleased with information presented. We meet 1st Sunday of each month @ Ave E & Franklin at 2:00pm in Beaumont{Central City Church}.

Your Friend, Harvey H.

Area Standing Committee Reports

Archives

Sarah D, Chairperson

The Archives committee normally meets monthly on the 1st and 2nd Thursday 7:30 PM, at Intergroup, 4140 Directors Row in Houston. We reserve the first Thursday for discussion of committee business and the second for work on the records. Quarterly meetings are an opportunity for the committee to share with other archivists in our Area.

For a while now, however, we have not been able to maintain our regular meeting schedule. Personal issues involving health, business and family are responsible. I miss seeing my friends and look forward to a time when we can resume business as usual. I don't like change, particularly the kind that keeps me from being with people I have worked along side so happily, some for many years now.

As a committee, we are at a junction now, however, where we are called upon to consider the possibility of further changes, possibly the location for the archives depository. Intergroup has been a good ally for well over a decade in offering a secure place for our collection but the kind of work ahead of us now necessitates freer access to the collection while offering the same level of security, if that can be arranged.

Yours in Service, Sarah D

Correctional Facilities

Robert B, Chairperson

We at the CFC Committee hope this communication finds everyone reasonably Happy, Joyous and Free. Times continue to be busy for the committee, the meeting coordinators and the volunteers who give of themselves tirelessly. I'll update some notes from our last report first. At the Harris County Jail system, meetings for the 701 Baker street location have begun on Wednesday of each week. We originally reported that the meetings would be on Mondays but we must be flexible and we're glad they're up and running. We're still a little behind in the number of volunteers we need but there have been enough of us to hold 18 meetings to reach out to 722 inmates of which 10% have received Big Books. There have also been 14 new volunteers added to the list.

One of the facilities we need the most help at right now is the South East Texas ISF located on Preston road at Minute Maid Park. The single meeting has been split into two meetings of over 100 inmates in each meeting. Meetings are held on Saturday afternoon at 1:30pm. We sorely need volunteers to carry the message here. The possibility of adding more meetings for these men looks promising. Right now there are only two volunteers handling this awesome task.

Meetings continue at Plane State women's facility in Dayton and they could sure use some additional volunteers. Meetings are on Wednesday evenings.

Recently, the Fort Bend County meeting coordinator has asked for additional volunteers to carry the message to female inmates on that unit. A list of possible volunteers has been forwarded and hopes are that the tide will be smoothed for a while.

In these facilities and many others another 2000 pieces of literature has been distributed. This would include 740 Big Books, 16 of which were Spanish, and 116 12 and 12s including Spanish versions. Again, in most facilities the message was passed from one alcoholic to another.

If you or someone you know is interested in carrying the message of Hope and Recovery to the still suffering alcoholics that are incarcerated please write the CFC committee at correctional@aa-seta.org or visit our monthly meeting on the third Wednesday of each month (except assembly months) at the Cullen Bldg of St. Joseph Hospital, third floor, at 7:30 pm. If there's any way in which we can be of service to your District or group in the way of workshops, presentations or general awareness of the CFC leg of service please invite us and we'll put together a team and visit your location

CFC activities are on the move. The Byrd Unit had its anniversary in March. The Holliday Unit will celebrate its Fellowship on April 22nd and District 31 will be having a CFC workshop in June at the 1502 group in Conroe. District 52 is planning a CFC workshop for sometime this year as well. Our annual SETA CFC Conference is scheduled for September 7th –9th. This year we will be at the Crown Plaza on the South West Freeway. We also want to extend our warmest gratitude to District 33 for inviting us to their Unity Conference. The fellowship was outstanding, the sharing fulfilling and the chili...well...plentiful. Thanks so much.

Our Correspondence committee has been helping others find avenues to carry our message. They added 14 volunteers in January and another 7 in February. Most encouraging is the number of incarcerated alcoholics who are corresponding regularly. It proves we can commence our common journey, shoulder to shoulder, regardless of what type of barriers separate us.

Starting with this month's assembly, the CFC Committee will be doing mini workshops at the 4:30pm committee meeting on Saturday. This assembly our Literature chair will cover a couple pieces of literature and discuss the CFC literature order form.

We also want to graciously thank all the groups who support the CFC through the Seventh Tradition; time, talent and a little money. It's only through your efforts that our message reaches those who can't reach us.

It's been a busy 1st quarter. If you feel that there's something missing in your life this just might be the time to get into service. It's likely to fill any hole you have in your life. No matter where you live, we have a meeting where you can be of service by carrying the message to those who don't have the same opportunities we enjoy. It's fun, it's needed, it's fulfilling, it's....the twelfth step! Come be a part of.

WOW! I don't believe I could have got that out in two minutes so we're grateful for our Newsletter Committee for helping the CFC Committee carry the message of Service and Unity in an effort to do our Twelfth step work.

Yours in Love and Service – Bob B.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Gary S, Chairperson

The Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) meets the 1st Monday of each month at the "Country Gentleman" store; 3829 Dunlavy, Houston 77006, except in April, July, and October when we meet @ the assembly.

A joint presentation with the PI committee was conducted at the Unity Conference in Bryan/College Station in February. As a result, District 33 has formed a District CPC group and is actively carrying the message in their area.

The [area] committee hopes to see more local district CPC groups organize their own visits and presentations at the district meeting. Please invite us!

Phase I of our PowerPoint slide show will be on display at the April Assembly. Revision and updating of our display boards are underway.

Come join our committee and help carry the message to the professional community.

District presentations are scheduled for: Dist 10 May 10th Dist 32 May 13th

In Love and Service, Gary

Finance Barbara C, Chairperson

See Area Assembly for Finance Report.

Grapevine
Dana B, Chairperson

The Grapevine Committee is in full swing this year. I am happy to report that we have New GVR Reps. We have more subscriptions in our area. We have been meeting monthly and our new location is at the Delta Club. We meet there on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 P.M. Grapevine Inc. reported that in the state of Texas for the month of April the la Vina brought 1498 subscriptions, and Grapevine brought 4250 subscriptions. Way to go Texas! Thank you to all who are supporting the Grapevine and La Vina! We have visited more than three districts since January and are hoping to get by the other districts within the next two years. We are very thankful at the opportunity to keep giving the gift that gives back. If you aren't subscribed yet take the Grapevine challenge: "Read one cover to cover and see if you aren't moved to tears at least once." After that: subscribe. (I would insert something here that says nice things about GVAS.)

Yours Joyfully In Service, Dana B

Literature
Randee B, Chairperson
Joshua H, Alternate Chairperson

April 2007 Literature Committee Report

The Literature Committee has been hard at work making presentations to the districts. We began in March with District 40. Thanks so much for inviting us. On April 10th, we presented for District 10 with two of our members going above and beyond the call of duty. (It was their belly button birthdays. Instead of celebrating, they were doing service work. What dedication!) If your district would like the Literature Committee to make a presentation, please contact me at teach.for.life@hotmail.com.

Did you know that the best way to hide information from an A.A member is to put it in a pamphlet? Therefore, the Literature Committee is discussing pamphlets at our monthly meetings. Join us the last Saturday of each month at the Delta Club at 12:00 P.M. We look forward to seeing you there.

Love in service, Randee

Multilingual
Everardo P, Chairperson

The committee is working on the translation of agendas for the SETA Assembly in April for the benefit of the Hispanic groups and their participants.

In the past month, Multilingual committee has also joined with Public Information (PI committee) to discuss meeting with a TV station about AA information for the Hispanic Community.

The purpose of the committee is to also translate Spanish to English and English to Spanish for Area Assembly participants.

Multilingual Committee meets monthly at Districts 63, 64, 65, and 66 related facilities with our other service committee activities.

Sincerely, Everardo P

Newsletter
June C, Chairperson

Public Information
Patrick C, Chairperson
Maryann M, Alternate Chairperson

Public Information Committee Report:

4/13/07

Hello to all members of the SETA Area 67,

PI Service Activity:

Current 2007: 7 Events 1025 People

- Health Fair -The Art Institute of Houston (NEW)
100 participants
- PI Health Fair – Westbury United Methodist (REPEAT EVENT)
150 to 200 participants
- Univision Channel 45 News Story on Alcohol Abuse (NEW)
Filmed a story segment on Alcoholics Anonymous to be aired in May 2007
- GB Bioscience Employee Health Fair (NEW)
250 to 300 participants
- HCC Northeast Campus (NEW)
200 participants
- Houston Baptist University (REPEAT EVENT)
Masters of Psychology Class
PI Presentation/Hope Video
20 to 25 participants
- Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church Health Fair (NEW)
200 African American, Hispanic, Retirees & Teen Participants

We are willing to come and train any Individual, Group and District that is interested in learning how to present a PI Talk to the general public. I would like to arm as many people with the skills to be able to complete talks as the Committee gets requests to perform. The more trained members, the more places we can attract to carry the message. Please contact the committee if you are interested.

Patrick C. PI Chairperson, Mary Ann M. PI Co-Chairperson Open Area SETA PI Secretary

I am grateful to all the current members for their dedication and willingness to serve.

To Thine Own Self Be True, Patrick C.

SETA SCAP

Beth L

SETA SCAP April 2007 Report

The State Convention Attendance Promotion (SCAP) committee hosted a hospitality suite at the SETA Convention in Beaumont, January 2007. Preliminary flyers for the Texas State Convention were distributed to all who visited the hospitality suite. Good food, fun, and fellowship were enjoyed by all, and we appreciate all who helped out or stopped by to visit the suite.

Please mark your calendars for June 15-17, 2007 to attend the 62nd TexAs StAte Convention in Fort Worth, TX. The website for the event is www.txaaconvention.org and the latest flyer can be downloaded from the site. The committee has not received copies of the final flyer so we weren't able to provide any to you this weekend.

The SCAP committee would like to request a hard copy printout of the SETA Convention mailing labels to be used by the SCAP committee to mail out the Texas State Convention flyers. The labels will not be copied or used by anyone other than the SCAP committee for this purpose.

Thank you for letting me serve the Area in this capacity. It is a lot of fun and I really enjoy it.

Beth Laywell, 512-429-0079 phone, bwell004@yahoo.com

Treatment Facilities
Marsha P, Chairperson

I had a privilege to attend the District 33 Unity Conference in College Station. Boy, can that service-minded group party! As a bonus, I really appreciated the opportunity to talk about TFC to other AAs who are eager to help.

The TFC has finally elected our officers. Travis H. (District 31) is our new Alternate Chair, Monica F. (District 90) is our new secretary and April R. (District 90) will be Alternate Secretary. April is also District 90's new District TFC Chair. I am so glad to have you all aboard!

We desperately need more people to get involved! Some of our older meetings have gone dark due to the relocation of some of the responsible members. We're trying to re-staff meetings in facilities in Districts 40 and 33.

Methodist Hospital and Santa Maria Hostels (both in District 10) have both called to get information about getting AA or Bridging the Gap meetings going. District 10 is psyched about getting involved in those.

Visits to Districts 10, 20 and 31 are already planned to talk about how they can help the TFC. We are also planning a mail-out to try to increase participation in our temporary contact program and fill in holes in the coverage of zip codes in SETA. Kim P., who will be moving out of the country in a couple of months, has taken on the task to update our database and solve some data integrity problems with it.

Because of the increased workload, we will be meeting in between the assemblies at TFC member's homes. If you feel drawn to this type of service work, please call me! We love the work and it KEEPS US SOBER!

Yours in service, Marcia P.

Website
Marshall W, Chairperson
David O, Alternate Chairperson

Marshall and David have updated the website with new SETA officers, committee chairs, and DCMs and their alternates.

Continuing to look into website e-mail problem and as a result are considering moving to a new provider. Researching different Web Authoring software in an effort to rotate the S/W along with the website chair in the future. Thanks to former website chairs Debi U and John S. for their help.

Discussing ways to facilitate better communication through the website to help with SETA's Quarterly Assy. Business and the upcoming budget crunch.

Please review individual District pages on the website for Old Information and changes such as District GSR Meeting times and locations. Contact us at Webmaster@aa-seta.org with deletions and updates.

Yours in Service, David O

Intergroup Liaison Reports

Brazos Valley Intergroup
Teresa O

Houston Intergroup
Terri V

Greetings to all. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this position. I attended the Board Meeting on March 15, 2007. I am always impressed by the level of dedication and willingness to serve that I have

seen in the members of the Intergroup Board. This is a summary of the discussions held at the meeting. If you need further information, I'm sure any of the Board Members would be happy to provide it.

It was noted that the website has been quite successful and receives 1200-1500 hits a day. In the future, a link will be provided on the website to correct inaccurate meeting information.

The numbers and types of phone calls made to Intergroup are counted on a monthly basis. There was discussion, pro and con about the continuing of this practice. It was said to be time-consuming and noted that this information had not been used for any purpose so far. Others said that this information should be available to interested members and groups, as they do provide financial support. It was asked if the phone company could provide the information about numbers of calls and this will be investigated.

The Intergroup Corrections Committee is trying to visit one group per week. They provide "White Cans" to groups for the purpose of purchasing literature for the inmates in prison. The committee has purchased back issues of Grapevines for distribution and literature in Spanish for the Spanish CFC Committee.

I was unable to attend February's meeting due to an unavoidable work commitment, but here are some items of interest from the minutes:

1062 calls were received in January. Halfway Houses and Detox Centers will be added to the Website. The Correctional Facilities Chair is involved in coordinating new volunteers. A committee was formed to review the pricing of bookstore items. They made the conclusion that most of the pricing margins were "proper and reasonable as related to World Service Catalogue pricing and other experimental pricing criteria" but some areas and items needed attention. Some prices were increased slightly, and recommendations were made and approved to purchase some items in higher volumes to take advantage of discounts. The Committee will again review this subject in 6 mos. A Committee was formed to investigate opportunities to cooperate and participate in the 2010 International Convention in San Antonio.

The next meeting will be on April 19, 2007, with the Board meeting at 7 pm and the Delegates meeting follows at 8 pm.

Terri V.

Ninth District Intergroup

Gerald T

Spanish Intergroup

Anghelov M

The Hispanic Intergroup meets every Sunday from 10 am to 12m at 8880 Braesmont. Houston, TX 77096. (713) 661 6833. Three new groups were opened in the last four Months; first groups named Grupo Bienestar Comun locate at 4034 Highway 6 South # 800 Houston, TX 77082, Second Group Named Grupo Transmitelo locate at 5950 South Gessner Suite G. Houston, TX 77036; and Third Group named Grupo Una Luz en el Vendaval locate at 6906 Atwell ST 211 Houston, TX 77081. Therefore, the Hispanic Intergroup is working with 14 groups now. The Hispanic Intergroup's website is updated monthly; Bulletins, Treasurer Reports, and activities such anniversaries and assemblies are updated. The website www.intergruposuroestehouston.org has been viewed 2906 times and we had received emails form radio and TV interesting in help us to carry the message; also people looking for help for themselves or their family members. All the Intergroups of the South of Texas will have a meeting on May 20 at the Office Intergroup to work in a project for an Intergroup Assembly of South Texas. Public Service announcements continue with the radio station "La Tremenda" 1010 AM every Sunday from 6 to 11 pm and local newspaper; and had a project with the Univision channel. Bulletin "El Lenguaje del Corazon" has 105 subscribers and the committee is working on the edition No 28.

Best regards, Anghelov M.