SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY Sheraton Hotel – Houston Texas Workshop Reports Districts Reports Area Standing Committee and Intergroup Liaison Reports Saturday October 06, 2007

Workshops Reports

New GSR Workshop

Leader: Debra R. Recorder: Cathy P.

Introductions were made - approximately 15 attended. Two alt GSRs were with their rotating out GSRs! Discussion on how the GSRs were elected or appointed? Majority were elected more or less. We had discussion on the purpose of GSRs responsibilities to the groups and AA as a whole. Examples were given on how GSRs carry the message and try to keep the group informed on standings in the District and at different levels of AA Service.

Thanks for the opportunity to carry the message.

Advanced GSR Workshop

Leader: Harold P, District 52 Recorder:

Handouts: 2007 Final Conference Report, Robert's Rules of Order (Condense), GSR Pamphlet P-19, Chapter Two & Three from Service Manual.

Sixteen people attended the morning workshop. We talked about having groups get more involved. GSR doesn't stand for Grand Supreme Ruler - (actually it's the General Service Representative, responsible for connecting the Group to the fellowship as a whole and whatever the groups' needs/opinions that might be shared with the rest of the fellowship- i.e. a messenger).

Read the Service Manual on GSR, become familiar with the Traditions and Concepts. It would seem also that the GSR might be supported (monetarily by the group) in attending District and AREA service functions. Reference was made to pg. S14 of the Service Manual. It was stated that some of us wait for a long time to learn about that portion of our whole program called SERVICE. Harold encouraged all of us to get involved and carry the message of AA.

How many of us stop by Starbuck's for a Latte on our way to a meeting, but refuse to make ample contributions to our 7th Tradition baskets?"

A GSR reported that his group has raffles to support the GSR monetarily.

It was mentioned that if every AA sent just \$6.53 per year to GSO, we would be covering all costs at GSO and give away our Big Book. Are we doing our part by using the birthday envelope? How about asking for group conscience meetings to bring awareness to these group issues? One sure way to stimulate attendance is to explore a controversial subject. The meeting adjourned after approximately 1 ¼ hours.

Spanish GSR Workshop Leader: Recorder:

No report

Area Business Operating Solutions: What and Why of the Area Committee and Liaisons? Who and what is our Area Committee?

Leader: Bonita W Recorder:

The What & Why of Area Standing Committees and Liaisons

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Beth L. - SCAP; Barbara C. Finance; Cynthia B. Newsletter

Each committee chair gave brief presentation on the purpose of the committee; how the committee serves the area.

Structure/Purpose

Marvin W. presented slide show of the General Service Structure and how the upside down triangle works in the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Bonita W. presented how the structure works within the service committees with the work of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic being done at the district level; information passed to Area Standing Committee Chair who shares information throughout Southeast Texas Area.

More Effective Communication with Group/Districts/Standing Committees

Marcia P. talked about her committee's efforts to fill District Chair positions. The Area Chair's role is to funnel requests for Treatment Facility meetings and Bridging the Gap Programs to the Districts close to the Treatment Facility in question. She is working to foster involvement of the Districts by visiting them to talk about Treatment Facility needs in that district.

District Reports

District 10 Allison W, DCM Walter G, Alternate DCM

District 10 meets the second Tuesday of every month at St. Joseph's hospital in the Cullen Building on the second floor, room 2085. Temporarily, we are meeting in the first floor conference room, just to the right of the elevator while renovations are being completed. We hosted both Gus and Betsy, this quarter, first for barbecue and then for Gus's delegate report. We had a record attendance of 19 to hear Gus's delegate report. We had an enthusiastic group and attendees who had never attended a district meeting before! We are also gathering our groups' spaghetti contributions for the gratitude dinner, and Carmen M. our secretary has enlisted several volunteers already to help us cook! Our pocket-sized event flier highlights group, district and area events such as the gratitude dinner, the delegate report, and the past CFC conference. It circulates at our district meetings so that our GSRs can distribute them at their home groups. After putting their Friday night speaker meeting on the flier, the La Branch street group has noticed a considerable attendance increase at that meeting! From the flier, we have also gathered several volunteers to support for the upcoming Baylor health fair that we as a district are attending with the area **Public I**nformation committee. We will help staff their booth and get some PI training that we can be self-supporting for our next PI request. We are sending our DCM to the Regional Forum in Denver this month and have postponed our "Experiences in Service" workshop until the new year.

The Higher Power group reports that it desperately needs support, as it usually has 2 in attendance - a husband and wife! Please help if you are available-they meet Wednesday at 7pm at St. John's Methodist church at the Life Center. They are eager to attend our district meetings and actually meet around the corner from St. Joseph's hospital, in downtown Houston.

The Medical Center group is going strong, they report. They meet at the Mental Science Institute on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:15pm, located at 1300 Moursund, room 213. They have added meetings to the group on Wednesday and Friday in a different location at the Ambulatory building in the Mays clinic on MD Anderson blvd. They meet in the fourth floor conference room in room acb4.2360. They have just notified Intergroup of these changes.

We have our strongest support from the La Branch Street group, the Cathedral Group, the Welcome Home group, the Starting from Scratch group, and the Desiderata Group.

District 10 has elected both Carmen M, to be our district's grapevine rep. and Wally G. to be our district's literature rep. **Thank you, Alison W. and Wally G.**

District 20 Sammie G, DCM Mark J, Alternate DCM

Things are going well in the district. We have had some challenges, but with God's grace and the aid of dedicated GSRs, I believe we will persevere. We are still having a good turn out for our district meetings and the speaker meeting that follows. Although our Alt. DCM has regretfully decided to step down from his position, he spearheaded a successful workshop in August loosely based on the book "Living Sober". Thanks Mark J. for all your hard work. It was well attended

and participants seemed to get a lot out of it. In September we were visited by our Delegate, Gus H. who presented his report.

Please come and visit our District Meeting the first Saturday of every month. It is followed by a Speaker Meeting, speaker and food provided by varying group within our District. All are welcome. We are still temporarily relocated on the campus of St. Thomas University in Anderson Hall, 3921 Mt. Vernon St.

District 31 Duane P, DCM Jeanette W, Alternate DCM

District 31 has been busy. Our CFC chair has been recruiting many AA'ers into taking meetings into the many prison facilities in our district, as well as the county jail systems.

Our Ad Hoc committee on Policy and Procedure has presented us with the first draft of our new manual, which we are reviewing and ratifying.

The annual Old Timers' Day will be taking place at the Lamb of God fellowship hall on November 3rd at 11:00 am and all are invited.

We are looking forward to being of service to the Area during the Gratitude Dinner, by providing the beverages and enjoying the fellowship.

Group visits continue, and we have added three new groups to our district's roster. We hold our meeting monthly at the Kingwood Group on Russell-Palmer Rd. in Kingwood at 2 pm every third Sunday, and we welcome anyone who would like to attend.

Thank you for the opportunity to Serve, Duane P

District 32 Dave U, DCM Katie B, Alternate DCM

Two groups in our district, the *Champions* Group and *Northwest Unity* along with District 32 co-hosted an event on Saturday, July 21. The play "How to Lead an AA Meeting" was performed before an attentive, interested and enthusiastic audience. Following the play was a wonderful BBQ dinner. It was truly a great event. Not only was fun had by all, but we all felt as though we came away equipped with new and better tools on how to more effectively lead AA meetings.

Richard L., GSR for *Northwest Unity*, Teresa M. and Kathy W., GSR and Alt. GSR for *The Champions* did a great job at coordinating this event. Although it's impossible to thank everyone that contributed, a special note of thanks goes out to Mark R., Nancy P. and Jeff B. from the *Northwest Unity* Group. Not only did Mark, Jeff and Nancy give "Oscar Caliber" acting performances, they did a great job of facilitating the discussion between each of the play's acts. They also did an outstanding job of recruiting actors and participants for the play.

Again, on behalf of District 32, a big "THANK YOU!" to everyone who participated and attended this event!

Help Wanted! Our long-time District 32 secretary, Shirley M. submitted her resignation after our August meeting. Shirley's years of service to our district has most assuredly touched countless lives. We thank Shirley for her service to District 32. Shirley told us that she plans on continuing her service work with one of our area's service committees. We will look forward to seeing Shirley at Area 67 Assemblies for many years to come.

Because of Shirley's departure, we are in need of a new District Secretary. Please contact me, your groups' GSR or better yet, please just come to our next district meeting. I was told early on that when it comes to AA service work, your availability is far more important than your ability. As long as you keep coming back and making yourself available for service, your ability will come.

District 32 welcomed our Area 67 Delegate & Alternate Delegate, Gus H. and Betsy G. at our August meeting. Gus gave our district his report from the GSO meeting in April. Betsy gave us her report as well as updates from the area and the latest news from the Area 67 Gratitude dinner. Thank you Gus and Betsy! Please visit us anytime.

In September we welcomed Dana B., with the *Grapevine* committee. Dana gave our district a great report on her committee and its work. Dana and her committee also gave away *Grapevine* subscriptions to the two newest GSRs that attended our September meeting! Thank you Dana for your presentation as well as the message you carry.

District 32 welcomes four new GSR's/Alt. GSR's since our last assembly. They are...Greg H., GSR for the Duncan Road Group, Jayden K., GSR from the Heights Group, Melanie E., GSR from the TGIF, Magnolia Group, Maria L., Alt. GSR from the Fifth Tradition Group. We also welcomed a number of visitors from home groups in our district as well.

District 32 invites everyone to attend our monthly district service meetings. The meetings this quarter will be:

- October 7 @ the Area 67 Assembly, Sheraton IAH Restaurant (Basil's Kitchen) starting at 7:15 AM.
- November 11 @ the Duncan Road Group, 12454 Cutten Road Suite V. Houston starting at noon. Special guests, Treatment Facilities Committee.
- **December 9** @ the Duncan Road Group, 12454 **Cutten Road** Suite V. Houston starting at noon. Special guests, Literature Committee.

Our district will be discussing important issues in the months ahead. I urge you to not only encourage your groups GSR's to attend our upcoming meetings, please invite all of your groups' members and especially sponsees to these meetings as well.

Yours in Service, Dave U., DCM

District 33
Debi U, DCM
Tim C, Alternate DCM

Howdy SETA Family,

Our district is experiencing less participation in the monthly district meetings lately, but we keep plugging along.

We are looking forward to having everyone come to Bryan/College Station in January for our SETA Convention. We'll also be hosting our annual Unity Conference about one month later, February 29-March 2, 2008. Flyers are available on the back table so please take some back to your groups. There are many fun things to do in Bryan/College Station, and it's no longer a drive from here to there than it is from here to Beaumont, so I challenge all of you to make the trip!

Thank you for my sobriety and for allowing me to serve,

Debi U.

District 40
Stan S, DCM
Elena W, Alternate DCM

Hello everyone at SETA from District 40. We all have been busy here. First we had a visit from our Area 67 CPC committee in August and they gave a very informative talk. They also asked if we would consider combining our CPC and PI committees into one and we agreed to put that item on the next month's agenda for discussion and a vote. I am happy to inform SETA that we have discussed and voted to combine the two committees and Joe H. and Barbara C. have agreed to hold a meeting that all are welcome to participate in and they will bring an advisory to the district for a committee chair and budget proposal.

We also had our fellowship fest and are happy to announce that it was a great success due mainly to Amanda M. and all her hard work she put into it. In addition, we had some visitors with us from SETA. Bob and Kathleen B. who brought an acting troop from their own home group to do a skit on Traditions as seen at a group level. It is A basic do's and don'ts as suggested by AA's 12 traditions. Expect to see this one on the road soon. Thank you and very Good Job to all who participated. Last but certainly not least our very own Eddie A. wrote a script entitled "How Stella got her Conscience Back" (with some help from others), a two act PLAY! Act 1 was about what a disaster a group conscience can be. Act 2 was what an efficient group conscience can look like. Hopefully, my group can land somewhere in between these 2 extremes. I believe that for now, that's all that is going on.

Love in Service, Stan S

District 51 Ronald C, DCM OPEN, Alternate DCM

In August and September the District 51 group visitations continued. We visited three groups in both August and September and have now visited a total of eight inactive groups within District 51. Even though we have not seen a major increase in participation at our District meetings we have managed to encourage people to get involve within their group. District 51 also welcomes a new GSR from the Only Just Begun Group.

In District 51 our Groups are always using different ways to carry the message. The Caring and Sharing Group sponsors a Spanish Speaking Meeting that is now held twice a week. The 12x12 Study Group has just started a pamphlet study meeting on Fridays. The Open Door Group encourages newcomers by giving away a Grapevine subscription for one-year celebrants. The South Gessner Group had celebrants that had over 100 years of sobriety at their last birthday celebration. It works if you work it.

District 51 meetings are held the last Saturday of the Month at the Delta Club at 11:00 am. Faith and Works, Ronald C

District 52

Lee G, DCM

Harold P, Alternate DCM

Greetings to all from District 52, Gus and Betsy came to visit our District in August and gave a swell PowerPoint presentation of Gus' experience at the Conference. September

Was a good working session for us; we voted to purchase and distribute throughout District 52 (200) back issues of the Grapevine and also voted to give (5) Gift subscriptions for the Grapevine to (5) groups within District 52. As we are the Host District for the SETA Gratitude Dinner, we also voted to retire (2) antique Coffee Urns and purchase (2) new (60) cuppers-HOT DELICIOUS COFFEE will be served!!!

We are still experiencing difficulty in filling Committee Chair positions, but I'm hopeful that H.P. will nudge someone to step-up. We also, had the pleasure of an informative Treatment Facilities presentation by Marcia Patrick; although we don't have any treatment facilities within the boundary of District 52 we were reminded that we can still participate in Bridging the Gap for individuals relocating within our boundaries. We are looking forward to our opportunity to serve the Area as the Host District for the Gratitude Dinner on November 18th at the Rosenberg Civic and Convention Center!!!

Thanks for the opportunity to be of Service, Lee G

District 60

Michael M, DCM

Melanie M, Alternate DCM

Greetings from District 60. Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Solution Club on Broadway and Belfort. The physical address is 7808 Belfort, which is located in a small strip mall behind what used to be a KFC restaurant.

There are a number of groups in the district; however there are many service positions available at the group and district level. Consequently, any one interested in "giving back" to Alcoholics Anonymous can find out what's going on in the district by attending one of our meetings, or by contacting one of the district's trusted servants. A new secretary is needed now.

Several of the groups in the district have had a relatively busy summer planning activities and hosting events. The Third Tradition Group of Alcoholics Anonymous hosted its always successful Labor Day Alcathon, and recently celebrated another group anniversary. The group has also added another discussion meeting Mon-Fri at 3:00 pm.

Over on the east side of town is the Industrial Group, which is located at 1611 First St. in Galena Park. Group members have been busy there as well planning events. Don D. is coming down Oct. 6, to assist the group with a step workshop held at their location from approx. 4:00pm until 9:00 pm that Saturday afternoon. There should be plenty to eat and I believe that Don is on loan from the Alief Group for this event. The Group is also conducting an "AA Comes of Age" book study on Thurs evenings at 8:00 pm so all of you history buffs plan to attend. Meeting attendance is beginning to increase at the "Beginner's Meeting" which is held on Sunday evenings at 6:00pm.

My apologies for anything I have neglected to report. The next stop on this incredible journey will be the SW Regional Forum coming up in a week or so in Denver.

Faithfully Yours in Service, Michael M

District 63

Vicente S, DCM

Gustavo P. Alternate DCM

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, Secretary Manuel O, Treasurer Felix V

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. We meet in Sugarland on Tuesday and just started meeting in Navasota on Sundays from 1-3 pm.

La Viña Committee: Chair Alfredo B, Secretary Jaime J, Treasurer Jose P

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 and to get subscriptions. We have 138 subscriptions.

Third Anniversary November 4, 2007 10 AM – Until (everyone invited) Los Buenos Beteranos 6300 West Little York #108

District 64

Alvaro D, DCM

Arturo C, Alternate DCM

District 64 has 12 Groups that meet every Saturday at 6 pm to inform each group. There are 3 (service) committees: 1) La Vina, 2) Literature, 3) Correctional which meet on Tuesday in District 64. These committees share with all the groups in the district.

District 65
Roberto V, DCM
OPEN, Alternate DCM

Greetings from the members of District 65 to our dear friends in the fellowship. District 65 has 3 committees; Literature, La Vina and Correctional Facilities. La Vina meets every other Tuesday. Literature committee meets every Saturday at 5:00 pm and the Correctional facilities meet every Saturday at 5:30 pm. The district meets with all the groups once a week and assists the groups that have been invited to join. We meet every Saturday at 6:00 pm wish to extend an open invitation to all those who want to get to know us better.

District 66 Jose Manuel L, DCM

Victor R, Alternate DCM

District 66 is composed of 19 groups in which we do sharing meetings twice a week. We also have 11 GSRs and 8 Group contacts. We have our meetings every Saturday starting at 6 pm until we finish. Once a month we have a study session with the AA Service Manual.

We at the same time have four committees: La Vina, Correctional, Literature, and Webmaster.

Our Anniversary is coming soon, November 25, 2007 and we are going to hold it at the District location, starting at 12 noon and on.

You can also visit us at www.aadistrito666.org.

District 70 Raphael E, DCM Johnny T, Alternate DCM

This is an amazing experience - writing my first DCM Report: just thinking about the dedication of so many in AA Service that I have admired since my first Area Assembly (then the SWAARSA, in Oct.2002, as a GSR for my Home Group- Eye Opener at 10am- meeting @ West Baytown Club) overwhelms me. With energetic gratitude I'm attempting to give a bit back for learning to live this life sober for 12393 days- ONE at a time.

I've taken much energy from Deborah R and Raphael E to keep turning the key of willingness and expressing the CARE of God that each morning I turn my life over to. Yes! I have a CHOICE today over whether I drink alcohol; but, I sore struggle to lose that bondage to self that fights for ALL my attention - ALL the time!

Our District has a powerhouse base in Barbara M- the newly elected Alt.-DCM and esteemed JAYWALKER newsletter Editor and in Cynthia B- our treasured.

We are blessed with Mike J. (from Northshore Groups) as one of our Intergroup liaisons/delegates, along with Marcial S.

The GRAPEVINE has been infused with new life in our District thanks to several GSRs, (like Eddie C. of White Flag Group) and other generous benefactors...Raphael, John B. and Jerry M.; as well as on GSR scouting trips by this DCM to UpTheStreet Club, ClearCreekClub, LegacyClub, NorthShoreGroups, and even to Crosby and Dayton meetings. We MAY have a Grapevine rep for the whole District by our next meeting, eh, Preston?

We are looking forward eagerly to our District Inventory, to be moderated by David H. - well known in AREA 67 for Service Work in many stripes.

Many from our District traveled to Rosenberg for the Great Gratitude Dinner & Show. I was teared up on my H-D riding back to Baytown- just rejoicing over what a WHOLE life we are given if we simply, and steadily apply these promising principles to every area of our experiences!

The TRADITIONS WORKSHOP will be held Sunday Dec.9th, sponsored by (at least) six groups; and Deborah has RE-Named the Event "Traditions FUNDAY" @ West Baytown Club, 1020 Bowie St.(zip77320) from one till 6pm.

I would love to continue to share, and I will, only LATER

...in Service,

Johnny "2"

District 81 Jim B DCM Tom B, Alternate DCM

I am pleased to report that Dist 81 appears to be thriving. We are averaging 30-35 folks at our GSR sharing sessions. Our PI/CPC committee is thriving and has actually brought some older members back into service. We have a new TFC district chair and she has already recruited a couple of members for that committee and is personally very enthused and attended her first assembly today. This committee work at the district level has brought a new enthusiasm and sense of unity to our district which is very exciting. We had a successful Traditions & Concepts weekend last weekend. This was our 3rd annual event and our presenters informed us that we need something different next year as they have been with us all three years. So we have already started brainstorming ideas for next year. I have been blessed to have inherited a district whose members are invested in carrying AA's message and for this I am grateful as I know how to be...

Jim B.

District 82

Jess H, DCM

Michael J, Alternate DCM

No report

District 90 Harvey H, DCM Brian H, Alternate DCM

Hello SETA Family,

We've had a Great Conference, we're planning Gratitude Dinner on Nov.3rd.We expect to have flyers at assembly.

We elected new alt. DCM-Tony D, our meetings average 40+ in attendance, all committees are filled. We're always looking for more volunteers.

Several groups celebrated anniversaries in September 3 or more this month. We registered 1 new group in dist.90. District 90 website should have listing of all upcoming events.

The T&C weekend was very informative; we have a lot of work ahead to ensure that AA continues to thrive.

The CFC committee has mtgs. In all area facilities, TFC committee is expanding their efforts to bring The Message of Recovery to all treatment facilities. The PI/CPC committee continues to develop committees to present the AA Recovery Program. The Grapevine committee has a new alt. chair - Ronnie B. We had an open sharing session in early September; we had every committee chair give an Introduction about his committee. We hope to improve our efforts to Carry the Message of Recovery.

We hope to see you as we Trudge This Road To Our Happy Destiny

Yours in Service, Harvey H.

Area Standing Committee Reports

Archives Sarah D, Chairperson

The Archives Committee is meeting monthly at Intergroup. Anyone interested in attending, please contact one of the committee members to confirm the date. While I am before you, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome a couple of new faces to the committee: Cynthia P. - District 52 and Bill H - District 81.

One of the current topics for discussion has been what we need to replace the computer the Archives Committee has been using and of course, that has led to further discussion regarding the uses to which we intend to put it. Jeff H., who is the Chair of Intergroup CFC, has agreed to be our technical advisor for now and has given us a figure on the cost of building a computer for the committee. He will be meeting with the committee this weekend (Oct 6-7, 2007) to bring us up to speed on our options for software so we better know what it is that we need in order to digitize our collection. Dwayne P. agree to help us as well in his area of expertise. Mike D., one of our committee members, is in the process of copying the tapes we have of the Area Assemblies onto compact discs for the AREA. So, one question of keen importance is what kind of equipment should we consider to better serve the Area?

For those who are not familiar with the *Markings*, it is a publication by GSO for archivists in A.A. and one of the items published in the latest issue featured a workshop on how to create a District Archives, which is timely, given concerns in the service functions. We will be contacting Mike B, and Jerri Lou S. from Area 1 for input on how Area 67 can make a similar presentation.

We would like to continue to encourage Districts and Groups to collect their group histories. An Oral Histories Kit is now available on the AA website and is a great resource as well as the guidelines for archives and the archives workbook. There is no reason not to take advantage of something so easily accessible.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area Archives Committee Chair, and archivist.

Yours in service, Sarah D.

Correctional Facilities Robert B, Chairperson

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Cooperation with the Professional Community Gary L. S, Chairperson

The Cooperation with the Professional Community committee, meets the 1st Monday of each month at the "Country Gentleman" antique store, located at 3829 Dunlavy, Houston Texas 77006 at 6:30 P.M.; except in the months of April, July, and October, when the meeting is held at the Quarterly Area Assembly.

Presently we have just completed C.P.C. presentations at Districts 10, 32 and 52.

One of our primary goals for 2007 is to impress the importance of the C.P.C. work that can be carried on at the District level through active participation of group representatives. It is important that each district have a representative to the area committee. This more easily facilitates the communications from the Area, through the Districts, to the individual groups.

The area committee will be traveling to Spring Branch club in October for the initial organizational meeting of their newly formed C.P.C. / P.I. committee in District 40. Hopefully we will be asked to participate in the organization and training of committees in each of our Area's Districts, as they are organized.

In addition we are looking forward to commitment dates from some of the area Nursing colleges to confirm presentations to their students.

Come join our Committee and help carry the message to the Professional Community.

In love and service, Gary L. S

Finance Barbara C, Chairperson

The Finance Committee is working in earnest to formulate written guidelines for SETA's fiscal management. This effort will occupy the committee for many months to come. We are also addressing any issues that come up that need immediate resolution, such as two budget increase requests that are to be voted on today by this Assembly. One is for the Literature Committee and the other for the Website Committee. (See Assembly minutes for wording of motions and outcomes.)

Thank you for this opportunity to serve, Barbara C

Grapevine Dana B, Chairperson Gloria M, Alternate Chairperson

Hi Everyone,

The Grapevine committee is busy working on getting the message out there to the suffering AAs who has yet to discover that wonderful gift that the Grapevine is. We scratch our heads wondering why so few AAs subscribe. The good news is that the subscriptions in the Southeast Texas Area are going up. Please subscribe if you aren't already, and if you are, consider buying a gift subscription for a friend. Currently the committee continues to meet monthly at the Delta club 6:00 pm 3rd Thursday of the month, except months when we have an Assembly. Please get your group to elect a Grapevine Rep and send them to our meeting. We have, hands down, the most fun committee in SETA. We have really appreciated the opportunity to visit districts and hope the invites keep coming.

Yours Joyfully in Service, Dana B

Literature Randee B, Chairperson Joshua H, Alternate Chairperson

The Literature Committee is continuing our presentations to the districts. In August, we visited District 60, debuting a Sober Bingo Game. In September, we participated in the CFC conference by hosting the pamphlet challenge for the

pamphlet AA in Correctional Facilities. We trekked all the way to College Station for a presentation at District 33. We ended the month by display literature at District 81's Traditions and Concepts weekend in Galveston.

We would like to offer our fabulous services to groups, conventions, conferences, and events as well as districts. We display Conference-approved literature, discuss/review pamphlets, and/or conduct a pamphlet challenge. If you would like the Literature Committee to participate, please contact me at teach.for.life@hotmail.com.

At the Area Assembly, we have continued our Pamphlet Challenge, with new and exciting questions, offering all members a chance to learn about AA literature and meet the committee. Treats are provided to simulate the brain. Prizes will be rewarded to the winner during the Assembly on Sunday.

Tired of trying to find a topic for a meeting? Tired of those all-famous gratitude meetings? Try reading a pamphlet and discussing it instead. In New York and in our own backyard, members are bringing pamphlets to meetings and sharing their experience, strength and hope about the subject. "The Fellowship spends a lot of time, effort and expense on these pamphlets, but so many members either don't seem to know they exist or else have no idea of how incredibly much A.A. information, history and sharing they cover" (from Box 4-5-9, August/September 2007).

To find out more about AA literature, 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

Multilingual Committee in the past three months worked on the translation of the agenda for the October assembly and translation area meetings in the assembly, also important to the area 67 participation on Hispanic activities in our community incorporation to inform the area activities help our delegate to translate the conference report on July 21, 2007 in the District 66 on Conference Report planning to be on SW regional Forum on October 12-14, 2007 in Denver Colorado thanks to the area for the support to be there on translation with the other areas on the SW Forum.

Love in Service, Everardo P

Newsletter Cynthia B, Chairperson

I hope you finally received your newsletter. I feel like it was late arriving at my door. I mailed it 2 weeks ago today. Don't know what the PO did with it. From experience of two newsletters, they arrive 4-5 days after mailing.

I'm disappointed with the map on front. Originally, I received a beautiful map from Paul. It couldn't be used because it didn't show up well in B&W. It was just a blob! ALL artwork had to be adjusted due to number of pixels.

I had all kinds of printing problems. I tried to get it printed at Office Max, called or went to see them 3 times - got 3 different price quotes (\$170, \$1400, \$760). Finally in frustration, I went back to Shiloh (where Penny W works). They quoted \$690. I gave in because time was short. After I received Newsletters, I convinced them to re-figure the quote. It came out to \$360.

Because I can't predict any problems (see above) that may occur, I can no longer give extensions. The first deadline will need to be adhered to. I will try to remind all a day ahead of the deadline, but I need to have a set amount of articles for editing purposes.

Thank you, Cynthia B.

Public Information Patrick C, Chairperson Maryann M, Alternate Chairperson

PI Events & Business since July Assembly 07:

New Secretary Judy H!

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- District 33 is hosting a joint PI/CPC training session so we can get the willing District members ready to perform service in their area. This is to be held August 19th at 1:00pm in Bryan/College Station.
- PI Workbook Study
- PSA for T.V. DVD Compilation Show to the committee what will be sent to the TV Stations Show to group
- Training on answering the Public Information Voicemail box for requests Update Committee on Jan and Charity Patrick C.
- Draft of the letter for the districts regarding PI work Mary Ann M.
- <u>NEW September 24 Mental Health Resource Fair at Tomball College Need Participants District 32. Patrick and</u> Joe M. attended
- September 30 table display request from District 81 Bill and others who participated provide update

Upcoming PI Events & Business:

- DISTRICT 40 NEW October 11, 2007 Westlake Chemical Corporation Employee Health Fair
- DISTRICT 10 NEW October 13 Baylor College of Medicine 2007 Community Health Day
- <u>DISTRICT ? NEW</u> October 27, 2007 Health Fair at a Church
- <u>TWO SPANISH SERVICE REQUESTS</u> We received a call from Yesenia M. She teaches a family course to multilingual persons. There are two elementary schools that she would like to have a PI Presentation. Red Bluff Elementary & Pomeroy Elementary
 - o Classes meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:45 to 1:45 during the day.
 - Need to get someone to handle these requests from the Spanish PI Committee

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.

Respectfully submitted by Patrick C

SETA SCAP Beth L

January 2007 the SCAP Committee hosted a hospitality room at the SETA Convention in Galveston. Flyers for the 6/07 State Convention were distributed and response to the hospitality was great.

This is also my formal apology to Area 67 as there have been several duties that have not been carried out. I've got many excuses to share but have not found very much sympathy to excuses in Alcoholics Anonymous, and may I add that I don't give much sympathy to excuses. Thanks to a great sponsor and the Ad Hoc Committee we are getting on track to bring things together.

A Committee Meeting was held during the Area Assembly this past weekend. Those in attendance were: Beth L, Teresa O., Paul M., Tim C., Debi U., Barbara M.

Per suggestion coming from the Ad Hoc Committee, the SCAP Committee voted to set 15% of the current funds aside building toward establishing a prudent reserve (amount of prudent reserve to be decided).

Motion was made to host a hospitality suite at the 2008 SETA Convention in Bryan/College Station. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Motion made and passed unanimously to complete a mail out of flyers this year to promote the State Convention in Odessa.

Next meeting of the SCAP committee will be at 2:00 PM on 11/10/07 at the Plaza Hotel in Bryan/College Station (site of SETA Convention in January)

Respectfully submitted, Beth L

Treatment Facilities Marcia P, Chairperson

Travis H, Alternate Chairperson

Things have been heating up for the TFC committee over the last couple of months. Cheyenne Center, a men's transitional living facility contacted us to request help with four AA meetings that are already held at their location on Saturday and Sunday nights. About 100 men who are graduates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Treatment program attend two of the meetings. The counselors at the Center are concerned because the TDCJ clients don't seem to have any grasp of how to apply the twelve steps to their lives. They feel that if sober alcoholics from the general AA population could chair and lead these meetings, the TDCJ population will greatly benefit.

My Alternate, Travis H. has agreed to act as coordinator for this request. The Center is in the District 31 area and the DCM of District 31, Duane P., has scheduled me to speak at the District meeting in November. In addition, we will be talking to the CFC committee to ask for their help in finding the manpower to cover these meetings, so that individuals who volunteer do not burn out. Finally, if we can't raise enough volunteers, we plan to use the all-SETA email distribution to solicit help from the entire area.

On the other side of town, Memorial Hermann Prevention and Recovery Center (the PARC) will be moving to West Houston from their current location in the Houston Medical Center area. As a result, we are hunting for AAs who live in that area to help man the Bridging the Gap Meeting that is held there every Wednesday morning at 9:00 am. If anyone is interested please contact me.

April R., District 90's TFC chair is busy planning expansions of their successful Bridging the Gap Programs in the Beaumont area. Slowly, but surely other District's are electing chairs to do the work of the committee in their neighborhoods.

Thanks again for giving me the opportunity so carry the message and stay sober!

Yours in service, Marcia P.

Website Marshall W, Chairperson David O, Alternate Chairperson

First off the Website committee would like to thank all of those who supported our recent Budget amendment for 2007. The Committee is currently battling it out with the Holiday shoppers in order to obtain the requested equipment and software. These upgrades will enable our website to continue to serve the Area, help protect our traditions, and will set the foundation towards future enhancements to the website.

A big thank you goes out to all that attended the October meeting. It was well attended and lots of good suggestions were presented during the meeting. We currently do not have a secretary so I may not have captured all that brought forth.

Some new proposals that were brought to the meeting are as follow:

- 1. Modifications to the all-seta e-mail distribution list to include only current members of the assembly and past Area Delegates. Currently the list includes some former inactive SETA Members.
- 2. Creation of a new distribution list for past members and other interested parties that would allow for them to keep tabs with general SETA information.
- 3. Addition of a Search function on the website to aid in locating specific topics in posted documents.

Each of these suggestions will be taken into consideration. The suggestion of modifying the all-seta distribution list was implemented and completed.

For the next quarter the committee will be working on fulfilling the approved budget increase by obtaining software and hardware. Many members of the website committee will also be working with David O. as he champions the IT ad-hoc committee.

Respectfully Submitted, Marshall W.

Intergroup Liaison Reports

Brazos Valley Intergroup Teresa O

We have been very busy with several projects. First we have elected a new Treasurer, Crystal H., who is also our District Intergroup representative. I am Secretary for the group. Then Ray M. has been coordinating the ordering of our inventory and setting up our AA hotline.

We have been getting more and more volunteers to help with the phones assist with selling literature at different AA functions around the Bryan/College Station. Ray M. coordinated our booth at the *AAggieland* Convention back in August where he also distributed a questionnaire to attendees asking what they wanted from their Intergroup office. Great job Ray!

We also had an informational workshop where Clint R. from Hill Country Intergroup, Austin Texas, came down and provided us with information on how they put together their Intergroup office. He also offered us information on how to set up a board for our intergroup office. We followed the session with a barbecue pot luck dinner. Much needed information was obtained for our group to put into action for the Brazos Valley Intergroup.

Respectfully submitted, Teresa O

Houston Intergroup Terri S

What's going on at Intergroup? We are always looking for new ways to carry the message more effectively to the alcoholic, in and out of the program. There has been quite a lot of discussion about the Intergroup website and it's maintenance. It has been determined that there is a great need for a Webmaster, and the search for one is on. If you are interested in doing this type of service, please contact Intergroup. This weekend is the 22nd Annual Intergroup Seminar. John O will be giving a presentation about the website at this event.

There are currently many opportunities for service at Intergroup. Both the Corrections Committee and the Intergroup Board will be holding elections this November. For the Board, there is a minimum sobriety requirement of two years. There are always other needs for volunteers, contact Intergroup if you are interested.

The dictionary defines "liaison" as a person who acts as a link to assist communication or cooperation between groups of people. I hope that I am able to do that during my term, with God's help, that I am able to do that. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Ninth District Intergroup Gerald T

No report

Spanish Intergroup Anghelov M

The Hispanic Intergroup meets every Sunday from 10 am to 12m at 8880 Braesmont. Houston, TX 77096. (713) 661 6833. The Hispanic Intergruop will celebrate its III anniversary on January 27, 2008. The celebration will be held on the Unidos Venceremos Group located at 7215 Bellerive Dr. Ste. "B" Houston, TX 77036. All the A.A members and friends are invited to the public meeting.

The website <u>www.intergruposuroestehouston.org</u> is updated monthly; Bulletins, Treasurer Reports, and activities such anniversaries and assemblies are updated. The website has been viewed 4,199 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.

Public Service announcements continue with the radio station "La Tremenda" 1010 AM every Sunday from 6 to 11 pm and local newspaper; and the Intergroup had a project with the Univision channel. Bulletin "El Lenguaje del Corazon" has 109 subscribers and the committee is working on the edition No 34. The following are the groups with representatives in the Hispanic Intergroup:

Gpo Paz y Sobriedad, Gpo Unidos Venceremos, Gpo Acción, Gpo Recuperación 12 de Octubre, Gpo Nada Podemos Solos, Gpo Nueva Alianza, Gpo Una luz en el Vendaval, Gpo Fresno, Gpo 19 de Enero, Gpo Latino, Gpo Fe de Angleton, Gpo Hispano, Gpo Bienestar Común, and Gpo Transmítelo.

New Service Board for 2008 was elected last month:

Service Board

Chairperson: Florentino S. Grupo Paz y Sobriedad Alternate: Gilberto M. Grupo Unidos Venceremos

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Secretary: Ramces A. Grupo Accion

Alternate: Octavio C. Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad Treasurer: Miguel O. Grupo Paz y Sobriedad Alternate: Luis V. Grupo Nueva Alianza

12th Step Committee

Chairperson: Raul E. Grupo Nueva Alianza
Alternate: Jhoony R. Grupo Paz y Sobriedad
Secretary: Alfredo P. Grupo Bienestar Comun
Treasurer: Porfirio M. Grupo 19 de Enero

Public Information Committee

Chairperson: Jaime A. Grupo Unidos Venceremos

Secretary: Mario G. Grupo Accion
Treasurer: MambreGrupo Unidos Venceremos

Literature Committee

Chairperson: Jose Luis M. Grupo Paz y Sobriedad

Secretary: Wilfredo G. Grupo Recupersacion 12 de octubre

Alternate: Anghelov M. Grpo Paz Y sobriedad Treasurer: Jesus Z. Grupo Paz y Sobriedad

Facilities Committee

Chairperson: Porfirio M. Grupo 19 de Enero Secretary: Alfrredo P. Grupo Bienestar Comun

Treasurer: Juan D. Grupo Accion

Webmaster

Chairperson: Anghelov M. Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad

Archive & Editorial Committee

Chairperson: Noe R. Grupo Paz y Sobriedad Secretary: Gerardo T. Grupo Paz y Sobriedad Alternate: Francisco T. Grupo Paz y Sobriedad Treasurer: Eralio R. Grupo Paz Y Sobriedad

Best regards, Anghelov M.