# AREA 67 QUARTERLY January Assembly The Plaza Inn and Suites – Bryan college Station Texas

#### District Reports

District 10 Allison W, DCM Walter G, Alternate DCM

District 10 had an amazing time this year at the gratitude dinner in Rosenberg this year. Our secretary and several GSR's rented vans so that AA'ers that was in a treatment center within our district could attend. Many thanks go to all our groups that donated 71 lbs of spaghetti. The La Branch Street Group has a new alternate GSR, Carmen M.

Participants from the Desiderata Group, the Welcome Home Group and the La Branch Street Group, helped to staff our First Timer's Event at the SETA Convention this January in Bryan/College station.

As a district, we are working to update our group information sheets with the registrar's help. Many thanks.

District 20 Sammie G, DCM Jeff V, Alternate DCM

No report submitted.

District 31

Duane P, DCM

Jeanette W, Alternate DCM

No report submitted.

District 32

Dave U, DCM

Katie B, Alternate DCM

In November, we elected a new District 32 Secretary; Sara R. Sara currently serves as GSR for the Cy-Fair Group. Sara will serve the remaining term for long-time District 32 Secretary Shirley M., who resigned due to health concerns this past summer. Sara, we cannot thank you enough for your service to the District.

Also in November, District 32 welcomed Marcia P., SETA Treatment Facilities Committee chairperson to our monthly meeting. Marcia provided our district with great information on the *Bridge the Gap* program. Marcia was able to add and update her *Bridge the Gap* volunteer lists. She also provided an abundance of information about treatment facilities in our district, some of which we were not even familiar with. Marcia gave us some great pointers on how we as a district and as individual home groups can help the TFC committee and more importantly, help these treatment centers in our area. After the meeting, Marcia forwarded me electronic versions of the information that she presented us that were forwarded onto the GSR's in our district. Thank you Marcia for your presentation!

December was a fun month for District 32. We welcomed our area's Literature Committee. Let me tell you this up front, if you want to have fun in service, get involved with our area's Literature Committee! The chair for our Literature Committee, Randee B. gave us an excellent presentation about the work that their committee does and the service they provide to our area. We learned about how AA Pamphlets and flyers come about. We found out what "Conference Approved" really means. We learned about the Beginners Packets our area's Literature Committee is putting together and sharing with many of our area's newcomers. Finally, we played AA Literature Bingo! The winner of the Bingo game was a newcomer that came with one of our district GSR's! The prize was a whole bag full of AA Literature! I feel certain that this newcomer came away feeling like he won so much more than the literature.

After our December meeting, we had a good old fashioned Texas Brisket with the fixin's Holiday Party. Let me tell you this, District 32 knows how to cook! GSR's, District officers, Committee chairs, etc. brought with them a wide variety of dishes, side dishes and deserts. And it was ALL delicious! Thank you for those who brought a dish. And, thank you to the folks who stayed and fellowshipped. A great time was had by all.

Finally, in December, District 32 welcomed our newest Alt. GSR for The Champions Group, Carlos M. Welcome Carlos!

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

- January 13 @ the Duncan Road Group, 12454 Cutten Road Suite V. Houston starting at noon. Special guests, Area 67 Alt. Secretary, Tom K.
- February 10 @ the Duncan Road Group, 12454 Cutten Road Suite V. Houston starting at noon. Special guests, SCAP Committee
- March 9 @ the Duncan Road Group, 12454 Cutten Road Suite V. Houston starting at noon. Special guests, TBA.

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,

District 33 had the distinct pleasure of hosting the SETA Convention in January. We appreciate all of the folks who took the time and effort to drive to Bryan/College Station on that freezing cold Friday afternoon! I'll leave the full report of the particulars to the convention chair, Tim C., who did an outstanding job of rounding up trusted servants to coordinate the event.

The year 2008 promises to be an eventful one for our District. Our CPC/PI Committee is continuing to build and begin to make contacts with the Professional Community in its initial efforts. We have a new Grapevine Rep, Jason F. and a new Correctional Facilities chair, Robert H.

Our district will be the co-chair for the 2008 SETA Gratitude Dinner, and we're already scouting for a location to host it here in 2009.

By the time you get this, our annual Unity Conference will be done, and I hope that you all were able to attend. For those who have not realized it, the drive from Houston to Bryan/College Station via US 290 - SH 6 features beautiful rolling countryside, and not one single red light! It's a more friendly drive than the one to Galveston or Beaumont, so I hope that members of the South East Texas Area begin to think of it is a desired destination in the future. I'm not sure why there are so many willing to make the jaunt to those two locations, but unwilling to visiting our thriving metropolis. It's an experience you must not miss!

As always, I am forever grateful for the opportunities to grow spiritually and emotionally that AA General Service has given me. Being a member of the South East Texas Area committee is just great. Thanks for having me!

District 40
Stan S, DCM
Open, Alternate DCM

Hello again from District 40. We have been very busy here. First of all I would like to thank Area 67 and District 52 for allowing us to co-host the "2007 Gratitude Dinner" and the opportunity to Host the "2008 Gratitude Dinner". I have spoken with the VFW hall in Spring Branch, Houston, Texas about renting space there. As I understand it we had the "Gratitude Dinner" here a few years ago and it *fit the bill* for what we needed then. The cost is very reasonable, \$600 for 12N until 6:00 PM. The cost goes up after dark due to the need for them to hire security. I thought I would get a check and put the \$200 deposit to hold the space, of course as long as Area 67 is ok with that.

A few positions opened up in December and some were refilled in our last District meeting on Jan. 8, 2008 and some were not. Archives and Coffee, Tea and Cocoa chairs were both left vacant due to unforeseen circumstances of the person who held both positions and our newsletter editor, Beth R. asked to be replaced. Well, in one fell swoop we received by acclamation the standing of Bill J. to Newsletter editor and Coffee, Tea and Cocoa positions and Kevin Key stood for and was received by acclamation as District Archivist. In addition, our Alt. DCM stepped down as she could no longer fulfill her responsibilities in that position. The position remains open but I heard that someone "WILL" be standing for the position next month so not to worry on that front.

Other than that the only things left to report are that we did come up with a budget for 2008 finally and will be on schedule to put some LCM's in place next meeting, as I think we may have some volunteers to fill those positions. Maybe we will soon have a compilation of contact names and numbers/GSR info for Bill B. to work with later.

District 51

Ronald C, DCM

OPEN, Alternate DCM

No report submitted.

District 52 Lee G, DCM Harold P, Alternate DCM

With the Area 67 Annual Convention just over a month away, District 52 decided to quickly step-up to host one of the Hospitality Suites; Kathleen B. volunteered to Chair the Committee and Ashley W. volunteered to Co-Chair. Everyone volunteered to help out anyway possible a lot of thinking and brainstorming would have to happen very quickly--- and it did.

At our January 8<sup>th</sup> District meeting we were presented with a rough budget and a meal plan; after a quick discussion we approved \$ 750.00 for the food and another \$ 388.00 for a three bedroom suite. We all agreed that we would again try and get individual members and our respective Groups to pitch in as able. Also, at that meeting we welcomed a new GSR, Kari H., representing the Missouri City Wednesday Night Group to our District.

As we all know the Plaza Hotel presented challenges to be met and overcome –and they were!!! We were pleased that we could be of Service to the Area!

Finally, at our February 5<sup>th</sup> District meeting we were pleased that a check in the amount of \$210.16; representing the excess funds contributed by individual members at the July and October Area Assemblies was sent to Area Treasurer Don B. for use at the 2008 Area Gratitude Dinner. District members also, began discussions on a Workshop/Retreat possibly to be held in May at the Stephen Austin Park in Sealy, TX. We're doing what we can, where we are, with what H.P. has provided.

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.

District 63

Vicente S, DCM

Gustavo P, Alternate DCM

No report submitted.

District 64

Alvaro D, DCM

Arturo C, Alternate DCM

No report submitted.

District 65

Roberto V, DCM

OPEN, Alternate DCM

No report submitted.

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

Our GSR/ District 70 meeting was graced by CFC Standing Committee Chairman Jeff H. and two of their Committee members, who each gave their remarkable info-packed presentations, which included their association with the 3 "Wranglers", who oversee the 100 CANMEISTERS, who pass ensure that "the little white can" is passed around at AA meetings. The money is collected to be spent by "the Committee" with the assistance of Houston Intergroup for the Texas State Prisoners ONLY!

The glowing report from The Gratitude Dinner was reinforced by all of the District attendees. Beth R. was her EXTRAORDINARILY usual super-sober self and helped us all to appreciate living the Way of Life of AA.

The PI/CPC (now combined) had two volunteers step forward to stand as Chair and Co-Chair, in the person(s) of "C.P." White and Tom C., who were (a-loooong-time-ago) drinking "buddies"- ain't God good? Now, they're helping the alcoholic who is still suffering! Their training, at the Area Level via Patrick Claymore's Standing Committee will prepare them to inform the Professional and also, the General Public about what AA DOES, and DOES NOT DO!

The enthusiastic attendees at District 70's Traditions Workshop, titled FUNDAY was matched by excellent elaborations by C.P White and Joe L., wrapping up deliberate dogged detailing of "WHY AA WORKS"...via our cherished Traditions.

The obvious Health, Growth & Harmony of our South East Texas Area 67 exceeded ALL expectations in Bryan/College Station. The speakers, the fellowship, the Hospitality Rooms, the coffee donations and, last; but, not least, the weather...were FANTASTICALLY received!

We had our "regular 3rd Sunday @ 2:30" GSR meeting rescheduled for the following Sunday, at 2:30 and had a great turnout, where another chairperson assumed the role of Literature Chair! Thank you, Pam M.; and, also, congratulations go to Pam M. for stepping up from the Alternate GSR to being the Official GSR of the 10:am Eye Opener Group, that meets six days a week at the West Baytown Club.

And, speaking of Literature, our District is looking forward to our March 16th GSR mtg, when the Standing Committee Chair, Randee B, will give her presentation. ALL are welcome to attend!

Another workshop being planned is a "Big Book Study" by C.P. White and Mailman Joe...more details later.

Johnny "2"

# District 81 Jim B, DCM Tom B, Alternate DCM

Things are hopping down here as we are busy planning our spring workshop, our fall Traditions and Concepts weekend and preparing to host the April Area Assembly. We continue to meet at Kelly's Restaurant in La Marque on the first Wednesday of the month. We are averaging about forty participants at each meeting. We seem to lose a few and gain a few every time. It's always fun to watch the first timers rigorously taking notes and asking questions and guessing which of them will return the next time.

I don't know whether other districts have this problem, but it seems every time we take on a new project all are in favor, but few are willing to take an active part in doing the leg work, planning, etc. This is probably an age old problem that has been talked to death. As I ponder the question "Why take an active role when others don't?", my rationalization is borrowed from the benefits of working with others. That is, it keeps us sober.

Our PI\CPC committee remains active and we meet the last Wednesday of the month at The Bay Area Club. Linda C. (Correctional committee) and Kelley K. (Treatment facilities) are actively pursuing participants for their respective committees. We remain committed to doing this important work at the local level. Has any one else noticed that things move slowly in AA? Oh well, see you in April.

District 82

Jess H, DCM

Michael J, Alternate DCM

No report submitted.

District 90 Harvey H, DCM Brian H, Alternate DCM

Happy New Year, hope you had a joyous holiday season. District 90 wishes you the very best in the coming year.

We had a very good year in '07, the district conference was successful, and the Gratitude Dinner generated a generous gift to GSO. Attendance continues to increase; participation in all Committees has taken on a new meaning. We're excited about possibilities that are in the future. We had all standing committees visit us last year, sharing their experience, strength and hope.

We've compiled our mtg. schedule for '08, should be on district web-site, Conference dates, SETA Assemblies and Gratitude Dinner should be posted soon.

Dist. Mtg. Sunday @ 2:00pm Central City Baptist Church, please remember time frame for admittance to church. {12:45pm}.

Yours in Service, Harvey H.

#### **Area Standing Committee Reports**

Archives Sarah D, Chairperson

No report submitted.

# Correctional Facilities Robert B, Chairperson

Greetings: from the Correctional Facilities Committee. The CFC committee has been extremely busy and it looks as though there will be many service and 12<sup>th</sup> step opportunities for so long as He will have us.

Travels for the committee to share experience, strength and hope and grow in understanding and effectiveness include many venues within our area as well as other parts of our fellowship. We've been allowed to display at such functions as the District 40 Service workshop where we had a recycling of books and sent them into the South Texas ISF facility. Your committee was well represented at the Northeast Texas Area Correctional Conference as well as the Texas State Convention. Coming up in December we will be attending the Louisiana Area Correctional Conference and, of course, we're all looking forward to attending our Southeast Texas Area Convention in January. Another opportunity we always look forward to is being a part of the District 33 Unity Conference in February. We certainly hope that, if you've the desire to be of service, we'll see you at one or more of these awesome functions.

Several TDCJ Units enjoyed anniversaries this quarter and all were attended by groups of volunteers and, more importantly, alcoholics who can't get to the meetings on the outside. This is what we're really about. Four new, registered groups have sprung up in the justice system and if we all do some small part they too will be celebrating anniversaries soon.

I wish we had the space to go into individual activities at each unit but there are just too many. All of the above and much more has been made possible because at some point someone's Higher Power led them to be of service. Without these "Volunteers" so many alcoholics, lost in despair, might never had heard the message that saved OUR lives. If you've been touched by your Higher Power and aren't quite sure where to go, come be a part of the CFC. We have lots of opportunities to give back by going into the units with our 12<sup>th</sup> step work, 12<sup>th</sup> stepping through correspondence and pre-release or behind the scenes service work to make our 12<sup>th</sup> work possible. Come be a "part of".

# Cooperation with the Professional Community Gary L. S, Chairperson

The Area committee is presently looking for a new meeting facility for its monthly meetings. The committee has been active in working with the Public Information committee in formulating a training schedule and visits to those Districts pursuing the formation of Joint CPC/PI Standing district committees. Presentation visits to area Nursing colleges are presently being scheduled for the Spring Semester.

In love and service, Gary L. S.

# Finance Barbara C, Chairperson

The 2009 Budget Committee will meet on Mar. 15, 2008 at the Post Oak Club.

The Finance Committee met twice since the last Assembly. Out of the Nov. meeting came a proposal to the Area Committee for a new way to process unbudgeted funding requests. The gist is that requests first be submitted to the Area Committee Chair rather than to the Finance Committee Chair. The Area Committee adopted the proposal.

At the January meeting the decision was made to fully-fund our Delegate's 2007 General Service Conference expenses. SETA budgeting was also discussed and recommendations will be taken to the next Budget Committee meeting.

Concerning SETA's year-end unrestricted funds of over \$26,000, the Finance Committee advises that now is the time for the Assembly to generate new and effective ways to carry the AA message in this Area.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara C.

## Grapevine Dana B, Chairperson Gloria M, Alternate Chairperson

Yippee for the Grapevine Committee. As usual dist and group rep numbers are rising, and that is fantastic. We are showing up at conventions and Dist events also numbers of subscriptions are rising as well. So thanks big time for suiting up and showing up. Now: on to other news. This is the year of the audio grapevine. Its \$20.00 a year and you can download it off the <a href="https://www.aagrapevine.org">www.aagrapevine.org</a> website, onto your IPOD or MP3 player. What a fantastic way to carry around the message of recovery. Especially if you are in a tight spot and can't make it to a meeting. AA Grapevine, Inc. also would like to say that any orders of \$500 or more in 2008 they will give a 20% discount. So get your group to all sign up together and get a nice savings. Or if you want to spread the joy, load up on back issues and visit all the treatment centers around your group passing them out by the box. What an awesome way to carry the message. Also, you could start a grapevine meeting in your home group. Thank you to all Grapenuts out there for a job well done last year. All help is welcomed and we are so proud of SETA. Way to go...

Yours lovingly In Service,

Dana B.

Literature Randee B, Chairperson Joshua H, Alternate Chairperson

With the area's wonderful support, the Literature Committee submitted a request for a Literature Service Workbook to the General Service Office. The good news is they processed the request immediately and voted on it for the General Service Conference. The bad news is that the request was not approved. The General Service Office doesn't feel there is a need for the workbook. All we can do is try, and then God takes care of the rest.

In November, we visited District 90. The district is so large that we ran out of materials. Thanks, District 90 for all your support. We had a workshop entitled "AA Literature Discussion of Books, Pamphlets, Etc." at the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Houston Roundup. Thanks Charity for putting that together.

In the month of December, we visited District 32 for their holiday meeting. We had some fabulous brisket and disseminated great information. We ended the year with a visit to District 31. The hospitality was marvelous.

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 me at <a href="mailto:teach.for.life@hotmail.com">teach.for.life@hotmail.com</a>. 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.

Love in service, Randee

Multilingual Everardo P, Chairperson

No report submitted.

Newsletter Cynthia B, Chairperson

No report submitted.

Public Information Patrick C, Chairperson Maryann M, Alternate Chairperson The Area PI Standing Committee is in the process of change!

This past year we have made efforts as an Area to move towards the Districts starting to take on the service work in their own boundaries. One of the first steps has been communication about why this is a good move and how we can start to move towards better coverage in helping the still suffering alcoholics in our Area.

The Districts are starting, one by one, to begin moving towards this initiative. To do this, several districts have created their own District PI/CPC Standing Committees.

The following Districts have started their committee and are holding their own monthly meetings:

District 33, District 40, District 81, District 90, District 70

At our last meeting held, January 5, 2008, we had an Intergroup PI Delegate come and visit our Area Standing Committee meeting. This was exciting because Venita R. is looking for ways to perform PI service.

We are ready to cooperate with Intergroup on this goal and help any way we can.

The committee members continue to perform practice presentations at each monthly meeting.

The committee has been talking about having an Area wide workshop regarding PI service.

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. Our goal is 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.

Mary Ann M. Area SETA PI Co-Chairperson, Judy H.

Area SETA PI Secretary

Respectfully submitted by Patrick C

#### SETA SCAP Beth L

Area 67 SCAP Committee is gearing up for a great hospitality suite at the 2008 SETA Convention in Bryan/College Station. We have booked the hotel, bought groceries and already have some things cooked. We've had a good time in sobriety preparing for this event. Old-timers and newcomers were involved in the efforts.

There has been good response to our plea for assistance with food and service work. We have had two groups from the Houston area donate time and money to assist in our efforts to set aside a prudent reserve for the SCAP Committee. Several groups within District 33 area helping with preparing, serving and clean up for the hospitality room for the convention.

We have ordered flyers for the 2008 Texas State Convention to be available in the SCAP Hospitality Room at the upcoming convention. The electronic flyer web site has been sent to allseta in an effort to promote the State Convention.

The SCAP Committee is looking forward to the upcoming convention and the months to come promoting the State Convention.

In Loving Service, Beth L. Area 67 SCAP Chair bwell004@yahoo.com

Treatment Facilities Marcia P, Chairperson Travis H, Alternate Chairperson

No report submitted.

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

Four new members joined the Intergroup Board in January, and the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer were rotated to new people. Several critical issues were discussed at the January meeting.

The Website now has a Webmaster. It is John S., who is a former SETA Webmaster and Newsletter Chairperson. The Website was hacked in November of 2007. The hackers loaded Italian movies into the Website! Passwords were deleted, spam was sent out and other destructive things were done. The calendar of events was down for a time, and the online store is currently being worked on. The Website Committee Chair said that John felt like he could fix all the problems in time.

The Corrections Committee has a new Chairperson as well, Jerry F. The Committee has published an ad in the TDCJ newsletter informing inmates how to obtain a free Big Book. This committee is very active. See the Website for more information.

The Intergroup PI Committee has a new Chairperson, Venita R. She hopes to coordinate efforts and learn from the SETA PI Committee.

A Committee has been formed to begin the search for a new Executive Secretary. Dick P has held the position for over 20 years and would like to retire. The Committee is looking at salary and compensation, as well as the job description. They hope to begin interviewing by March.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this position.

## Ninth District Intergroup Gerald T

9<sup>th</sup> District Intergroup seems to be fairing pretty well.

Although Group contributions are down, sales have been good, and our conference in August was a huge success which granted us a check in the amount of \$3,000.00. This gives us some breathing room and we are so grateful.

A 2008 Budget will be proposed at our January meeting.

The editor of our newsletter Stepping Stones, Kirk G., is doing an awesome job and at our Quarterly Meeting in January, we will discuss E-mailing the newsletter.

Our New Years Eve speaker meeting/dance was a Great success and we made a little profit, but most importantly, we provided members a safe and sober way to ring in the New Year!

Our next fundraiser will be a campout 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at Martin Dies Jr. State Park at Walnut Ridge Unit. I will be bringing flyers to SETA conference.

Yours in Service, Gerald

### Spanish Intergroup Anghelov M

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Open Monday-Friday 10am – 5pm, Saturday 9am – 1pm. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> 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.