

AREA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY
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Workshop Reports, District Reports, Area Standing Committee and Intergroup Liaison Reports
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WORKSHOP REPORTS

New GSR Orientation

Leader: **Gary S.** Recorder: **Alana S.**

There were 52 attendees signed in.

The meeting was opened by Gary at 7.30A.M., with the Serenity Prayer. Following introductions, Gary spoke about the importance of the pamphlet "The AA Group" and how vital it is to the new GSR. Also the Service manual was displayed and discussed. Gary opened the power point presentation with emphasis on the GSR as a two-way communicator between the Home Group and the service structure pyramid. Basic responsibilities of the GSR were discussed not only on the district and Area level, but also to the home Group as a "Guardian of the Traditions." Gary explained the role of the service sponsor and the importance of continued education in the service structure. Standing committees in Alcoholics Anonymous were discussed on both the District and the Area Level. The importance of finding the right type of committee work, which you enjoy and can have fun with, was greatly stressed. Questions rose from the floor concerned, financial contributions of the Home Group, pie charts, Group Inventories, District Workshops, Areas business meetings and voting, the Area Gratitude dinner, and the importance of the alternate GSR. The power point presentation was well received and most everyone came away from the Orientation with a new respect for the position of General Service Representative. The meeting was closed at 8.34 am with the Lord's Prayer.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 10

Peggy M. DCM

Joe B. Alternate DCM

Greetings from District 10! We have had a great 2008, thanks to the commitment and service of all our members. A very special thank you to Alison W., our outgoing DCM. She has been an inspiration to all of us. Her leadership and enthusiasm in carrying the message of AA continues to be invaluable. Our district welcomed the newly elected GSRs in October and held elections for District 10 service positions. It is my pleasure to report that we have been able to fill almost all of our service positions with enthusiastic members. The new committee chairs for district 10 have been attending the area meetings and bringing opportunities for service to our attention. *The Cathedral Group* reports that meetings have grown to the point of "standing room" only at most meetings; *Desiderata Group* continues to have strong participation and meets regularly at the Men's Center; *The Good Times Group* reports continued growth and a solid support from members; *The LaBranch Group* hosted their annual Holiday Party in December. Rito V was the speaker at the meeting and a potluck dinner was provided afterwards. The meeting room was filled to capacity; *The Starting From Scratch* is still holding meetings at The Parc, but is considering canceling one or two of the weekly meetings due to low attendance; *The Welcome Home Group* hosted a 48 hour Alcolthon 12/24-12/25. Many other groups in the Houston area participated by chairing the hourly meetings and providing speakers. It was "non-stop" food and fellowship for 2 days. Our district continues to grow in numbers, and in all areas of service. We are in the planning stage for our next Fellowship event and will have more information on that soon. District 10 meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Cullen building at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to be of service.

District 31

Melissa R. DCM

Jim R., Alternate DCM

District 31 holds meetings at 2:00 P.M. every third Sunday at 810 Russell Palmer Road, Kingwood, TX. 77339. All are welcome to join us.

Since District Elections last September, we've been steadily filling open positions.

Currently only (2) Committee positions remain unmanned, CFC and Grapevine, and I have confidence that these fill be filled soon.

District 31 has been very proactive in the last couple of years: we implemented a District Policy and Procedure Manual in 2008, sponsored (2) AA Billboards and created our first District Budget. We've been working on our 2009 Budget and plan to vote on it at the January meeting. We've also come up with a training program for our new GSRs. Duane P., our previous DCM, exhibited wonderful leadership qualities in seeing these things through. Group participation and attendance also increased during his term and I plan to follow his lead to keep it growing. Many thanks to Duane for his service! I'm very excited about the coming year. We have an excellent team in place with lots of energy and enthusiasm for service, and I look forward to more fresh ideas and innovative ways of carrying the message in 2009.

District 32

Lynn G., DCM

January is upon us – and along with it, a changing of the guard. Many thanks to Dave U. for two years of outstanding service to our district! We accomplished many things, including special several events, a survey of how our groups would like to see the district spend money received in contributions, hosting a special opportunity to hear our Delegate's annual report, and introducing thought provoking Traditions and Concepts questions to every district meeting. These are all activities we hope to continue and build on in the coming two years. While our primary district service positions are filled (DCM, Alt-DCM, Secretary, Treasurer, Grapevine, and Newsletter), we still have a need for alternates and for committee representatives. When we surveyed our groups for ideas, most respondents were hoping for more outreach within our communities. I would love to see our district develop its own active committees during the next two years, committees that support those maintained at the Area level, but have programs of their own – right in our own neighborhoods. Enthusiasm is the only requirement – length of sobriety in these positions is not an issue, so it's a great way to get your newcomers involved in the legacy of service early on. We have over 30 groups listed on the back of our newsletter, yet no more than 10 regularly participate. Furthermore, a little research on the wonderful website maintained by Intergroup shows me that there are numerous groups who are not on the "official" roles who likely have never been visited by a district or area representative. One of my hopes for this coming year, with the help of other district members, is to visit each and every group and encourage them to become a part of. Now that District 32's "How to... or not to... Chair a Meeting" event has been held at several districts with great success, we'd like to take a stab this year at developing a similar program around sponsorship. The format of three short, humorous skits with time in between for discussion has been a great hit. Developing three skits around the pitfalls of sponsorship will require teams to write, play parts, lead discussions between skits, and host. We also already have our hands on a script developed in another AA area around the Traditions that might be fun to resurrect. These kinds of events might be a wonderful way to introduce people to service who might otherwise feel intimidated or not want to make too large a commitment at first. At our next district meeting, we will be entertaining a proposal from one of our groups to work cooperatively with local libraries to ensure that our literature is always available. They have already taken the initiative to talk to the library system and learn how best to interact. We are excited that the group surveys have generated ideas on how we can support getting the message out to the still-suffering alcoholic. Well, obviously we are full of ideas for the future, and hopeful about growing the district and its services even further in the next two years. I can't begin to say how grateful I am for the district "old-timers" who are sticking around and for the "new blood" that has just arrived and already stepped up into service position. I'm looking forward to the adventure ahead!

District 63

DCM: *Eliás L.*

DCM Alt.: *Benito I.*

Greetings from District 63,

Our meetings are every Saturday starting at 6pm. District 66 counts with 8 groups, of which, 6 have an active GSR and make contributions to Area 67.

District 66 presently has three committees: La Vina, Correctional Facilities, and Literature. Members of the District's service board and committees hold Service Manual study meetings and also attend to meetings with the other Hispanic Districts.

Committees:

La Vina: This committee has a complete service board and holds meetings every Thursday at 8pm. They visit the groups within the district to motivate La Vina memberships. They presently have 163 subscriptions.

Correctional: This committee meets at 7pm every Thursday and attends to meetings in the Navasota prison unit every Sunday from 12 to 2pm.

Literature: This committee has vacant positions. They visit the groups within the district to motivate literature and service.

District 65

DCM- Mariano T.

DCM Alt. - Ramiro Y.

Greetings from District 65,

District 65 is presently made up of 14 groups, of which, ten have an active GSR.

Meetings are held every Saturday starting at 6 p.m., and in the case of a weekend assembly or convention, the meetings are held on Thursday before the event at 8pm.

DCM and committee representatives visit a different group in our district each week and respond to invitations from groups in the Hispanic Districts.

District 65 has presently three committees:

Literature- This committee holds meetings every Saturday at 5p.m. at the district's office and visits a different group in the district once a week to promote AA literature.

La Vina- This committee holds meetings every other Tuesday at 8p.m. at the district's office and visits the groups in the district every other Tuesday to promote La Vina literature and subscriptions. This committee also meets with the La Vina committees from the Hispanic Districts and the Area La Vina chair once a month in sharing sections and to come up with better ways to work.

Correctional Institutions- The new members visit groups in the district once a week to motivate service work and keep communications open with other districts on their committees' activities. Members of District 65 would like to thank all members of Area 67 for their service work and support and wish you all the best in this new year.

District 66

DCM; Ricardo D.

DCM Alt.: Martin M.

Greetings from District 66,

To all new GSRs, DCMs, Committees, and members of the A.A. community, we hope you are living a happy and useful sobriety. We would like to take this time to briefly inform you about the activities and structure of our district. Currently, District 66 includes 20 groups in the southwest Houston area, of which, 16 have an active GSR. Our meetings are every Saturday from 6 to 8pm and have from 13 to 16 group representatives' show up every week. Our service board is made up of the following members: Chairperson, Juan T., alternate-Chairperson, Victor; secretary, Carlos A.; alternate-secretary, Orlando; treasurer, Jose Manuel L.; alternate-treasurer, Santos; La Vina, Correctional Facilities, and Literature committees; Liaison to Area CFC; GSRs; RLVs; and a our Website member. Members of the District 66 service board visit and share twice a week with the district's groups on Wednesdays and Fridays. We also attend to Hispanic assemblies, conventions, and other group's invitations to sharing meetings and anniversaries. Questions, suggestions, or any other item that could be of importance in order to work better are always welcome.

District 70

DCM: Johnny T.

ALT DCM: TOM C.

Greetings from District, 70...it's me AGAIN, although I definitely believe in the spirit of rotation, and hope I'm grooming Tom C. to be the next DCM! We did have our elections and it seems the Good Orderly Direction in my life wants me to serve an entire 2 year term. WE also have a very adept new secretary and an expert treasurer (who EVEN has a job) and double-digit sobriety! Actually, there is more than 76 years of one-day(s)-at-a-time in our cabinet; and, isn't that a large part of what all this is about? Of course, we want to help the alcoholic who is still suffering; and, continue to claim spiritual progress...as we continue to carry THE message! It very well behooves US to also exhibit the three legacies, as we strive to be Trusted Servants and example The Responsibility Saying by being accountable for our particular avocation of SERVICE! We have set out a budget already and are looking forward to our brand new Chair people: Corrections (Keith S.); CPC/PI (C.P.W.); Treatment (Jimmy S.); Webmaster (Donna P.); Intergroup Liaison (Mike S.); Archives (Tom C.)...to make use of their talents to forthrightly incur expenses donated via the meeting basket(s) to fulfill our Singleness of Purpose. We are still praying for other leaders to volunteer to serve as Chair folk(s)!!! On of D-70's plans is partnering with D-81 to host one of the Hospitality Suites at the SETA Convention. And, in the works is an Old-Timers Speakers Day on Jan.17th @ West Baytown Club. We will be hosting a two-part Traditions Workshop, beginning Jan.25th! We have some great news; also, about the Clear Creek Club opening back up...YES!!! Not actually a full slate of meetings; but, it's working! There is STILL a "homeless" HOME Group- The Waterfront (which should go without saying...due to Ike)...BUT, they did celebrate their anniversary with a birthday meeting at Seabrook Community Center! Up The Street Club suffered, as well, but not from Ike...it seems there are probably some folk who are NOT trudging the Road of Happy Destiny that stole enough copper wire to shut the multi-meeting place DOWN! But, Faithful Morgan got it all back together & they are thriving! Much is happening...much will continue...NOT yesterday, and, we can't DO tomorrow...so let's Day-AT-A Time-It (except emotionally)

DISTRICT 90

DCM: Tony D.

ALT DCM: Junior G.

Greetings,

In December we had Charles P. facilitate a workshop on whether GSO should be fully self-supporting from group contributions only. I was impressed by the input from all of our GSR's and groups. We are prepared to share the group conscience of District 90 at the January Assembly.

Our Convention in August was a huge success as was our District Gratitude Dinner in November. We are blessed in District 90 with an abundance of capable and willing volunteers. We were also glad to be able to bring the bread to the Area Gratitude Dinner. The meal there was excellent and the speaker was great. We have seen the New Year and had our first District meeting of 2009. We are in the process of setting our Archives up in a permanent location. We also elected a new Archives Chairperson because the current one stepped down due to moving out of our District. All our Committee positions are filled with the exception of the need for three Alternate Chairs for our Website, Grapevine, and Archives Committees. Our committees are very active and we expect the transition to the new chairpersons to go smoothly. We have volunteered to host an Area Assembly in 2009.

Area Standing Committee Reports

Archives Committee

Lee G. Area Archives Chair

Howdy to all fellow Area 67 members... Jan.9, 2009 I believe that the Area 67 Archives Committee is beginning a new and exciting time and growth period. During November and December our committee members have logged two (7) hour work sessions sorting through numerous documents and assorted paperwork determining those items deemed archival and important for our records. We hope to continue these full day sessions until we've pared things down. Sarah and Sherry have put in many additional long Fridays continuing to log into the computer exactly what we have. We continue to search for a new and larger meeting and storage room for our records and hope that all members will continue to keep their eyes and ears open to any possibilities for us. Lastly, we are attempting to put together a visitation to Area 4 Arkansas' Archives to see what and how they have done to preserve their Area's Archives.

Correctional Facilities Committee

Holly D. Chairperson

1/8/2009

The Correctional Facilities Committee meets at Delta club on the third Wednesday from 730-900 PM, except for assembly months where they meet at the assembly. We will be meeting Saturday Jan. 10 at the Hilton at 430PM, location TBD. The 10th Annual CFC Conference has been rescheduled. The new dates for 2009 are Sept 4-6. All monies and reservations have been forwarded towards this year. The conference speakers, hotels, and agenda remain unchanged. There was a TDCJ orientation held in lieu of the conference in Oct 2008. Approximately 50 people attended the orientation. TDCJ has updated their guidelines and now requires all volunteers to attend an orientation once every two years. If you are a TDCJ volunteer you should receive some sort of notification about the re-orientation. The committee also held elections for the 2009. All positions have been filled, except we are still seeking a treasurer and a secretary. All who are interested in these positions, or getting involved in any capacity of carrying the message to the still suffering incarcerated alcoholic please attend one of our meetings. We truly need your help!

Grapevine Committee

Jackie V. (Area 67 GV Chair)

Date: January 9, 2009

The Grapevine will have a dedicated suite at The Convention, January 9th-11th, 2009. We will have supplies (free) for anyone who wishes to make a poster or display board for their Group or District. There will be about 4 different size posters for them to choose from and with the help of Grapevine Volunteers, we should be able to help them determine which size board will best suit their needs. We will also have "Welcome to the Grapevine" packets available to anyone who is interested in becoming a Grapevine Rep or for them to take it back to their Group or District to pass onto other possible interested parties.

The room will also have some of the Grapevine items from the catalog available to purchase at cost; along with a laptop so that anyone interested may peruse the Grapevine Website in regard to The Digital Archives, ordering Grapevine items not available, etc.

We are hoping to send the **AA Grapevine Office Manager in New York City** some pictures of the room along with a brief report of how well it was attended and the results of our efforts and she will be including that on the Grapevine Website.

It is the hope of the Grapevine for the year 2009 to visit all the Districts at their monthly meetings, probably two/month; and depending on how this weekend goes with the Grapevine Suite, possibly doing the same at one or two more conventions outside the Houston area so that we may be able to have more face-to-face contact with the outlying Districts. At those conventions, we might possibly conduct a workshop as well as having the Grapevine Room.

Upon looking at the Grapevine link from the SETA website it is apparent that we will need to get with Marshall W. (Webmaster) to learn how we can update it to be more "current" with the times.

I look forward to being of service to Area 67 in this new endeavor as the Area 67 Grapevine Chair for 2009-2010.

La Vina

Jose P. - Chair

Narda T. - Chair Alternate.

Hello to all the AA members in Area 67. Our committee continues to work in our area promoting La Vina Subscriptions and literature throughout the Spanish speaking community. We meet once a month and also attend and participate with the four Hispanic La Vina committees in their monthly meeting. In these meetings, the four committees come together to inform each other of their current activities, and future service plans. They come up with better ways to work together, promoting La Vina, and find solutions to any district's or individual member's concern. We wish you all in Area 67 the best for this New Year. Thank you.

Literature Committee

Walter G. - Chair

Rick M. - Alt Chair

Happy New Year to everyone and we would like to thank all the DCM's and GSR's that welcomed us into their meetings to spread the word about AA literature in 2008! Big changes for the Literature Committee, Randee B has come to the end of her tenure as Literature Chair. I am sure we all want to thank her for her dedication and spirited involvement not only with the Literature Committee, but with the SETA as a whole. The good news is she is staying on the Committee and I think we can convince her to continue to announce the literature challenge winner at the assembly's. Thank you Randee for a wonderful two years! In September of 2008, the following individuals were approved for the following positions by the literature committee: Alternate Chair: Rick M. Secretary: Michael H. At the October Assembly, Walter G. was nominated and approved to hold the position of Literature Chair. We would like to continue 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 gray4739@sbcglobal.net". 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!

Multilingual Committee

Moises L. Chairperson

Greetings to all from the Multilingual Committee,

The Multilingual Committee continues to work on the Area 67 activities. This committee meets once a month at the District 65 office and also attend, and participate on the four Spanish speaking districts meetings once a month to inform them and motivate them on the area activities. These activities included the Gratitude Dinner and the 2009 AREA 67 Convention. We also continue to work with the SETA 2009 Convention Committee translating flyers and registration forms. The multilingual committee is open to any new volunteers who are willing to participate.

Thanks.

In Loving Service,

Moises L.
Chairperson

Humberto M.
Secretary

Everardo P.
Treasurer

Registrar-John O'
Alt Registrar-Gary S

Hope all is well with everyone. I have been learning the new database program from the G.S.O. it allows registrars to enter changes to groups immediately. G.S.R. and committee chair should get their information a lot faster than it use to take. Gary and I will have a training call next weekend.

In late January the group information sheets will be available. I will be in touch with the D.C.M S about them when they are available. It will be a good chance to get information up to date. The G.S.O. marks a group as incomplete if the group does not have a group contact or meeting time provided. A group is listed as unknown if mail is returned. As of today we have 18 Groups listed as incomplete and 83 as unknown I hope to get that number down when I get the information back from the D.C.M.S. If you have any questions please email me or call me and Gary. We are only as good as the information that is provided.

SETA website administrator

Marshall W

All-SETA

I am continuing to serve in a new capacity and title under the IT Committee. Duane P is now the IT Chair. I am assuming the role as Web Administrator and will continue to serve your website posting requests. I am continuing in this role to add continuity to the website. At this point in time I have not determined if I will continue this position until the end of Duane's term or if I will at some point roll my responsibilities over to some who is willing to take on this task.

Since the New Year we have had a large volume of requests for postings and other web related requests. Please be patient. At the beginning of any new SETA term the website is required to under go a big transition as we change e-mail addresses, also Officer, Committee and DCM position appointee names have to be rolled over onto their respective pages.

Intergroup Liaison Reports

Brazos Valley Intergroup

Vacant

No report submitted

Houston Intergroup Liaison

Katie G.

Hello Everyone,

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service for Area 67 as your Houston Intergroup Liaison. I will be attending my first Houston Intergroup meeting Thursday January 15, 2009.

They meet the third Thursday of each month at the Houston Intergroup office at 7:00pm. See everyone at the April Assembly.

Ninth District Intergroup

Monica F.

No report submitted

Spanish Intergroup (Districts 63 & 64)

Vacant

No report submitted

Spanish Intergroup (Districts 65 & 66)

Vacant

No report submitted