

**AREA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY
Sheraton North Houston Hotel
15700 JFK Blvd Houston, Texas**

**Workshop Reports, District Reports, Area Standing Committee and Intergroup Liaison Reports
Saturday April 12th, 2008**

Workshop Reports

New GSR Orientation

Leader: **Marvin W** Recorder: **Tom B**

There were 20 attendees signed in.

There was material referenced from the AA General Service Manual reviewing conference language; the 3rd Legacy Procedure. The meeting then reviewed AA Service structure (GSRs might want a General Service Manual) such as: *GROUP, DISTRICT, AREA, GSO (General Service Office)*. There are pamphlets on HOME GROUP, SELF-SUPPORT, AA Traditions & Concepts. GSR, (General Service Representative) 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. 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 would seem to include not only RECOVERY, but the other elements of UNITY and SERVICE! **(STEPS, TRADITIONS & CONCEPTS)**

Advanced GSR

Leader: **Barbara C.** Recorder: **Kathleen**

Twenty (20) people from 9 Districts attended Saturday (April 12, 2008) morning's workshop.

Discussion opened on defining GSR: the General Service Representative is the voice of the GROUP! He/she is responsible for connecting the *Group* to the fellowship as a whole and communicates whatever GROUP needs/opinions that might be shared with the rest of the fellowship - In other words - a messenger. GROUPS are where the leadership for AA comes from: not, as in corporate organizations, from outside, hired to run things for AA.) Service was defined as anything done to help another alcoholic (or group of alcoholics-district, area, & service committees. (There are more jobs described in AA literature than people to fill them.) A responsible GSR will, for example, bring a GROUP issue (NOT his own opinion) to the district to see how other groups are handling a similar or related issue. Whatever is wrong in AA is our doing and our responsibility to correct or improve (Sponsorship?) There are 56,000 (approx) surviving groups in U.S. and Canada (out of 98,000 GSO numbers issued since the 1950's). Groups seem to dry up and evaporate or die unless they adhere to the principals associated with the TRADITIONS and CONCEPTS. SETA (South East Texas Area) has about 15,000 members, 17 districts, 13 standing committees serving about 550 groups (only 255 made a financial contribution) of the 93 AREAS in U.S. and Canada. Let's see, that might be an opportunity for 1100 GSRs and Alternates in SETA alone whose most important "job" is to protect and preserve the TRADITIONS that offer the STEPS of RECOVERY to the Alcoholic who has no place else to go.

Service Manuals/pamphlets are color coded (now purple) matching the Conference Report of the 2007 Conference. The DCM has a purple book from the Conference reporting from the APRIL, 2007 Conference we had in New York for the delegates of these 93 Areas. The 2008 Conference is in the next 2 weeks in New York and the participating GROUPS will be represented. When AA gets better in UNITY & SERVICE, we can help more Alcoholics and be more effective in carrying the message of RECOVERY. It seems that AA can get better through communication and participation-What message are we carrying? What's going on in GROUP consciences? What actions are WE taking to our Groups to insure the future of AA? It was stated that some of us wait for a long time to learn about that portion of our whole program called SERVICE. We were encouraged to get involved and carry this message into our groups' meetings ("impressing upon them to do likewise with still others"?) Other questions included: Can a GSR

Speak only at the Group Conscience? How about asking for group conscience meetings to bring awareness to these group issues?

Spanish GSR

Leader: **Mariano T.** District 65 – Serenity Prayer Recorder: **Rodolfo B.** District 64

Speaker: Gustavo, Topic IV Chapter District 63

Speaker: Carlos H. Topic IX Concept District 66

We had Questions & Answers following the speakers.

The meeting ended with the Responsibility Declaration.

Attendance of 20 and a 7th Tradition Contribution of \$51.00 were collected.

District Reports

District 10

Allison W, DCM

Walter G, Alternate DCM

District 10 has had consistent participation from the La Branch Street Group and the Cathedral Group. We average between 5 and 7 participants at our meetings and are pleased to announce that a security guard at the entrance of the Cullen Building now facilitates entrance to St. Joseph's Hospital. You can find us in the first floor conference room, immediately to the left of the elevators.

We are hopeful for support from The Welcome Home Group, The Good Times Group, and the Desiderata Group, well attended meetings within our district.

Group News:

The Welcome Home Group just elected a new GSR, Audie S.

Joe B. announces that the Cathedral Group meetings are well attended and are still growing

Peggy M. reports that the La Branch Street Group just celebrated its 48th anniversary with food, fellowship, and speaker. Carmen M. was elected as their alternate GSR.

We are still committed to our visitation committee and updating our group sheets for GSO, and are still in the planning stages of our first workshop.

District 20

Sammie G, DCM

Jeff V, Alternate DCM

It has been an active and invigorating first half of the year for the District. We are in the process of doing a district inventory and facing all the challenges that brings. Our desired outcome, of course, is to make sure that we carry the message and provide the best service we can to the groups in our district. I believe we got off to a great start with the facilitation of Marvin W. We look forward to finishing this and moving on with the business of the District.

We have a new Alternate DCM onboard, Jeff V, who has hit the ground running. We are planning on hosting a workshop on the traditions later this summer. I know that Districts 32 and 40 are also holding workshops on this, but perhaps this is the time to really help our fellowship become truly aware of the importance of these tools. I know that the GSR's of our committee were adamant about proceeding with this topic.

We are still meeting the first Saturday of the month in Anderson Hall on the campus of St. Thomas University at 6 pm followed by the First Saturday Speaker meeting. We invite all to join us for the committee meeting as well as staying for the speaker meeting. We have had some inspirational speakers this year as well as some very good food! So whether you are a GSR, committee chair or an interested member at large, we invite you to join us in fellowship.

District 31

Duane P, DCM

Jeanette W, Alternate DCM

No report submitted.

District 32

Dave U, DCM

Katie B, Alternate DCM

District 32 meetings have been well attended with our base core of GSR's and district trusted servants that consistently come to meetings and make themselves available for service to our fellowship.

What we now need is new input and fresh ideas from new GSR's from groups that either haven't elected a GSR in a long time or have never sent a GSR to represent your group.

The District committee is charged with two basic duties, 1. Help carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those still suffering within our district, and 2. Provide important and necessary information to the AA groups within our district.

Even if your group's GSR or representative is too busy to get involved in service work to the district at this time, PLEASE attend your monthly district meeting so that you and your home group will not get shortchanged with the news and information available to your home group from the fellowship.

In January District 32 welcomed Tom K, who serves as the Alternate Secretary for SETA. Tom gave a presentation about the importance of service, pointing to the AA Service Manual and the pamphlet on AA's Legacy of Service. Tom reminded everyone that service forms the "third leg" of the AA program and that "everyone is welcome to the fellowship, but participation is optional." AA group members "own" the fellowship, which is responsible for *saving lives* world wide — an awesome responsibility. The United States and Canada are divided into 93 Areas; Area 67, which covers southeast Texas, has 17 districts, including District 32. District 32 has 32 groups. Of these 32 groups, only seven had GSRs in attendance at today's meeting (Champions Group, Cy Fair Group, Promises, the Safe Harbor Group, Telge Road Women's Group, TGIF Magnolia, and the White Oak Group). District issues and concerns are discussed at quarterly Area Assemblies, where approximately 13 service committees provide "action opportunities" for an "action program." Tom encouraged everyone to continue the important work of service to AA and the fellowship and to tout the importance of service. He proposed visiting different group-conscience meetings as a way to learn about service opportunities.

In February, I gave my report to the district from the SETA Convention that was held January 18-20, 2008, in Bryan-College Station. The speakers were all excellent. One resolution that was successfully passed at the Sunday's Assembly was that La Viña is now a standing service committee for the area. SETA's delegate to the April 2008 GSO Convention, Gus H., will get an agenda out in late February. Gus H. is scheduled to visit District 32 in August 2008 to discuss the GSO Convention. SETA's alternate delegate, Betsy G., reported that this past year's gratitude dinner was a great success. A report from the 2007 southwest regional forum in Denver, Colorado, noted growing contributions and involvement by Hispanic members, who have a strong presence within SETA.

In March District 32 welcomed Bob and Kathleen B. from the Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC). Bob & Kathleen gave a presentation on behalf of their committee. Bob, who is the committee chairperson, reported that it is a very big, very active committee within SETA. The State of Texas has approximately 152 prison units, with close to 200,000 inmates. A large concentration of those state facilities and inmates are located in SETA. The CFC also serves local county jails.

One of the primary services provided by the CFC is taking meetings into prison units and jails. Volunteers are needed to lead meetings in the prison and jail facilities. Montgomery County Jail was mentioned as a facility that needs volunteers right now. Volunteers who wish to lead meetings in a state prison must submit to a background check for security purposes. There is a 1-year sobriety requirement to lead a meeting in prison, although this requirement may be waived under certain circumstances. Likewise, each warden may have specific rules. Bob passed out volunteer applications for the state prison units. County jails may have stricter rules about volunteers. The rules and restrictions can depend on each individual facility and are needed for obvious reasons (*i.e.*, safety and security). Volunteers do not have to set up meetings, as most already meet regularly. Bob explained that it takes many volunteers to set up a new meeting; at least 20 volunteers must sign up to support leading a meeting, because consistency is important.

Correspondence is another important service provided by CFC members. Because it does not require going into a facility, it is considered safer. Bob notes also that all correspondence is done through the SETA CFC P.O. Box, to preserve anonymity and so that inmates will not have a volunteer's home address. Members can correspond directly with alcoholic inmates who are incarcerated. The CFC also co-ordinates local inmate correspondence that is forwarded to SETA from GSO.

Another service offered by the CFC relates to pre-release inmates. Similar to the service performed for alcoholics coming from treatment facilities in Bridging the Gap, CFC volunteers are needed to help direct pre-release inmates to AA meetings near where they plan to live once they are let out.

Volunteers take a lot of literature along with them when they go into the facilities. The CFC has relationships in most state prison units to get literature inside. Blue cans are available to collect donations to provide literature for state

inmates. Kathleen takes care of bulk orders of literature for prison inmates, including Big Books, Grapevines, and a number of pamphlets to help inmates. She notes that a lot of this pamphlet literature for inmates is free from AA World Services. Each Big Book and piece of literature that the CFC distributes is stamped with the SETA CFC P.O. Box so that inmates have an address to request additional information. CFC volunteers frequently sign the books with messages of hope for the inmates.

CFC forms are available by e-mail. The address is correctional@aa-seta.org. The CFC meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd floor of St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston, although their location may change in the future. Currently, the CFC is looking for a new secretary, an archivist, and a person to take charge of Blue can donations (a "can meister").

CFC holds an annual conference during the second week in September.

District 32 invites everyone to attend our monthly district service meetings.

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.

Finally, a special thank you to our District 32 secretary, Sara R. for letting me "borrow" a great deal from her well written minutes to complete this article.

District 33

Debi U, DCM

Tim C, Alternate DCM

Howdy SETA Family,

We did a lot of hard work to get our group information sheets updated by the deadline, and discovered that we have 3 revived groups in our district! During the process, I coordinated with Brazos Valley Intergroup to make sure the meeting schedules are accurate too. I was able to get out and visit every single group with the help of other trusted servants, and really enjoyed spending time in the car with other AAs making the rounds.

Our district's CPC-PI committee has been meeting monthly and started mailing letters out to professionals in our district, offering to make presentations. This is the most active standing committee and I'm really excited about the progress. Our CFC chairman is taking a weekly meeting into the Hamilton Unit, a TDCJ treatment facility that houses inmates with drug and alcohol related offenses. Our TFC chairman is taking a weekly meeting to the local Mission men's facility. Both of these committees are in need of more members to assist in carrying the message.

We were grateful to have so many of you attend our annual Unity Conference that was held February 29-March 2. Our 3 speakers were Tom K., SETA Alternate Secretary, Bob B., SETA CFC Chair, and Harvey H., District 90 DCM. We had workshops, speakers, a Chili Cook-off, and one of the best dances I've ever been to at an AA event. Thank you to all who made the trip to participate.

We are working on putting together a Policies & Procedures Manual for our district, as well as a district budget. Gus H. and Betsy G. will be coming to our District in March to discuss the Round Table agenda items that will be the topic of the General Service Conference, and will be back in August to give Gus's GSC report.

Our district meetings are usually held the 3rd Sunday of the month at 4:00 p.m. at the Brazos Club, 837 N Harvey Mitchell Parkway (FM 2818), Bryan, Texas. Except in March, June, and September, when a different group hosts our Round Robin District Meeting. Everyone is invited to participate in the Third Legacy!

Thanks for my sobriety and for allowing me the privilege to serve.

District 40

Stan S, DCM

Open, Alternate DCM

Hello again from District 40. Our Alternate D.C.M. position has been filled by Brad H. We also nailed down our 2008 budget which now includes funds for the combined CPC/PI committee. Speaking of which, the new CPC/PI committee has been very busy and is currently distributing AA schedules to local hotels in Katy with a list of meeting times and Days listed that are in close proximity to the Hotels. In addition, they are working on the same type of schedule for

the Memorial area hotels. The CPC/PI committee was also present at a local elementary school for a health fair in District 40 and they are also arranging presentations for local professional organizations and Health Fairs.

District 40's 22nd Annual "District 40 Traditions Dinner" is slated for Saturday June 7th. Registration begins at 5:30 and our own past delegate, Charles P. will be speaking on traditions 1-6 starting at 6:00 and Dinner will be served at 7:00 then Charles will share again on traditions 7-12 beginning at 8:00. The Traditions dinner will once again be held at its traditional location, St. Christopher's Church@ 1656 Blaylock (between Longpoint and Hammerly).

The area Gratitude Dinner is coming together nicely and "WILL" be held on Sunday, November 23, 2008 at the VFW Spring Branch Post on Foley St. We (The DCM's) will be going back to our respective Districts and asking for them to approve funds \$100.00+ from the district accounts to help pay for Meat to Bar BQ. Thank you to all the DCM's that have already volunteered to bring side dishes, bread, deserts, drinks, etc. and thank you to Area 67 for allowing each of us to participate in our recovery in this way.

District 51

Ronald C, DCM

OPEN, Alternate DCM

In the first quarter of 2008 District 51 has grown with the addition of a new group and a change in GSRs. The new group "The Get Real" group meets Thursday at eight o'clock at the Bellaire club and Shanna is the new GSR with Shelly as the new alternate GSR. The South Gessner group elected Michael as the new GSR and Mary Beth as the new alternate GSR. Although we did not make any group visits in March the groups were extremely busy using different means of carrying the message.

The Caring and Sharing group sponsors a Spanish Speaking Meeting that is now held twice a week. The Open Door Group encourages newcomers by giving away a Grapevine subscription for one-year celebrants. The Circle and Triangle group has a book study using "Pass it On" as the reading material. The 12x12 Study group meets for breakfast before the monthly District 51 meeting to promote district attendance.

Also in March the Registrar Bill B and alternate Registrar John O visited District 51 and explained their job duties within the service structure. Bill as the Registrar is responsible for keeping groups, GSRs, DCMs, area committee members and area officer information current. John as alternate Registrar is the backup and prayer leader for Bill. Both are doing an excellent job.

Presently District 51 is planning our annual service workshop in cooperation with the literature committee. At separate planning meetings District 51 had money and location but didn't have a topic or a specific time frame. The literature committee had a specific time frame and a topic but no location or money. It appeared that a joint workshop would prove beneficial for all. More information will be passed along as the details are hammered out.

On a personal note ... I have been extremely fortunate in the past three months to witness the beginning of a multilingual meeting for Asian Americans. It does work if you work it and even sometimes if you don't. What started out as a concern of a GSR in District 51 has blossomed into the Reaching Out group in District 52. The Reaching Out group meets Mondays at 7 pm at the Alief Group's location. Cecelia H. the chairperson of the Reaching Out group has done an excellent job of reaching out and carrying the message of hope to all.

District 51 meetings are held the last Saturday of the Month at the Delta Club at 11:00 am.

District 52

Lee G, DCM

Harold P, Alternate DCM

Greetings from all our trusted servants in District 52, since our last communiqué in January we've been busy with our latest project; our next workshop will be called

Three Pillars Retreat-it's a new departure for us. The workshop is scheduled for the weekend of May 2nd - May 4th. It shall be set-up for all who wish to spend a weekend camping and will include a series of led discussions on AA's Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service, but centered on the Steps and Traditions. We'll also, have a couple of Speaker meetings. Everyone planning on camping overnight will be responsible for their own equipment and food; however some folks are making plans to combine their food/meals. We're hoping many may come out to join us, if

only for the day. The event is being chaired by our District Secretary, Mark A. and I know he has put in much effort to try to coordinate it.

We'd like to welcome (2) new Groups to our District; Reaching Out which meets at the Alief Groups' meeting place on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. and is an effort to include the Asian Community in our Fellowship. Cecelia H. has coordinated getting the group off the ground and Kyle K. is the groups GSR. The second New Group is the 90-99ers which meets at the Parkway United Methodist Church 5801 New Territory Blvd, Sugar Land on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. Mark A. has been responsible for coordinating the start-up and is serving as the GSR and Phillip L. is serving as the Alt. GSR. We wish these groups well and ask all to come and help to support these groups.

District 52 held its annual picnic on Saturday March 29th. In spite of the weather forecast, approximately 100 showed up for good food and Fellowship. The event was chaired by Bob B. and Co-chaired by Kathleen B. We all wish to thank you both for your efforts and also, to all who helped and participated.

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.

District 63

Vicente S, DCM

Gustavo P, Alternate DCM

District 63 is made up of nine groups, with six GSRs and 5 Alternates. District meetings are every Saturday from 6:00 PM until. **Correctional Committee:** This committee meets at the Prison Central Unit in Sugarland on Sundays: 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: 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 **188 subscriptions**. We will be celebrating our 13th Anniversary of La Vina in August 2008 with the group. There is a Solution!

District 64

Alvaro D, DCM

Arturo C, Alternate DCM

No report submitted.

District 65

Roberto V, DCM

Ernesto M, Alternate DCM

District 65 is made up of twelve groups, but only eight attend on a regular basis. Meetings are held on Saturdays, beginning at 6:00 pm. Elections were held on October 28 to choose the new DCM – Roberto V and Alt DCM Ernesto M. District 65 presently has three committees: literature – which meets on Saturdays at 5:00 pm, La Vina – which meets every other Tuesday at 8:00 pm and Correctional Institutions – which meets on Saturdays at 5:00 pm/ All committees hold their meetings at the district office.

DCM's and committee representatives visit different groups on Thursdays and respond to other groups' invitations throughout the week.

Members of district 65 are enthusiastic about the upcoming year and 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

Our district is comprised of 19 groups in which we do sharing 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 have 4 committees: La Vina, Correctional Facilities, Literature and Webmaster.

District 70

Johnny T, DCM

Barbara M, Alternate DCM

The biggest news is our new ad hoc committee to compile a Policy & Procedures Manual for District 70. We have an excellent chair in Debra Radomski and also a professional in C.P. White. There were fine examples to review, having, for one, District 82's. This was a suggestion that followed from our District Inventory facilitated by David Higginbotham.

We are still in process of staffing our District committees, with some successes, along with changes.

Group news:

Women's Thursday Nite @ West Baytown Club, and a resuming of Saturday Night 8:00, taken over by the fairly newly-formed Friday Nite Closed Group Meeting.

There's another Men's Group that's meeting on Thursday's @ 6:30 in Pasadena at The Camel Lodge on Strawberry Road.

On a personal note, I was heartily welcomed at the Group Conscious meeting of The Serenity Group @ The Legacy Club in Pasadena. And, The White Flag Group that meets on Sunday Morning let me sit in on their GC meeting.

Our Area Delegate, Gus Henry kept us informed (and excited) via email during the General Service Conference in New York this past week; and, we look forward to his full report.

Thank you for all the SERVICE being performed in steadfast humility as we ALL continue to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholics.

District 81

Jim B, DCM

Tom B, Alternate DCM

Dist. 81 continues to emphasize the importance of committee work at the local level. Our PI/CPC Committee meets once a month and is averaging about ten participants. Alison L. has put together a PowerPoint presentation which we will start utilizing as we prepare to take our message to the public. We are nearing completion of a Dist. 81 AA meeting schedule. We are attending health fairs when invited. And we continue to provide meeting schedules to the hotels in the area. Kelley K. (TFC Chair) and Linda C. (CFC Chair) are excited about their new positions and are actively recruiting members for their respective committees.

The Traditions and Concepts weekend which will take place in Sept. is in the planning stages with some new twists. More will be revealed later.

Lastly, we all owe Tom B. a great deal of gratitude for chairing the Area Assembly hosting committee as well as the volunteers he recruited. Great job! Tom

District 82

Jes H, DCM

Michael J, Alternate DCM

We currently meet at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic church 1617 Ave D in Bay City. Starting in July we will meet at Angleton Group building 1242 1/2 E. Mulberry in Angleton. On February 9th the Plantation group held their annual Founder's Day celebration. The Beginners group held their 20th anniversary celebration on February 16th and the Sweeny group held their annual celebration on February 23rd. The Beginners group will be hosting a service workshop May 17th at the Clute Community Center from 1-5 pm. The Needville group will be having their annual Spring Fling May 17th at 1pm. District 82 Unity day is in the works as well. We recently elected a TFC and Literature chair. We currently have committee chairs for Archives, CFC, TFC, CPC and Literature. With the help of the Area TFC chair we have our foot in the doorway of a treatment facility in the district. We are looking forward to Betsy and Gus visiting us in July with the conference report.

District 90

Harvey H, DCM

Brian H, Alternate DCM

District 90, is finishing up the 1st quarter on a very good note. We have added 2 new groups, Lufkin has 3 groups seeking to move to area 67 dist.90. That would give us 42 active groups and several inactive.

District 90 Conference is set for August 22nd -23, 24 2008. Speakers are Mark H. @8:00 pm Fri., 10:00 pm Dick C. Bill T. will open Sat. morning @10:00am. Alanon speaker Ellen C. @3:00pm., Clancy I. Saturday @8:00pm and Pat Y. Sunday morning @10:00am. Flyers should be available @ assembly.

Attendance continues to grow; we're averaging 50+ for the 1st quarter of this year. All committees are active; we are attracting new people on regular basis. Committee Chairs are doing a Great job .We had 4 past DCM'S present, and present Delegate attending last district meeting.

Gratitude Dinner speaker will be MAGIC from the Houston area, date not confirmed.

Area Standing Committee Reports

Archives

Sarah D, Chairperson

We are proposed Restructuring Archives Committee:

- For Archives Chair Position to Be a Rotating Position & Archivist a Non-Rotating Position
- Job Description to have a Chair: Committee Business and Archivist: Collection & Area History

Correctional Facilities

Robert B, Chairperson

Greetings from your Area 67 Correctional Facilities, it's a great day to be free from the bondage that once held each of us it's captive.

Plans are underway for the annual CFC conference. Fritz B., the chair for this year's conference has held two planning meetings thus far and he's looking for help to make this effort to grow in effectiveness and understanding a memorable and useful event.

He's lined up some excellent speakers, two nights of Ice Cream Socials and another TDCJ Orientation. The orientation is the focus of each of our conference agendas in the hopes of finding additional folks to carry our message of hope and recovery to the alcoholics who don't enjoy the opportunity to attend meetings when and where they'd like. It is a chance for several people to be cleared at one time to carry the message into the jails and prisons. The fact that the alcoholics on the inside will not have a meeting should we fail to carry them one is the thrust of our service vision. That, coupled with number of state facilities, is why we feel group orientations are so important. It takes a large number of volunteers to staff these meetings.

Speaking of meetings, Harris County Jail has added a new meeting at "Li'l Baker". The Harris County Facilities are always looking for members of our fellowship to carry meetings inside their units as well. Many of our local members carry meetings into county facilities throughout our area. We can certainly hook you up if you'd interested.

Another of the twelfth step opportunities lies in the Correspondence Crew. The men and women inside may not be able to get to a meeting every night but they can sure read and write when they need to. They much appreciate someone being on the other end of their words and sharing experience, strength and hope with them from outside.

Our twelfth step work is just part of the way you can contribute on this committee. Behind the scenes, making more and better twelfth step opportunities available is very important as well. As you know, in October all positions will be rotating on. You'd not be one bit disappointed in an effort to participate on the SETA CFC Committee. The monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday at St. Joseph's Hospital in the Cullen Building at 7:30 pm. Come by and see where service in sobriety can take your life.

Cooperation with the Professional Community

Gary S, Chairperson

The Cooperation with the Professional Community Area Committee meets presently at the quarterly assembly at 4:30 p.m. in the months of April, July, and October.

The CPC Area Committee is working in conjunction with the Public Information Committee to aid and assist those districts who have expressed an interest in forming a CPC/PI District standing committee.

As more Districts become active in their immediate geographical areas, the opportunity for service by group members will greatly increase, and the opportunity to carry the message to more select community needs will be more effective.

Requests for presentations referred by GSO are being handled on a case by case basis depending on the target area and geographic location. DCM's are urged to contact the Committee requesting presentations at their monthly meetings.

Finance

Barbara C, Chairperson

The Finance Committee met and reviewed the 2009 proposed budget and the first quarter 2008 Treasurer's Report, with attention to the overall financial health of the Area. In view of the large amount of unrestricted funds, we strongly urge Assembly members to exercise their responsibility to propose worthwhile projects to the Area for improving our means of carrying the AA message. We also anticipate some of our funds will probably need to be ear-marked for expenses incurred in supporting San Antonio with the 2010 International Convention.

Grapevine

Dana B, Chairperson

Gloria M, Alternate Chairperson

The Grape Nuts are actively getting the word of recovery out there to the alcoholics in our area, sober and otherwise. We continue to see an increase in subscriptions in our area. Thank you and keep up the good work. The number of grapevine meetings being held is going up slowly but surely. It is progress, but not perfection. We are getting new ideas for promotion of the audio grapevine and making new display boards as change is a great tool to instill attraction. Time after Time it never fails that someone will come up to us and tell us what the grapevine has meant to them. With the increase in sales, workshops and New GVR's we are actively doing our part to be the best Service workers we can be. Thanks so much Grape nuts for continuing to do a job well done. Now go out and buy a subscription for your sponsees or friends.

Shamelessly hocking the grapevine in all I do.

Literature

Randee B, Chairperson

Joshua H, Alternate Chairperson

We have elected a new alternate: Emily Mc. Thanks Emily for stepping up to the challenge. It is greatly appreciated by the committee.

In conjunction with many districts in our area, the committee is currently working on hosting a Literature Workshop in August. Mark your calendars as it's sure to be eventful. Yes, we will have food and coffee!

A new pamphlet challenge has debuted at this assembly. Have you participated yet? Prizes will be rewarded on Sunday morning.

GSO has published their new literature catalog. The Third Edition of the Spanish Big Book, which includes new recovery stories, is updated. AA in Prison: Inmate to Inmate has been revised, new DVD versions of videos are now offered, and public service announcements are for sale. Pick up your new catalog at the Literature Committee display.

As always, we would like to offer our remarkable 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 us at teach.for.life@hotmail.com.

To find out more 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.

Multilingual

Everardo P, Chairperson

We made corrections to the CIC Service Conference Flyers. We are currently working on corrections to the Spanish version of the Area 67 Policies and Procedures Manual. We are working with the 2009 SETA Convention Committee translating Flyers, Registration Forms and communicating information to the Hispanic Districts. We received the invitation from District 82 to attend their Service Workshop in Clute, TX, May 17, 2008.

We will continue to have our monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of each month @ the office of District 65, 8256 Lawndale, Houston, TX 77012 tel. # 713-542-6185

Newsletter

Cynthia B, Chairperson

590 newsletters were mailed this month, 650 copies were printed. The extra copies are out front. Please take some back to your groups, share with other members. We had good participation this month. Please keep it up. Next deadline will be June 1.

Public Information

Patrick C, Chairperson

Maryann M, Alternate Chairperson

Purpose is to continue carrying the message out and to get participation from the entire Area Standing and current District Standing Committee members. To get all Districts interested in having their own active District Standing Committees

- **NEW DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 19TH, 2008!!**
- **DETAILS TO BE DETERMINED**

Bill board Project – District 31

Billboard Project from District 31. – Provide update – Patrick C.

The Groups in District 31 have approved the idea of the project. The GSR's are now going back to their groups to get the okay for the District to spend \$1800.00. Paul M. was at his home group's business meeting in April and after some discussion they approved this expenditure out of the District 31 budget. Paul M. feels confident the groups will okay the expense as well.

Paul M. asked for the Area Standing Committees help on the following questions:

- 1.What kind of artwork or background picture needs to be used? Discuss
- 2.What have other areas used?
- 3.What does the committee think about a phone number or not?

Paul brought in examples of artwork on billboards in other areas in US. We suggested keeping as simple as possible as its hard to take in a lot of information while driving by. "Is Drinking a Problem? AA can help!!" and to keep it gender neutral (photo of glass beside phone and phone number/website of local area AA office). As the Area PI committee, we wondered if there were opportunities for billboards in other districts.

Next PI Events:

- 5/4/08 Houston Postal Service **District 70**
- 5/9/08 Orange Grove Elementary Health & Wellness Fair **District 31**
- 5/17/08 **District 82 Service Workshop** City of Clute Community Center

SETA SCAP

Beth L

SCAP Committee is busy promoting the State Convention in June. We have e-mailed the link to the electronic flyer to SETA 3 times now in hopes it will be distributed throughout the districts and individual home groups. SCAP has purchased printed flyers for distribution. They were available at the SETA Convention in January for individuals to pick up and distribute.

The e-flyer will be sent out again approximately 2 to 3 more times before the State Convention for reminders and in hopes of participation. We are looking forward to the convention in June and hope to see each and every one of you there.

Treatment Facilities

Marcia P, Chairperson

Travis H, Alternate Chairperson

About half of the Districts in the area now either have District TFC Chairs or individuals who are willing to step up to do the TFC work in their districts. A lot of progress has been made, most notably, the following:

Terry T., who is actually TFC Chair for District 40, is coordinating 3-4 meetings a week at Harris County Psychiatric Center, which is actually in District 10. Terry will be stepping down from that responsibility at the end of the year and is looking for a responsible replacement.

Kam N., a committee member from District 20, has taken over maintenance of the Area Temporary Contact Database! She is checking and updating contact information. This helps all of the Phone team volunteers tremendously by saving them time and effort!

Paul M. of District 31 and Maury G., GSR of the Shadydale Grove Group have involved their cohorts to man all four meetings of Saturday and Sunday at Cheyenne Center.

Another District 31 AA, Tim A., has called to say that Bonita Street House of Hope is interested in reviving a currently "dark" Bridging the Gap meeting, this time as a women's meeting. He has agreed to coordinate that activity, but has asked for help in talking with the management of that facility.

The Safe Harbor Group in District 32 asked me to come speak to their Group Conscience about TFC work. As a result on of the members of that group, Kevin K., is now talking to the Memorial Hermann Prevention and Recovery Center (PaRC) about starting a Bridging the Gap meeting at their Woodlands facility.

District 33 invited Travis and me to talk to the Unity Conference on TFC Work once again. This visit resulted in quite a few additions to the Temporary Contact Database. Thanks, District 33!

The original Memorial Hermann Prevention and Recovery Center (PaRC) BTG meeting has moved from District 10 to District 40 and is still being chaired by Don B. Don has been working with some new volunteers from District 40 to form a team that hopefully will allow for greater flexibility in scheduling.

Terry T., TFC Chair of District 40, has marshaled support from the women of the Spring Branch Club to start up a Treatment Facility meeting at the Santa Maria Hostel in their neighborhood.

Kelley K. is hard at work revising the temporary contact database in District 81.

Tandy B., our SETA Alternate Chair and member of District 82, has started up a BTG meeting at Pathways to Recovery in Angleton. Thanks to Jeff B. of District 70 for his help.

April R. and her Alternate, Melissa B., from District 90 have completely overhauled the temporary contact database in District 90 while still coordinating Bridging the Gap

Website

Marshall W, Chairperson

David O, Alternate Chairperson

No report submitted.

Intergroup Liaison Reports

Brazos Valley Intergroup

Teresa O

No report submitted.

Houston Intergroup

Terri V

The search continues for new Executive Secretary. If you are interested in applying for that job, or if you know someone who qualifies, the job description and address can be found on the Intergroup Website on the first page. That address is www.aahouston.org. The ad can also be found in *The Link*.

The website is now up and running and fully functional due to a new Webmaster, John S. and an active Website Committee.

The CFC Committee was on the Ray Hill Show recently. The Committee has mailed 356 Big Books, 20 12&12's, 5 Daily Reflections and 6 large print Big Books to the inmates. The Annual CFC Roundup will be held on Saturday, August 2nd at the Council on Alcohol and Drugs, Houston, located at 303 Jackson Hill. CFC Committee meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 8 pm.

The Intergroup Board continues to look for ways to be more effective in carrying the message to the A.A. community and to the still-suffering alcoholic.

Ninth District Intergroup ***Gerald T***

Greetings from District 90 Intergroup, things seem to be running pretty smooth here.

Our most important event slated is our Intergroup campout which will be held May 2, 3, 4, 2008 at Martin Dies Jr. State Park @ Walnut Ridge. There will be morning mediation meetings, picnics, late night campfire meetings, and a guest speaker Saturday night, which is Gary L. from Dallas. Things will wrap up Sunday morning with a camp side breakfast and a "God as you understand him" meeting. I have brought flyers with me this week-end so hope to see all of you there. This is the first time Intergroup has ever put something like this together so we are hoping for a successful week-end with good recovery.

We now have a good staff of Intergroup volunteers giving of their time and talents so that we may be there for that phone call from the still sick and suffering alcoholic or for the suffering alcoholic who walks in looking for help.

Group contributions are down considerably and are on the agenda for discussion at our quarterly business meeting April 20th. However, I have to say that sales have increased this quarter letting us all know God is large and in charge. Also slated for the agenda is our proposed budget.

Spanish Intergroup ***Anghelov M***

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Open Monday-Friday 10am – 5pm, Saturday 9am – 1pm. This is the 25th Anniversary of the Intergroup Office. The committee meets every Saturday from 6:00 PM until, to assist 20-24 groups. We answer the phones for 12 step calls Monday-Friday after 5pm and all weekend. TFC position is open. PI - Public Service announcements continue with the radio station every Sunday from 3 to 4 pm and local newspaper. Literature and Archives are active committees.