# south East Texas Area Assembly

of Alcoholics Anonymous P. O. Box 130433 Houston, Texas 77219-0433

# **October Assembly**

Saturday and Sunday October 1, 2, 2011

Sheraton North Houston 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd \* Houston, Texas 77032 281-442-5100

This we owe to A.A.'s future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

# **NOTICE**

If you did not receive

The Itemized Spreadsheets for the 2012 Proposed Budget

(18 pages) showing break-outs of the proposed 2012 expenses for Area budget-holders & cost centers,

> PLEASE CONTACT: Finance@aa-seta.org or Chair@aa-seta.org

Due to the costs of copying and printing, only summaries of the Proposed Budget will be available at the October Assembly.

Please view on-line and/or print and bring a copy with you.

# MOTIONS October 2011 Assembly

1. 2012 Proposed Budget –Budget Committee (see separate sheets)

#### 2. Hire Professional Translators - District 66

Our District is proposing to the Area Assembly to hire a professional translator to translate for us at Assemblies and Conventions of SETA in the meetings on Sundays, or whenever agenda items are debated, in order to have more accurate information of what is being debated in our language (Spanish).

Background: We know that there is a multi-language committee that will continue to work normally, and we will support it.

#### Tradition Eight:

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

Today we are five Hispanic Districts, and more that 60 Hispanic groups in the Area for which we see the need to attend these events in the area to which we belong and we do not want the language to be a barrier that impedes the growth of AA as a whole.

AA's Legacy of Service by Bill W. states that these services are vital for the development of AA, whether provided by individual members, Areas, Groups or AA as a whole, these services are extremely vital to our existence and development. We cannot abolish such services because it will bring complications and confusion.

3. Archives Proposal to Increase 2011 Budget - Chair: Sherry B. After reviewing the needs of the SETA Archives Committee, we propose the following as a one time budget increase for the 2011 fiscal year:

1.	Power Point Projector	\$ 650.00
2.	Archive Shelving	361.00
3.	(1)-8 ft. work table	80.00
4.	4 padded folding chairs	60.00
		\$1151.00

# ELECTIONS – ALTERNATE AREA SECRETARY LIAISON TO SPANISH SOUTH INTERGROUP

### 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY Area Committee Meeting Saturday July 9, 2011

- I. Opening- Chair, ZBM opened the meeting at 8:30 A.M.
- II. Preamble Alternate Chair, Randee B
- III. Roll Call- Registrar: Peggy M- Report:

Last Quarter I worked with Steve, IT, to clean up the Registrar's computer with the goal to get stuff off that was duplicated & of eventually using just the GSO database. However, I inadvertently didn't back up the Area Database. I worked to make sure these two were identical and then make a transition; I just did it a little sooner.

So now all reports and information are coming off the GSO Database. The Area database could be rebuilt, but I don't see the point in doing that; but if someone does, get with me to discuss it.

IV. Minutes - April Area Committee Minutes - Secretary, Melissa R There was a question on the Spanish Minutes regarding missing reports; reports were there but page numbers to refer the location of the reports were not; note to add in future.

Area Committee Minutes were accepted as presented.

- V. Treasurer's Report- Ron C Ron's report included the following points:
- Gratitude Dinner contributions can be made at the Assembly;
- Ron noted that income from Group Contributions is lagging; the 2011 Budget is \$42,000/year, we're half-way through the year and we have only \$17,000.
- Ron reported that the IRS was paid for 2008.
- He explained that the Alt Delegate's expenses were revised due to an Area Assembly Action which paid for the incoming Alt Delegate to go to SWRAASA; this was revised by making the cost a new line item.
- VI. The Chair announced that she received a letter of resignation from Holly D, Alternate Secretary. Please announce the opening at your Groups. Elections will be held at the October Assembly.

The Chair reported that she had had a request for a copy of the financial records from the SETA Convention by Houston Intergroup. This will be addressed under New Business.

# VII. Delegate Comments- Deborah D, Panel 61

It's a privilege to be here with you today. I am very excited about presenting the General Service Conference report later today.

We had a productive DCM/Delegate sharing session last night. If you were not able to attend, I have a request of all the DCM & Alt DCMs:

please take a minute to look at this spreadsheet that I would like to pass around and let me know the best email and phone number that you can be reached. I will sometimes have occasions that I need to speak or forward an email from GSO to you.

I'd also request that the committee chairs take a minute to give me your best contact information as well. Thank you for your cooperation.

The purpose of the DCM/Delegate sharing session is for you to talk about any concerns or challenges you are having in your districts or groups in your districts. It's also a place to ask more detailed questions of me and Patrick the alternate delegate. Also a time to find out what other Districts are doing that is working well for them & what maybe is not working so well. These sessions are for you & it is work in progress. We only have the assembly to see each other face to face and talk things out.

I have a question: did everyone get their Newsletter? Did you find it to be thin? We had 2 of 18 districts and 2 of 13 committees submit an article. Patrick and I are here to support and serve you. Service and Unity is our purpose.

How can I be of help in your committees, and districts? What are your group and committee members telling you? I remind myself about our Singleness of Purpose: am I reaching out to the suffering Alcoholic?

I only have a few minutes here this morning, let's talk during the breaks this weekend or call me at home. I'm here to be of service.

What motivates you? What do you get fired up about? Are you as excited about being sober and in recovery as I am? Do we need to change any thing? Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

VIII. Alt Delegate Comments-Patrick C, Panel 61 (See Sunday's Report)

## IX. Committee Reports

2012 Convention – Chair: Charlie R. Not present P.I. Committee – Chair: Debra R. Not present

TFC Committee – Chair: John O. (Report moved to Ad-Hoc Committee Reports: "Special Needs")

# X. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

# 1) "Job Descriptions" Chair: Tandy B.

In January the Area Chairperson appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee to update existing SETA Job Descriptions currently posted on the SETA Webpage with all approved-to-date motions.

The members are Tandy B, Ad-Hoc Committee Chair; Gene J, District 31; Katherine M of District 10 and Holly D, District 81. The Committee members completed its initial task in March and the IT Committee has posted the updates on the SETA Web pages.

The Ad-Hoc Committee was also asked by the Chairperson to follow up with a review and update of the SETA Job Descriptions for 2012. The Ad-Hoc Committee is reviewing existing SETA Job Descriptions & will be recommending changes & corrections to aid in clarity & unity so all will include sobriety & service requirements as well as responsibilities for each position.

# 2) Is There a Need for a "Special Needs" Committee? Chair: Jackie V Report: John O

Jackie & I called the New York Office & spoke with Gail R, who told me that they are two different committees. They decided to put it with Treatment Facilities because TFC has the least amount of agenda items. "Special Needs" include the blind, hard of hearing, those who are physically disabled or those with chronic illnesses. Accessibility at the local level includes meeting room-wheelchair accessibility, including restrooms.

Jackie and I met yesterday about the Ad-Hoc Committee. She'll get the Committee going in late July or early August. At this time, we suggest that these should be one committee. Jackie and I will come up with some questions to bring to the Districts to give the GSRs, to learn if there is a need for "Special Needs". More will be revealed.

# 3) "Committee Protocol" Chair: Marvin W

Marvin is compiling the committee and will report back in October.

#### X. Unfinished Business

Election of Liaison to Spanish Office Intergroup (North)

Election of Liaison to Spanish Office Intergroup (South)

Election of Alternate Chair

Ad-Hoc Committee on SETA Postal Mailings - Report on Pg. 18

Archive Workshop on Contributions - Report on Pg. 18

2012 Budget Presentation - Report on Pg 20

IT/Web ET Policies & Guidelines - Report on Pg. 20

#### XI. New Business

# 1. Proposal to Conduct an Area Committee Inventory - Chair

There's a lack of response of some of the trusted servants to the Fellowship & that does not support the communicators or facilitators.

I think maybe it's time to have an Area Committee Inventory. It's been 15 years since one has been held. So I propose an Area Committee Inventory; I would appoint a committee to start setting it up.

I would use past delegates & bring in someone from outside the area to participate.

The Proposal was approved. It was noted that the last time it was held outside the Assembly time frame & somewhere in Houston in order to be in a central location.

# 2. **Proposal to Hire Translator for Assemblies – District 66**Workshop on Saturday. Consensus of the Area Committee was to forward to the Assembly. Workshop to be held later today and voted on in October.

# 3. Request of Houston Intergroup for SETA Convention Financial Records - Chair

Consensus of the Committee was to send forward to the Assembly.

### Items for October Agenda Items:

Election of Alternate Secretary Inventory Workshop Motion to Hire Translator for Assemblies

Additional topics for future agendas:

Anonymity in this Digital Age – Workshop Topic Workshop on Trusted Servants and Responsibilities 2012 GSC Theme Workshop Topics

Chair asked DCMs and Committee Chairs to notify her in advance of any exceptional items- problems and/ or solutions to be placed on the Agenda.

#### **Additional Discussion**

- 1. Request for bottled water to be added to the Budget, to be provided at the assemblies.
- 2. Request to put Agenda and Motions on the front page of the website. IT Chair agreed to do so.
- 3. Request for final Agenda to be posted 4-5 days prior to the Assembly.

#### Announcements - Alt Chair: Randee B.

October Host District: District 10; Host District for April 2012 needed.

Closed with the Declaration of Unity at 10:00 A.M.

### Area 67 Quarterly Assembly Area Assembly Meeting Sheraton IAH Saturday July 9, 2011

I. Open General Assembly at 10:10 AM.
All were greeted by the DCM of Host District 33, Theresa O. She presented Tradition 8 and turned the podium over to the Area Chair.

#### II. District Reports

(Presented at various times over Assembly weekend). Pages

#### III. Convention Reports

#### 2012 Convention - Chair: Charlie R

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: January 6-8, 2012 at Moody Gardens, Galveston. We had our committee meeting during lunch. We've got flyers out & they're available here today. All speakers are lined out. We're taking pre-registration today. The mailing address wasn't included on the flyer but new flyers with the address will be sent to IT and posted soon.

#### 2013 Convention - Chair: Melanie M

Melanie reported that they are just getting started. She will meet with the Convention Co-Chair, Troy B. and the hotel liaison.

#### III. Workshops (Conducted at varying times on Saturday)

Postal Mailing Ad-Hoc (see page 18)
Archives: Contributions (see page 18)
2012 Budget Presentation (see page 20)
ITC-Web ET Guidelines (see page 20)
D66 Hire Professional Translator (see pages 24-25)

The Assembly broke for lunch at 12:10 P.M.

The afternoon session began at 1:15 P.M. with the DCM of District 33, Theresa O's presentation of Concept 8. She then turned it over to the Area Chair.

# IV. Intergroup Liaisons Reports (See pages 29 - 30)

# V. General Conference Report - Delegate, Deborah D

Deborah's report was accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation and provided an inside look at the workings of the Conference, the other Delegates and some of the topics they dealt with.

(Full report available on the Delegate's page of the SETA Website)

#### VI. Service Committees

(Meetings held from 4:30PM to 6PM) See Reports - Pages 31 - 37 VII. **Speaker Meeting** at 7:30PM, Ronald C, current Treasurer shared.

Closed at 9:00 P.M. with the Declaration of Unity.

### Area 67 Quarterly Assembly Area Assembly Meeting Sheraton IAH Sunday July 10, 2011

- I. Open: Chair opened the meeting at 8:30 AM with the Serenity Prayer
- II. Recognize New GSRs and DCMs
- III. Welcome Past Delegates: Mike D, Paul M, Harold P, Betsy G, Marvin W, Gus H. and Beth R.

### IV. Registrar: Peggy M

Area Maps have been updated, thanks to Paul M, and thanks to the DCMs for the Group Update Forms.

Roll Call

#### V. Secretary - Melissa R

Future changes in the Spanish Minutes will be made and all reports included. I'll tap into the Multi-Lingual Committee for translations of reports so the Minutes can be finished sooner.

To the Spanish: Please provide both Spanish & English versions of your reports.

And to Everyone: Request that ALL reports be sent electronically as well as hard copy provided at the Assemblies.

April Minutes approved as presented.

### VI. Treasurer Report - Ron C.



CONVENT	ION LONDS			
BEGINNING BALANCE 01/01/11				\$4,972.78
	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET	
2011 ADV. RETURN	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	
2011 PROCEEDS	\$15,810.33		\$15,810.33	
2012 ADVANGE		\$3,000 00	(\$3,000 00)	
YEAR TO DATE	\$18,810.33	\$3,000.00	\$15,810.33	\$15,810.33
				\$20,783.1
ENDING BALANCE 6/30/11	F	ully funded at \$15,000		\$15,000.00

CONVENTION FLINDS

GRATITU	JDE DINNE	R FUNDS		
BEGINNING BALANCE	01/01/11			\$1,622.35
	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET	
1st QUARTER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2nd QUARTER	\$0.00	\$875.00	(\$875.00)	
3rd QUARTER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4th QUARTER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
YEAR TO DATE	\$0.00	\$875.00	(\$875.00)	(\$875.00)
ENDING BALANCE 6/30	/11			\$747.35

TOTAL FUNDS ENDING BALANCE 6/30/11:	\$69,606.26	j
CONVENTION LOSS RESERVE	(\$4,000.00	
GRATITUDE DINNER FUND	\$0.00	)
CONVENTION FUND	(\$15,000.00)	
PRUDENT RESERVE*	_ (\$23,619.50	
SCAP FUND RESERVE	(\$1,000.00	)
ARCHIVES REPOSITORY	(\$1,909.62) A - (3 years fund)	
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	\$5,135.62	2
*One half of 2011 budgeted expenses of \$17239.00		

Ron's report included the following points:

- Prudent Reserve is ½ of the 2011 Budget:
- Convention Funds are capped at \$15K & overages are rolled into Unrestricted Funds;
- There's a 3-Year Fund for the Archives Repository which decreases as we go along

Ron noted that the SCAP Committee opted to put \$1000 of SCAP funds into reserve to be available should the State Convention lose money. He also reported that the CPA filed a 2010 extension which is due 8/15, but he is still unresponsive; Ron is looking for a new one. The Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously.

#### VII. Chair's Report: ZBM

Greetings. I'm humbled to serve this Assembly in this position. I get many opportunities to practice the principles - sometimes more than I would like. Nonetheless, it's a life-changing experience for the better so far.

I visited the Spanish Interdistrict meeting in early May-all five districts are very active. Committees are doing much outreach to the AA community & beyond. Some committees had a rocky start but things are starting to move forward as we each learn the position's responsibilities & ways of doing them. I visited a few groups in the northern area as well.

There are now (3) Ad-Hoc Committees: one for Job Descriptions, chaired by Tandy B; one on Special Needs, chaired by Jackie V; and one chaired by Marvin W on Committees' Protocols. In their reports, they will let you know the committee's scope, time frame & composition. If you want to be of service to the Area, for the Area, please talk with Committee Chairs. See me if you have expertise in a certain field & would like to serve in some capacity within that field. We're always looking for more working hands.

I remind DCMs & Area Committee Chairs: please send your Minutes and Agenda for which you serve, to me so I may be better informed and better serve the Area and its groups. We are all in this together. Email works well for me; the telephone has a message machine if I'm not in. I DO NOT TEXT. Please check the Calendar for accuracy. Let's all be the best we can be, changing and growing within the Spirit of Service. Thank you for letting me participate today in AA's Three Legacies.

#### VIII. Alternate Chair: Randee B

This is my last assembly. I'm moving to New York to take a teaching position. I'm very grateful for all this Assembly has given me; I started here at nine months. It's very sad to leave & it was a hard decision to make. I hope I have served as best I could and I'm very grateful.

#### IX. Delegate's Report: Deborah D - Panel 61

Warmest greetings to all of you of SETA. It's great to see & talk to you. It seems so long since the last Assembly. My experiences since the last assembly have been wonderful & memorable. I'm extremely grateful for the opportunity to attend the 61<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference (GSC) in New York City & to serve Area 67. It was a wonderful experience that I will never forget.

Alcoholics Anonymous is in good hands for another year, we have an amazing group of Trustees, Staff & Delegates. My experience of seeing everyone come fully prepared & ready for discussion was comforting. Meeting in the Conference Finance Committee and the General sharing sessions where all opinions were heard & the discussions were in great detail was impressive. Even when the minority opinion was expressed, it was with thought and love for Alcoholics Anonymous.

Patrick C, your Alt Delegate and I have been busy attending district meetings, giving the GSC report. I'm giving my reports to the Spanish districts in Spanish. I'm thankful for their patience with me. I appreciate Patrick very much for his love & support. Everywhere Patrick and I go we're greeted with love and gratitude. We have more districts visits planned in July and August.

I attended and met many fellow alcoholics at the State Convention in San Antonio last month. I was asked to give our area Highlights report as it was given at the General Service Conference.

In preparation for the GSC next year: the agenda item deadline for the Conference is not until January 15, 2012, I'd like for you to think about any agenda items that I can forward from our area. It is helpful to the process if some of the items for consideration come in time to be considered at the October meetings of the General Service Board, so that where applicable, these can be worked on & considered again at the January Board meeting.

The Final Conference Report in all three languages will be mailed by early August; as I can, I'll get them to you prior to October Assembly.

2011 Membership survey for our Area 67 - We have 7 groups chosen to participate in the survey. The survey helps describe the composition of our Fellowship. It provides information that can be shared with the general public by AA members serving on PI committees & this survey will be used to create the 2011 A.A. Membership Survey pamphlet.

Let me briefly report on happenings at the General Service Office (G.S.O.) & Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.).

The deadline for new stories for the revision of the pamphlet "A.A. and the Armed Services" was extended to July 15, 2011. The Literature desk received 198 stories in response to the request from the trustee's Literature Committee for stories for a pamphlet focusing on spirituality & includes stories from atheists & agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Public Information desk noted that the new TV PSA "My World" has been posted on GSO's AA Website. Area Chairs will be able to see reporting on the tracking of the P.S.A. online.

eBook update - GSO is developing an online store, the "GSO eStore" through which A.A. eBooks may be purchased. Estimated date: October 2011 for Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, & Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Pricing has yet to be determined by the A.A.W.S. Board. More details in October.

Finally, I continue to ask for your prayers and support during the next 1.5 years. I'm honored to serve as your Delegate and I sincerely appreciate the trust you have placed in me. I stand ready to serve in any way that I can.

#### X. Alt. Delegate Comments- Patrick C

I want to welcome everyone and look forward to hearing about what everyone is doing and what everyone is learning as you perform your general service positions. Thank you for your dedicated service to our fellowship, area and groups.

I think the song "Me and My Shadow" is an appropriate theme song that should be playing in the background each time you see our Delegate, Deborah & me together. I want to thank the Districts we've visited for the hospitality as Deborah has presented her General Service Conference Report. It has been such a blessing to travel with Deborah & experience the various district meetings and see you all eager to hear about what occurred at the General Service Conference this year.

## 1. Update 2011 Gratitude Dinner:

a. The District 32 2011 Gratitude Dinner Committee has met twice and the amount of work that has occurred is very encouraging. Thank you to Paul M., the Chairperson, for the great job he and the committee are doing. The next meeting will be the first Saturday in August in Tomball, Texas.

#### 2. Site Selection:

 a. The site has been selected, confirmed and reserved! The location is the Jimmy Burke Activity Center in Deer Park, TX.
 The Gratitude Dinner has been held at this location twice before.
 It has plenty of space and parking.

#### 3. Flyers:

a. Flyers are being made available. Thanks to District 20!

#### 4. Speakers:

- a. The two speakers have been asked and have confirmed. In the spirit of being inclusive, the Gratitude Dinner Committee decided to devote the same amount of time for the English Speaker and Spanish Speaker at this year's event: maximum one hour. The speakers have been requested to follow the standard AA Speaker Meeting format & tell what it was like, what happened & what it's like now, along with their experience in general service.
  - i. Nora B. (Little Rock, AR.) Past Delegate
  - ii. Angel M. (Houston, TX.) SETA La Vina Committee Chairperson
  - b. The Gratitude Dinner Committee representatives & DCM of 32 are working with our Multilingual Committee about how to translate for this event so that all can get something out of both speakers sharing. (Ask DCMs about the split room possibility at the Friday night sharing session).

#### 2. District Commitments:

c.District Committee Members have been requested to decide how there groups are going to support the 2011 Gratitude Dinner. I provided a list of the different support opportunities at the DCM/Delegate Sharing Session, Friday evening. Look for more information from your District Committee Members and General Service Representatives. (Patrick provided the DCMs with a sign-up sheet for commitments at the Friday night sharing session).

# 3. Funding the Gratitude Dinner:

d. I want to talk about the financial support for this event. When this event is put on each year we have to ensure we have the contributions to support the current year's Gratitude Dinner, additionally, we also need to consider what contributions will be needed to ensure that next year's event will be financially supported. Last year the host district made a contribution that helped pay for the site selected. This contribution helped to fund a good balance to work with this year. Not every District who takes on the hosting responsibilities may be in the same fiscal shape to support the funding of the Gratitude Dinner in such a generous way. Per the Area Group Conscience in 2006, the Annual Gratitude Dinner is funded by the voluntary contributions of AA members in SETA Area 67. Contributions can be made throughout the year or this weekend! Send or give them to the SETA Area Treasurer, Ronald C, and make

sure the contribution includes a notation that it is for the Gratitude Dinner Fund.

(Patrick discussed a more detailed financial reporting to the DCMs at the Friday night sharing session).

#### 4. <u>Upcoming Regional Events</u>

a Southwest Regional Forum 2011 – See Flyer Table (Patrick shared with Area and the DCMs about the benefits of attending this event for growing in service).

Please let me know how I can be of service to you, your districts, committees and groups. Thank you for allowing me to serve and grow in our Area!

#### XI. Workshop Reports

GSR/RSG Workshop Reports - See pages 17 -18
Ad-Hoc Committee Report on SETA Mailings – See page 18
Archives: Contributions – Report – See page 18
ITC/Web ET Guidelines – Report - See page 20
2012 Budget Proposal – Report - See page 20
Sat Sharing Session – Hire Professional Translator - See page 21

# XII. District Reports – continued - See pages 22 - 29 (Presented various times over the Assembly weekend)

XIII. Standing Committee Reports – See pages 31 to 37

Roll Call for Voting: Registrar, Peggy M: Count: 120 Simple Majority: 61; 2/3 Majority: 80

#### XIV. Old Business

- Election of Liaison to Spanish Office Intergroup (North)
   Alejandro P stood and qualified. A motion was made to accept by acclimation and the vote was unanimous.
- 2. Election of Liaison to Spanish Office Intergroup (South): Open
- 3. Postal Mailing Ad-Hoc Motion

Motion passed unanimously and is effective immediately

#### 4. ITC-Web ET Guidelines Motion

(\* Please refer to the Email Guidelines which are posted on the IT page of the SETA Website for the full text of the proposal.)

Motion to adopt the proposed Guidelines through Section 3.

Motion passed with (1) opposed.

Minority Opinion: 'I don't want to be governed by something too long to read' (18 pages). No one changed their vote; the vote stood.

# 5. 2012 Budget Proposal:

Motion failed by a substantial majority.

The Budget Committee will meet again & provide break-down of budget items to be made available for GSRs to take to their Group and then vote on the Motion at the October Assembly.

Minority Opinion: 'I did not attend the Budget Committee Meeting but sent in my proposed budget. I want to go through with this budget. Otherwise the Budget Committee has to meet again & then get the information to the GSRs to take to their Groups. This isn't practicing the "Right of Decision".

No one changed their vote; the motion failed.

#### **New Business**

**Election for Alternate Chair Position:** Gary S and Khris H stood for the position. Gary S was elected by plurality.

# Motion to Provide SETA Convention Financial Report to Houston Intergroup

After discussion, Betsy G made a request for a Friendly Amendment in which "Records" would be changed to "Report". This was agreed to and the Motion passed with (1) opposed.

No Minority Opinion offered.

#### Motion to Conduct an Area Assembly Inventory

Deborah D proposed that the Area conduct an Assembly Inventory in view of the Budget & Newsletter issues observed at this Assembly. Beth R seconded, saying this was a good time to decide to do one.

Motion passed unanimously. Chair to appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee to start the process.

#### Additional Notes and Discussion

1) Regarding the IRS Issue: Ron C reported the IRS sent a letter acknowledging receipt of the 2008 penalties payment and stating willingness to work with us. Nothing on 2009 yet. Unable to locate CPA since 5/19/11.

Ron further noted that the failure to file is one of the problems associated with position-rotation: often things slip through the cracks & vital data may not be passed on to the incoming position-holder. Ron is working on getting the Treasurer's Binder updated.

2) All GSRs are urged to get their email information to the Registrar immediately. In order to receive the break-down of the Area-approved budget items, Area must have your correct data. Financial data will only be sent to email addresses – not posted online.

# October Assembly Topics

Election for Alternate Secretary Position 2012 Revised Budget Proposal District 66 Motion: Hire Translators for SETA Assemblies Inventorying

#### **FUTURE ASSEMBLIES:**

Suggested Workshop Topics -Anonymity in the Digital Age Inventorying GSC Workshop Topics Duties & Responsibilities of a Trusted Servant

#### Announcements: Randee B.

October Assembly Host District: District 10 Oct 1-2, 2011, JFK Sheraton;

<u>District 31</u> Round Robin, July 16, 10:30 – 3 PM, Wesley Methodist Church, 700 Highway 30 East, Huntsville, TX;

<u>District 31 & 1502 Group</u> "Celebrating Sponsor Day" July 23, 1:30-5 PM, 2030 FM 2854, Conroe, TX;

District 82's "Unity Day" Aug 6, 11-3 P.M. Bay City Service Center;

<u>SETA CFC Workshop</u> "How to Conduct Meetings Inside Prisons & Jails", Aug 7, 12-2:30, District 66, 5645 Hillcroft, Houston, TX;

<u>District 90's 30<sup>th</sup> Convention</u> "There is a Solution" Aug, 19-21 MCM Elegante, Beaumont, TX

SETA CFC Conference Sept 9-11, Crowne Plaza, Houston, TX;

2011 Southwest Regional Forum, Oct 7-9, Wichita, Kansas;

<u>District 90's "Gratitude Dinner"</u> Nov.5, 5:30 – 9, St. Andrew's, Beaumont;

South Texas Hispanic Assembly, Nov 4-6, Corpus Christi, TX;

50<sup>th</sup> Annual SETA Convention Jan 6-8, Moody Gardens, Galveston

The Assembly closed at 12:30 P.M. with the Declaration of Unity.

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Redd, Secretary SETA 67 2011-2012

# Area 67 Quarterly Assembly Workshop Reports, District Reports, Area Standing Committee and Intergroup Liaison Reports

New GSR Workshop- Facilitators: Kathleen T, Jim K; Recorder: Anita B Primary Purpose: Guardian of the Traditions

To fulfill the role of GSR/Alt. GSR: attend monthly District meetings as well as the Assembly meetings 4/yr in order to inform our respective groups of what is happening with AA as a whole.

- When there are issues to be voted on during an Assembly, it is the GSR/Alt. GSR's responsibility to vote for his/her group based on the group's informed decision.
- Responsible to be informed of the issues in discussion/vote
- Obtain reports of such issues
- Relay that information back to the group conscience to get a group opinion

Discussion regarding Voting: each GSR/Alt. GSR has one vote. If the GSR is present and voting for their group then the Alt. GSR doesn't get to vote. If the group GSR isn't present or is voting in another capacity, then the Alt. GSR has one vote

A.A. Service Manual – sleeping material; will stay sober if can read without falling asleep

Question/Answers:

Substantial Majority: 2/3 of group or assembly

Minority opinion Simple Majority

Third Legacy procedure: pull name out of the hat

## Advanced GSR Workshop - Facilitator: Paul M.

Opened with introductions; there were (24) GSRs in attendance and (10) Districts were represented. We touched on the pamphlets "The AA Group", "Concepts Illustrated", "AA Traditions, How It Developed", "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated", & reviewed the "7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Service Package" for the A.A. Group Treasurer.

Topics discussed included how the GSR's job is to keep their Group connected to AA as a whole, and to keep the Group informed on the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition; various ways to encourage the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

A <u>Q& A Session</u> followed and included discussions and sharing on: Non-A.A members contributing to A.A; "paper signers" and being clear about what A.A. is and is not; to practice love and tolerance and when sticking to sharing about our principles and what is in our literature, we can't go wrong. **Opinions can kill.** 

Group Autonomy & the Group conscience: no one individual has the right to make decisions for the Group: the entire Group makes decisions through the Group Conscience; discussed WHO is a member of a Group. The Group Inventory process & the importance of it for the

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health of the Group which in turn, affects the health of the AA member. Information is available online at aa-seta.org on the GSR page. Use the Traditions Checklist with the inventory questions in "The A.A. Group" pamphlet.

There was a lot of participation & as usual we could have used more time.

# Spanish GSR (RSG) Workshop- Facilitator: Roberto B. Recorder: Jose H.

The meeting started at 9:00 A.M. with the Serenity Prayer. The service legacy was presented by Roberto B. and Jose H. We read chapter 2 of the Service Manual & had a Q & A Session.

We had 3 new GSRs, with 18 in attendance, out of which there were a total of 12 GSRs. We collected \$37.00 from the hat.

The meeting ended at 10:00 A.M with the Responsibility Statement.

#### Ad-Hoc on SETA Mailings Procedures - Report & Motion: John O

\* Note: Full, detailed report was circulated at Workshop; contact the Area Secretary for copies.

The Ad Hoc Committee on SETA Mailings proposes that the preferred method for Area Minutes distribution is via email & SETA Website postings, with the following guidelines:

- Last names removed from Minutes that are emailed, as in the Website postings;
- Persons without email access will still receive by mail;
- Ability to "opt in" or unsubscribe at any time.

The Ad Hoc Committee on SETA Mailings further proposes that the preferred method for Area Newsletter distribution is via Email & the SETA Website postings with the following guidelines:

- Phone numbers removed from the Contact Page of the Newsletter, leaving first names, last initials and the SETA positionbased Email addresses;
- Those without email access will still receive by mail;
- Ability to "opt in" or unsubscribe at any time.

# Archives Workshop Report: Archives Chair: Sherry B, Alt: Open "Why Archives Committee Feels that Contributions can be accepted from the Fellowship"

Archives Workshop panelists Sherry B, Archives Chair; Sarah D, Archivist; Gerta, Treasurer; Marvin W, Past Delegate; and Lee G.

Sherry B. opened with an invitation to all to visit the Archives Repository's Open House this weekend at 521 N. Sam Houston Parkway, Suite 215, across from the Clarion Inn.

Sherry noted confusion regarding Archives Committee accepting contributions from the Fellowship, saying that it would enable the Committee to carry the message with minimal support from Area.

which has been generous in providing computers, software, etc.

She cited examples of other Areas which receive contributions from their membership, such as Area 66 which averages \$2K/year in contributions & Area 65, both of which also receive funding from their Areas. Also, while attending the National AA Archives Convention, she learned that Areas in So. California and Macon, GA both accept Fellowship contributions, but she was uncertain if they are also funded by Area.

Gerta, Archives Treasurer, cited the Archives Committee Guidelines which provide accountability & transparency to SETA-

- Transparency
- Goals
- Project Reports
- Long-Term Operation
- Contributions
- Budget

She noted that the Archives Committee requires a petty cash fund in order to purchase general office supplies, etc., when needed.

Marvin W was involved with the Archives Repository Committee, which was unanimously approved in October, 2010; he noted that it took two years to achieve that goal. Marvin stated that to his knowledge, there is nothing that prevents the Fellowship from contributing to Archives. He said that AA Guidelines state specifically that Area Committees should be supported by the Fellowship. Yearly costs for rent and insurance on the Repository are \$8-9K, which is placed in Reserves. We're a year into the (3) year agreement and the reserve funds will be used in two years. The Assembly needs to decide whether:

- 1. To continue to fund:
- 2. To abandon the repository;
- 3. To find some way to continue to provide approximately \$10K per year for this cost.

Sarah D., Archivist, noted that they aren't talking about large sums, and that they would be accepting these funds in order to perform their duties. She noted that personally, she liked the idea of Groups getting involved with Archives, including holding events such as "Old Timers Day".

#### Q&A

- Does the Archives Committee have a bank account? Negative, only petty cash.
- What Guidelines are referred to? AA Guidelines on Area Committees, CFC, PI, etc.
- Is Archives Committee funding itself now? There is a budget, but when they moved, there was no furniture, so the Committee purchased used furnishings to get started.

A concern stated was that if the Archives Committee starts accepting contributions, then other committees should be able to, as well.

All Committees should be treated the same.

#### 2012 Budget - Presentation - Finance Chair: Mary M

Mary M. reported that the Budget Committee met in March and that not all of the Budget-Holders were present at that meeting. She noted that the final totals are on the second page of the proposed budget.

There was confusion regarding what the monies covered in the budgets; it was explained that only budget items that were approved by the Assembly can be included on the budgets.

It was noted that Group Contributions are down; we're in a recession yet the Budget is based on an increased income. Mary noted that the budget is based on 110% of the income of 2010. The projection is based on GSO's budgeting practices. However the income projection for 2010 wasn't reached, but was \$4K short.

Mary M stated that the 2012 proposed budget isn't extravagant, that many hours were spent on it and that most budget-holders cut their budgets to arrive at a balanced budget.

Questions regarding confusion, secrecy and transparency arose. It was explained that there are (27) cost centers and that 3-5 years of expense history is used as a basis for the projected costs.

A question was raised about the 2012 Budget being higher- which it is, because of funding the Repository at the amount of \$9.000.

It was noted that if the Budget was not approved at this Assembly, that it will go back for revision & presented at the October Assembly.

The meeting ended with an agreement to provide information on the Cost Centers for any who are interested, either on-screen or in copies.

\*\*Note: The Finance Chair & Treasurer provided a 3-Year Budget Comparison of 2008 – 2011 and made it available to the General Assembly.

# IT-Web ET Policies & Guidelines Workshop Report – Chair: Steve E Recorder: Angela C.

\* Please refer to the Email Guidelines which are posted on the IT page of the SETA Website for the full text of the proposal.

Steve E. presented & read the proposed SETA Email Guidelines which will be voted on tomorrow (Sunday, 7/10/11).

Although the appendix in the guidelines document describes a generic delegate@aa-seta.org account, this is in error as that is going to be

removed due to spam. The current delegate account will always be <u>delegate-[panel no]@aa-seta.org</u>, ("[panel-no]" is the current delegate panel number).

#### Q&A

Q: Can I use my iPhone to access SETA Webmail?

**A:** It was noted that it appears that now email can be sent through the SETA position-based accounts from other email clients & devices such as Microsoft Outlook and/or various smart phones. Please contact Steve at it@aa-seta.org for further information.

**Q**: What is the password?

**A**: The default password was announced for those who have not yet logged into the system. Once you have logged in, please change the password.

**Q**: Why do we keep getting announcements from outside of Area 67?

**A**: The announcements from individuals outside of Area 67 have continued mostly because a policy has not yet been ratified.

Q: How do you ensure anonymity when using Reply / Reply All?

**A**: When using "Reply" or "Reply All", please be sure to read through the body of the message and delete the email addresses that appear in the header information in the message to which you are replying.

#### A Need to Hire Translators for Assemblies - District 66-

DCM: Carlos F. Translator: Katherine M.

1st Tradition – Unity: allows us to carry the message; Unity happens when there is a better understanding of English speakers during the Assembly for Spanish-speaking members as well as for English-speaking members when the Spanish members are speaking.

<u>Proposal by District 66 which has approximately 18 groups:</u> Simultaneous translation by professional translators to allow for more timely understanding of discussions that allow for greater participation of the Spanish speaking community and a greater exchange of ideas.

Greater Unity with the participation of the members of approximately 60 Spanish speaking groups who do not come to the Assemblies due to the language barrier.

### Questions posed by the discussion:

- 1. Concern for the protection of anonymity of AA members if outside translators are used;
- How many translators would be necessary for coverage throughout the Assembly;
- 3. How they manage the translations for both the speaker as well as the participant listening.

#### Comments for more information:

- 1. Responsible party keeping the translator accountable, fulfilling needs of the Assembly;
- Many of the new Spanish speaking members are not coming from out of the Area, they are born here and are more comfortable getting sober in their native language.
- 3. Certification is required for translators. Costs range from \$50/hour or \$300/assembly. if booked a month in advance.

#### DISTRICT REPORTS

#### District 10 DCM: Dave P Alt DCM: Joy M

The most significant event of the past 3 months was our annual Memorial Day Workshop where the theme was Sponsorship. About 45 attended; we had a panel of 5 local members with sobriety ranging from 5 to more than 25 years. The panel had a closed conversation and presentation for the first hour and 15 minutes followed by a pizza lunch. The afternoon session was an active Ask-it-Basket. The workshop closed a few minutes earlier than scheduled, but I feel it was well received.

Thanks to Deborah D, Delegate for attending & sharing her experience, strength and hope, as well as participation from the panel members.

PI/CPC, Multi-lingual & TFC committees are active in our District, especially the weekly <u>Bridge the Gap</u> outreach to the VA Hospital. District 10 will host the October SETA Assembly & is also signed up for Set-up, Registration & Greeting at the Area Gratitude Dinner.

# District 20 DCM: Troy B Alt DCM: Ford S

District 20 has been hard at work carrying the message & saving lives. The District's efforts to encourage meetings to get GSRs have paid off. Our visits to meetings have brought in around four new reps.

Our next workshop will again be focused on the Traditions; this time at the District's largest clubhouse: the Lambda Center, which holds about 30 meetings per week. Of those meetings, about six have active GSRs.

We're thrilled to be co-hosting the Gratitude Dinner this year & eager to host in 2012. Our District meetings are the first Saturday of the month at the Council on Alcohol and Drugs, at 6 P.M.

The meetings are filled with great discussions about our meetings and service and are followed by a Host Group Speaker meeting and refreshments.

#### District 31 DCM: Barbara G Alt DCM: West G

District 31 is blessed with diligent officers, strong standing committee members, and many GSRs attending the monthly business meetings. I'm excited to introduce West G as Alt. DCM from the HOW Group in Huntsville & Cynthia P from the Good News Group in Humble who will serve as D-31 archivist. Both have embraced their positions with a thankful heart and a willingness to help. West has agreed to write the Newsletter article as well as visit groups in the northern sector. Cynthia calls me often with new ideas to maintain our past & present for future members of AA. D-31 purchased a laptop that has been downloaded with minutes, agendas, CD recordings of Old Timers Day & Workshop panels over the years, and treasurer's reports. This will be a valuable tool to preserve our District history.

The month of July is a busy one as we make plans to attend a Round Robin in Huntsville on July 16 from 10:30 until 2 pm.

Lunch will be BBQ brisket and watermelon so please bring a side dish or dessert.

Then on July 23, the 1502 Group in Conroe will host a workshop titled "Celebrating Sponsor Day" with a Luau theme. The time of activities is from 1:30 until 5 pm with a speaker panel revolving around fun, food & fellowship. Bring your grass skirt and ukulele as we support this event.

#### District 32 DCM: Jim K Alt DCM: Jeff H

Out of 36 groups on the roster in Dist 32, about 16 are participating on a regular basis. We continue to publish and print the District 32 News, & our editor & CPC Chair, Ginny M is producing a new stylish look, and experience, strength and hope for your reading pleasure. Copies fresh off the press are available here in this room.

We held a "Bridge the Gap" Workshop in May at the Champions Club that was very well attended. It was very informative for those interested in being a temporary contact for newcomers getting out of treatment facilities, & established AA members being released from Texas prisons or jails. Area TFC & CFC Chairs were there & shared their experiences.

Our tradition continues of producing newcomer packets for GSRs & groups in our District that can't afford them & we're all contributing to this effort, for fun & for free.

We're also the Host District for the 2011 Gratitude Dinner & look forward to smoking up some fine Brisket & other delicacies to show our gratitude to AA for our very lives. See you there!

#### District 33 DCM: Teresa O Alt DCM: Karen S

We have a good start to the New Year. Only position, PI/CPC remains unfilled. All other positions have been filled. We're also seeing more Page 23 of 40

participation from our GSRs and other within the groups and our district.

We've put into place some policy and procedure guidelines for our GSR Committee. I'm sure we will make changes as we see things unfold. They are based on GSO guidelines and information received from other Districts in our area.

We had a GSR workshop for which Paul & the Chair came to lead us. They did a great job & we had good attendance. Many individuals considering the opportunity to serve as their group GSRs came and seemed excited about the opportunity. Thanks to Paul and the Chair for a great job.

The District 33 Unity Conference was held in late February. We had a good turn out with lots of fellowship to include a dessert contest, grilled burgers, a pot luck dinner and a little dancing to end the event. Many good speakers shared their experience, strength and hope.

We were also pleased to have Betsy G., Deborah D. and Patrick C.

Our first Round Robin is set for May 22<sup>nd</sup> hosted by the Rockdale Peace Seekers group. They will be celebrating their anniversary with us.

Intergroup is off to a great start with many more individuals coming forward to help keep the shelves stocked. Many thanks to all who are helping. Everyone is looking forward to serving our district and the AA community.

#### District 40 - DCM: Brad H Alt DCM: Jes K

District 40 is proud to announce the 25th Annual Traditions Dinner was very successful. Jimmy D. from Dallas presented the 12 Traditions in his own captivating way. Attendance was up from last year's. We had two recorders, one for Archives & we're working on copies for those who requested them.

Our committees remain active: the CPC\PI Committee posted a PSA billboard in the Spring Branch area on April 11th. We increased our TFC budget in May. We've met the Grapevine challenge put to the Area by our Delegate with 3 District subscriptions & 2 group subscriptions so far.

While working to plan our next service events, we're reminded to keep it simple. In upcoming district meetings, in July we're having an Area TFC presentation; the Delegate's GSC Report in August; & look forward to visits from the Area Literature and Web-IT committees later in the year. We plan to contribute snacks and clean-up help at the upcoming Area Gratitude Dinner & host the April 2012 Area Assembly.

We meet the second Tuesday of the month, 7 pm at the Bear Creek Community Center.

#### District 51 DCM: Randy R Alt DCM: Charles H

District 51's workshop committee, led by Steve G has been busy preparing for this annual event which is set for August 20<sup>th</sup>, 12 – 3PM at the Delta Club. The workshop will be based on the TV show Jeopardy with categories challenging teams' knowledge of a variety of AA topics from the Big Book to the history of AA in Houston. Together with the workshop, a potluck lunch is planned with the district providing whatever is lacking. It should be a terrific event, so please come join us.

In April, Area TFC Chair John O made a presentation at our monthly meeting and in June, Tom K., Vernon L. and Coach, with the Literature Committee, made a creative presentation using puppets. At our August meeting, our Delegate, Deborah D will give her GSC Report.

The District continues to thrive with strong involvement from our District officers & GSRs from the Caring and Sharing Group, the South Gessner Group, the Open Door Group, and the 12 and 12 Group. We meet on the last Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM at the Delta Club.

#### District 52 DCM: Barbara L Alt DCM: OPEN

I'm glad to report that participation has increased since April, yet there is still room for growth. We still have openings for CFC, PI, Archives and we have someone considering the TFC position.

The District Gratitude Picnic held on April 30<sup>th</sup> was wonderful. The turnout was greater this year than last & I hope that next year, even more groups will join in and take the chili cook-off challenge. Our good time was hit with misfortune as 3 cars in the nearby parking lot were broken into with some items stolen. This has taught us to take greater care for our next event.

Within the next few months, District Committee members and GSRs will be branching out to attend meetings both near & far within D-52 to offer support from our end in helping groups "carry the message" and encourage them to have their group represented at the district level. We will be asking how we can best serve these important brothers & sisters in sobriety. For now, these road trips will be our prominent task.

#### District 60 DCM: Melanie M Alt DCM: OPEN

District 60 has doubled the number of committee members that actively serve our District now. Of course, for us that only means we've gone from two members to four. Nonetheless, we have decided to meet monthly as we put forth our best effort to keep the District in the light. Our meetings are the first Monday of every month at the Rockhill Group, 6:30 7:30 PM.

There are 13 Groups in the District, eight or so of which are active; four of which have active GSRs. We have no active Committees at this time.

During our District meetings, we take turns sharing with the Group on one of the Concepts. We try to visit each other's groups and continue to carry the message of the importance of service.

Our goals for the next 3 months are to conduct an active search to fill the OPEN position of Alt. DCM. We are also planning to hold an Open House and Secretary Workshop later this year. W will continue to work diligently to encourage the groups in our District to participate in and contribute to SETA. We have a long road to trudge in filling all our service positions.

The Edgebrook Group has asked me to facilitate its Group Inventory on Sunday, July 17 at 6 P.M. The Third Tradition Group held a Group Inventory facilitated by Paul M and current Treasurer Ron C June 11<sup>th</sup> & June 18<sup>th</sup>. The Industrial Group held its 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary May 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### District 62 DCM: Magdalena D Alt DCM: Francisco M

Our District counts on 6 active Groups of which 5 -6 GSRs attend the District meeting every two weeks at 6 P.M. We share 1 time every two weeks with the Groups of the District; and we share with the Groups that get invited in its cycle of unit.

It works with etiketeria of the South Texas Assembly & with the Hispanic Convention of Canada and the U.S.

Working with the other Districts, we attend the Interdistrict meetings. We have three Committees: La Vina, Literature and Correctional. We work with the Committees, motivating them to continue working. Our district is motivated to support in the Gratitude Dinner. Thanks to our Delegate for the visit to our District, Sunday, June 18.

#### District 63 DCM: Ricardo R Alt. DCM: Edwin C

Hello from District 63! We're hoping everyone is enjoying a happy 24 hours of sobriety.

This District has a meeting every Saturday from 6 pm onward. We have 9 groups; 6 of them get together with the District Committees- La Vina, Correctional, Literature and C P C.

The District is doing Workshops for the Districts' Groups; subjects are:

- -12 Traditions Illustrated
- -12 Concepts for the World Service
- -Chapter 2, Service Manual

Our Correctional Committee is looking for a Chair and a Secretary. La Viña is going well & the Literature Committee is also good. CPC isn't active but looking for people who want to work with it. The District Anniversary will be on October 30; all of you are invited-do not miss it!

#### District 64 DCM: Ricardo C Alt. DCM: Aden T.

Our District has 14 active groups; with between 9 & 13 GSRs attending our regular District meetings on Saturdays at 6 P.M. & every 15 days we have a study session from the Service Manual & a roll of share to Groups on Wednesdays every week. We now have internet service & are working on opening our own web page for District 64. We're working to celebrate the 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of District 64 on September 24, 2011.

We have three Committees:

- A) Correctional Committee (6 active members and 1 link);
- B) La Vina Committee (5 active RLV and 3 links groups); and
- C) Literature Committee (3 members).
- A) Correctional Committee meets on Tuesdays every 2 weeks & have a roll of share groups on Tuesday, when they don't have a meeting for the committee, attending two Federal prisons:
  - 1- Hollyday every Sunday from 1:30 3:00, and
- 2 -The Walls of Huntsville once a month on Sunday from 1:30 -3:00; shares with County every Wednesday from 7 8 P.M; accompanies District to roll of share groups. Contributes \$50 to the Area CFC Committee who provides literature. Contributes \$10 to District every 15 days.
- B) La Vina Committee meets on Tuesday of every week in District 64 at 8 P.M. Holds internal raffles every 15 days & drawing every 15 days; visits groups every Thursday each week. On the last Thursday of the month, it goes to monthly meeting of the 4 Districts of the La Vina and contributes \$10 to the District every 15 days. Our District is planning to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of La Vina on August 14, 2011.
- C. Literature Committee meets on Tuesday every 15 days in District 64 at 8 P.M. & shares with the District with the roll of sharing & by letter. Has the Groups subscribe to Box 459 & makes an internal drawing in D- 64. Has literature & service brochures. Contributes \$10 every 15 days.

# District 65 DCM: Ramiro Y Alt DCM: Moises L GREETINGS FROM DISTRICT 65!

THE DISTRICT CURRENTLY CONSISTS OF 14 GROUPS AND HAS 10 ACTIVE GSRs. EACH WEEK WE VISIT A GROUP IN OUR DISTRICT. WE SHARE WITH THEM ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION AND ALSO OUR OWN EXPERIENCE IN SERVICE WORK IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO BECOME PART OF OUR DISTRICT & COMMITTEES.

OUR DISTRICT HAS A CORRECTIONAL COMMITTEE, WHICH HOLDS AA MEETINGS IN THE HARRIS COUNTY JAIL EACH TUESDAY; A LITERATURE COMMITTEE THAT VISITS GROUPS WITH US EVERY WEEK AND ENCOURAGES MEMBERS TO READ & STUDY THE AA LITERATURE. THE LA VIÑA CHAIR VISITS GROUPS WITH US EVERY WEEK & MOTIVATES THE SUBSCRIPTIONS AND A LA VIÑA REP FOR EACH GROUP.

It gives us pleasure to inform that the upcoming 15th anniversary of La viña is carried out at the offices of District 65. We also work with the La viña chair and the other four Hispanic districts in the next La viña workshop on August  $21^{\rm st}$ . We are also pleased to invite you to the celebration of our District's  $26^{\rm Th}$  anniversary which will be held on Sunday, 4 September this year at 10 am in the Office of the district.

#### District 66 DCM: Carlos F Alt DCM: OPEN

District 66 has 18 groups with 12-15 participating. They meet every Saturday from 6-8 P.M. They also meet and share with other Groups every year when they celebrate their anniversaries.

#### The District has three committees:

La Viña, which has 6 representatives and 2 alternate representatives. Corrections which participates in Corrections work, promotes the Blue Can for purchasing literature to take in the prisons & visits the prisons. And the Literature Committee, which is working well.

District 66 collaborates and participates in all events, conventions and assemblies of the South Texas Spanish Assemblies as well as SETA Assemblies.

District 66 has presented a motion at the Area Assembly: to hire professional translators to translate during Assemblies, in order to achieve better relations between the English & Spanish members.

#### District 70 DCM: Jeff S Alt DCM: OPEN: No Report

### District 81 DCM: Randy B Alt DCM: Stevvi M

We continue to have a very active district! We meet every month on the first Wednesday at Kelley's in La Marque. Generally there are 30-40 in attendance. All of our Committees are active & have monthly meetings.

We held a GSR Workshop with a theme of Fun in Service; it included other service opportunities as well. We also had a Spring Workshop with a theme of "Living Sober"; Groups in the District drew topics for skits or presentations. We had a great turn-out with lots of fun & we all learned a lot!

We voted to have a Hospitality Suite at the 2012 SETA Convention & we have a Fall Workshop planned: date & time to be announced.

#### District 82 DCM: Kim R. Alt DCM: Rick M

Our attendance at district meeting is increasing. The district committee meets at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 100 Oak Drive South, Wing D, Lake Jackson, TX 77566 on the first Sunday of every month. D- 82's Annual Unit Day will be August 6, 2011 from 11 AM to 3 PM at the Bay City Service Center, 2501 Avenue M, Bay City, TX 77414. Our Delegate will be presenting her report as well as Bonita W. will speak.

Our Public Information Committee (PI) under the direction of David A is currently compiling District 82's PI Resource Manual. June S of the Plantation Group is the focal point for compiling our PI Resource Manual. Our PI committee is encouraging groups to provide hard-back copies of the <a href="Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions">Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions</a> and <a href="Alcoholics Anonymous">Alcoholics Anonymous</a> (Big Book) to libraries in our district. District 82 PI Committee meets on the third Saturday from 3 to 5 PM at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 100 Oak Drive South, Wing D, Lake Jackson, TX 77566.

District 82's Unity Day is August 6, 2011 from 11-3 P.M. See fliers posted on District 82 Events page on the SETA Webpage for more information.

# District 90 DCM: Lloyd (Jr.) G, Alt DCM: Ricky L

We now have a Registrar: Ruthie S. She is doing a wonderful job. We also have a new Alt. Secretary, Tanya R., who was elected at our last district meeting. The 30<sup>th</sup> annual District 90 convention will be August 19<sup>th</sup> thru the 21<sup>st</sup> at the MCM Elegante Hotel in Beaumont.

The theme for this year is "There is a Solution". Pre-registration ends August 13<sup>th</sup>, but on-site registration opens Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. We'll have some inspirational speakers, informative workshops, marathon meetings and lots of fellowship as well as a big raffle. We're looking forward to a visit from our Delegate, Deborah D. and Alternate, Patrick C. in September. We're going to be okay in spite of me!

## Intergroup Liaison Reports

Liaison: Houston Intergroup: Lee G

The focus of the Board for the first several months was to find & hire a replacement Executive Secretary due to the retirement of Ray L. on March 31<sup>st</sup>. A total of six candidates were interviewed and Dick S was selected. Dick S hails from the Champions area and was instrumental in turning the Champions Clubhouse around and getting members to run the Club as per AA Clubhouse Guidelines and the 12 Traditions.

He is a warm, serene and passionate man who, I believe, is going to serve as a wonderful Executive Secretary.

Financially, the Treasurer Report reflects all budget areas are being met within a few percentage points. Katie G, Finance Chair, has been working on establishing parameters to have a Website Contribution area included on the webpage.

The Houston Intergroup will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in March of 2013. The Board discussed, voted & approved the investigation of the possibility & costs to have its own Anniversary Convention in March of 2013. Peter C stood to chair the Committee. Peter served this Area in that capacity previously and ran with it. The final location will either

be the Marriott on Briarpark or the new Westin on Gessner at the Memorial Hospital. Financial details will be coming soon. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

#### Liaison: Hispanic Intergroup (North) - Alejandro P

This office is currently open Monday to Friday from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.; Saturday from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. During non-office hours, the calls are forwarded to the 12<sup>th</sup> Step Committee.

It is organized by a board of trustees and its committees to accomplish the need of carrying the message.

Oficina Intergrupal does the following:

#### **Board of Trustees:**

It has a Chairman, Alt Chairman, Secretary, Alt Secretary, Treasurer & Alt Treasurer with a one-year service role. It calls & coordinates

meetings every Saturday from 6-8 P.M. with an assistance of 20 to 27 ROIs or Group Representatives. This office also has meetings on First Tuesdays of each month at 8 PM with its committees. The committees have their own meetings with an independent schedule. The office also calls a meeting every Second Tuesday of each month, along with Intergrupo Hispano Southwest at 8 P.M.

#### Committees:

Comite Del Paso Doce (12<sup>th</sup> Step)

This Committee answers calls of individuals seeking help; they forward the individual to a near group. If necessary, they visit with the individual and bring them to a near group- in some cases.

Comite de Instituciones de Tratamiento (Treatment Institutions)
This Committee visits two different institutions at this time:
The Cheyenne Center, once a week; and The Recovery Center,
every two weeks. The work is supported by the Groups to carry the
message into these institutions.

Comite de Informacion al Publico (Public Information)
This Committee's main objective is to inform the public about A.A.
They cooperate with media such as radio, television and newspaper, currently carrying the message through Radio Maria and the local newspaper, La Buena Suerte.

Comite de Editorial Y Archivo (Archives and Editorial)
This Committee is in charge of the development and distribution of the bulletin or newsletter published monthly.

At this time, they count (216) subscriptions plus one that is given to each group for free. This bulletin includes information about groups as well as all kind of anniversaries and upcoming events.

Comite de Literature (Literature)

This Committee is in charge of buying and selling the literature to the Groups and general public. It keeps a total of \$1500 in its Treasury in order to accomplish this service.

#### Liaison: Brazosport Intergroup: Charles R

Everything is going really well; it had gone downhill for a while, but since January, we've gotten inventory up & the bank account is up. It's open every day now and we've got any kind of literature you need. We also have a full committee now and everything is going great.

Liaison to 9<sup>th</sup> District Intergroup: Dennis M— Not present. Liaison Hispanic Intergroup (South): OPEN

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

## Archives Committee - Chair: Sherry B Alt Chair: OPEN

The Archives Committee now meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10am to 5pm. The Fellowship is welcome to come and see their Repository; they can bring service records or donations of A.A. material at that time.

The Archives Committee needs an Alternate Chair; this is a good way for someone to learn more about how we serve the Area.

Archives Committee would like to visit groups and/or districts to put on a presentation. Just let us know when & where. Sarah D, Area Archivist is looking for volunteers willing to tape Long Timers. Please contact Sarah or the Archives Committee if you like to do some service work.

Since April, a member of the Fellowship contributed 2 bookcases, but no monitory contributions were made. Petty cash has a balance of \$239.87.

# A few of the items we are looking for:

- 1. Silent Rostrum Newsletters.
- 2. Area 67 minutes prior to 1973
- 3. Any material from past delegates or General Service Conferences.
- 4. Older Service Manuals and Meeting Schedules.
- 5. Group Histories or Interviews of Long Timers.

# Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) CPC Chair: Beth Y Alt Chair: Katherine M

The CPC committee is very busy. Our meeting July 9<sup>th</sup> was attended by representatives from 6 different districts and a few guests. A great turnout for our committee. Dist. 90 represented AA, July 9<sup>th</sup> at a health fair in their area. They have a combined CPC/PI Committee.

AA has also been asked to staff a table at a training program designed for ministers on psychological first aid on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

August 12 we have a presentation at the Council of Alcohol and Drugs to a new group in the recovery field called "Recovery Oriented Systems of Care" (ROSC). This is a new concept that started in Philadelphia. The idea is to have a recovery coach who helps guide a newcomer through the multitudes of items to help them in their new sober & clean life. (Housing, work, doctor appts, meetings, etc). AA has been asked to do a presentation to the counselors & other various professionals in the recovery field. Betsy G, and Kate E, two very experienced presenters, will attend; they have approx 10 – 20 minutes to share what AA is & isn't.

August 21 – District 32 is holding a meeting to kick off their new CPC committee at the Trinity Episcopal Church in the Woodlands at 2 PM. Volunteers are needed. CPC & PI (Public Information) volunteers from

Districts 31 & 32 are welcome to attend & brainstorm on how to launch the committee.

September 25 – The CPC committee has been asked to participate in a workshop at the Kingwood Group on "Carrying the Message". The presentation will be to current AA members. The workshop is to help AA members become more familiar with the various volunteer and service opportunities available.

CPC committee will be attending the Spectrum Training in October. Discussion is currently ongoing as to whether or not attend only the health fair and/or to host a table and man it at various hours.

Districts 90, 10 and 40 have very active committees and are doing a great job in carrying the message to professionals.

Our next meeting is August 1, 7:15pm at the Council on Alcohol and Drugs at 303 Jackson Hill St., Houston. We meet monthly on the first Monday of the month, unless attending an assembly. We would be happy to attend any of your meetings & educate your groups on our committee work.

# <u>Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC)</u> – Chair: Fritz B Alt CFC Chair: David K

Greetings from the Correctional Facilities Committee-We're supporting Intergroup's Roundup Saturday, August 6, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Houston Council on Alcohol and Drugs.

Sunday, August 6, 2011, at Distrito 66, 5645 Hillcroft, Suite 410, in Houston, TX 77036, Area 67's CFC Committee will conduct a workshop on how to start & conduct meetings in prison.

The Multi-lingual Committee will attend & translation will be available for English to Spanish & vice versa. Please attend and bring a sponsee.

September 8, 9 and 10, the Area 67 CFC Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Suites Hotel, 9090 Southwest Freeway. Speakers will include Amy M. from Rocky Mount, N.C., Brian S., Plano Texas, Leroy T., Dayton Texas and Rito V., Houston, Texas. The TDCJ will conduct an orientation training session Saturday, September 11, for new volunteers & retrain current volunteers. (Retraining is required every two years). Saturday morning will be panel discussions with jail, prison & legal professionals as well as current volunteers. Please plan to attend & bring your entire home group

Our committee meets every third Wednesday (except Assembly months) at 7:30 pm at the Delta Club, 6400 Westpark, Houston, Texas. During Assemblies we meet in an assigned room at 4:00 pm. Our next meeting is August 16, at 7:30 PM at the Delta Club. Please join us!

#### Finance Committee Report- Finance Chair: Mary M

No Report Provided

Grapevine Chair: Sam C Alt Chair: Josette B

No Report Provided.

# Information Technology (IT) Chair: Steve E Alt Chair: Eddie A

- 1. General
  - a. IT Committee continues to meet monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at the West Houston Community Center at 4:00 pm
  - b. SETA IT NEEDS YOUR HELP! The following IT positions are open:
    - i. support (provides technical support for SETA-owned IT resources)
    - ii. webmaster (maintains SETA website)
    - iii. postmaster (maintains SETA e-mail system)
- 2. Support
- a. the hard-drive on the webmaster laptop has been replaced; the machine is fully operational
- b. the SETA Secretary laptop appears to be dead; the issue is being investigated
- c. for support issues regarding SETA owned IT resources, please contact <a href="mailto:support@aa-seta.org">support@aa-seta.org</a>.
- 3. Web
  - a. routine posting of minutes, fliers, meeting times, etc.
  - b. The committee has continued to work on drafting Web Guidelines to be presented and voted on at a future assembly.
  - c. for website issues please contact webmaster@aa-seta.org.
- 4. E-Mail
  - a. Final draft of SETA E-Mail Guidelines was presented & approved at the July, 2011 Area Assembly & will be posted in a Guidelines section of the Information Technology page of the SETA website

- b. We are continuing to look into resolving the spam issue & working out kinks regarding accessing SETA Webmail thru devices such as smart phones and Microsoft outlook.
- c. for e-mail related issues please contact <a href="mailto:postmaster@aa-seta.org">postmaster@aa-seta.org</a>.

#### La Viña - Chair: Angel Moya Alt Chair: Carlos Urbina

Friends, I hope you are enjoying another 24 hours of sobriety. As I serve the Committee, I am present at the sessions of La Vina in the Districts & also at the Interdistrict reunions and at the reunions of the (4) committees of La Vina and more.

I was present at District 62 to motivate La Vina in that area for different reasons: they do not gather as a committee, nor do they get together with the other committees.

District 63 continues with reunions on Thursday from 8:00 P.M. on. They get together with their District in sharing with other groups, with the (4) committees of La Vina and everything that concerns AA and La Vina and they have (80) subscriptions.

The La Vina Committee meets on Tuesday at District 64 at 8:00 P.M.

They share with groups & accompany the District to the meetings of the (4) committees of La Vina and more. The committee for District 64 & other committees of La Vina are working together on the celebration of the (15) years of La Vina. This event will take place at District 65 on August 14, 2011. They have (68) subscriptions this year alone.

Friends, District 65 does not have a committee formed, but they do have a volunteer, an MCD & ALT that works with La Vina. They attend all the reunions of La Vina and others. They have (19) subscriptions.

District 66 and its committee La Vina meet on Tuesday from 8:00 P.M. on. They have (6) RLV and (3) ALT. This committee accompanies the District when they share with the groups. They support groups with displays of La Vina and participate in District reunions for La Vina & others. They have (105) subscriptions.

### Literature - Chair: Tom K Alt Chair: Vernon L.

In order to get acquainted, the Literature Committee members have visited 10 district committees (including Spanish Speaking) and two AREA SERVICE committees so far this year.

In the last 2 Quarters of supporting and "promoting" the conferenceapproved literature documenting UNITY, SERVICE and RECOVERY (specifically in the Pamphlets), we keep growing in understanding, effectiveness and... PARTICIPATION! We still could use a secretary since the chairperson is not much good at that! We only carry samples & encourage the Fellowship to provide themselves with the literature available at our Central Office, as is recommended in AA Guidelines & in accordance with the 7thTradition.

Also in June, the Committee participated in a TFC-Bridge the Gap (BTG) presentation in District 32 at the home of the Champions Group to those in and interested in AREA CFC efforts to do the same kind of liaison with our inmates being released in this Area. It was a very interesting Workshop. District 51 enjoyed the revival of your Literature Committee's Puppet Show Presentation on Pamphlets the last Saturday of June before the Assembly.

We welcome your invitation to do the same for your District or Service Committee & welcome your representative(s) to our monthly meeting on the last Saturday of the month @ noon immediately after the D-51 meeting(s) in Room A at the Delta Club, 6400 Westpark, Houston. We also have a few jobs on the Committee for your sponsees!

#### Multi-Lingual Committee- Chair: Ricardo D Alt Chair: OPEN

At the last Assembly we had 9 people volunteer for the committee. On May 4th we were at district 66 for the inter-district meeting where we helped to translate for the Area Chair & the Alternate Delegate. We were also present on June 18<sup>th</sup> at district 62 & July 2<sup>nd</sup> at district 64 for the delegate's conference report translations. Below is a list of all documents translated & sent to trusted servants in the area.

DATE	Document	Sent to:
4/08/2011	Alt Delegate Reports Apr Assembly	Alt Delegate
4/08/2011	11.04 Sp. Asamblea April	Area Chair
4/18/2011	Correspondencia del SETA	Area Secretary
5/18/2011	1105 OPEN ALT CHAIR	Bi-Lingue Chair
6/02/2011	GSC Highlights Handout - Spanish	Delegate
6/02/2011	nophotos_61st GSC	Delegate
6/02/2011	61st GSC SETA_2	Delegate
6/02/2011	61st GSC SETA_1	Delegate
6/07/2011	1107 Nsitr AGENDA Sp	Delegate
6/14/2011	Guias de correo electronico	IT Committee
6/16/2011	1107 Nwsitr-SP	Area Chair
6/17/2011	Abril-2011_Spanish Minutes	Area Secretary

## Newsletter - Chair: Linda C, Alt Chair: OPEN

We now have a second bulk mailing permit in Huntsville. I ordered enough imprinted envelopes with the new Huntsville permit number for the remainder of this term. I also gave about 1500 printed envelopes to Melissa R, Area Secretary, to be used for Area Minutes or other mail.

I also gave her about 500 unprinted envelopes to be sent to the printer along with the unprinted ones she already has.

There were a few snafus with this issue, the biggest with the USPS! First I was told I didn't need a separate permit which would have saved money; that wasn't true. Second, a postal employee steered me wrong on the separation of the zip codes which resulted in charging me too little and I had to pay an additional amount. Then the same postal worker wasn't clear about where money for the mailings needed to be deposited so the Houston office had plenty and Huntsville had zero! That has been cleared up so future mailings should go without a hitch.

Arrangements with Shiloh Printing worked really well. Envelopes and newsletters were shipped in a very timely manner. The one snag was a weak shipping box and the Fed-ex driver.

Newsletter Committee volunteers this month included Huntsville-area members from the Simplicity and Huntsville groups. My gratitude goes out to them for stepping up.

The newsletter articles were scantier than I would have liked this quarter. However, there was room for a few short translated articles.

I look forward to receiving articles from all standing committees & districts for future issues.

# Public Information (PI) Committee- Chair: Debra R Alt Chair; OPEN

At the Area Assembly PI Committee Meeting, we discussed the following and decided:

- Decision was made to disconnect the PI phone number;
- Discuss with Budget Committee how to amend the PI Budget;
- District 40 brought a copy of ad in the local magazine Outsmart;
- The Newsletter printed a picture of the District 40 Billboard.

I'm so excited & encouraged to know so many people are stepping up to carry the message & ensure that the PI Committee will be there when anyone is asking "what is AA?" If your District has a PI Committee, let us know. Contact us at pi@aa-seta.org.

#### SCAP - Chair: Robin F. Alt Chair: OPEN

SCAP met yesterday (7/9/11) at Assembly where we discussed the State Convention Attendance Promotion (SCAP) Hospitality Suite. At the SETA Convention in January, we served food & promoted the State Convention held in June. We discussed foods to be prepared, decorations, etc.

We meet again on 7/16/11 at the Brazos Club in District 33 at 1:30 P.M.

Please join us for fellowship & to discuss ways to be of service at the SETA Convention in January at Moody Gardens.

For directions or questions, please contact Mike D (972) 268-4956 or me, Robin F (979) 224-6055.

Treatment Facility Committee – TFC Chair: John O Alt: Tracy W The Committee did a Workshop on Bridge the Gap with District 32 & CFC on how a "Bridge the Gap" program is started & how it could be used for CFC. We're doing a workshop for D- 40 next Tuesday & one for District 31 in September. We have two new facilities that want a meeting & maybe a Bridge the Gap Program. For now, the committee has tabled "Special Needs", pending more information.

We still plan to have monthly meetings, but for now we're meeting at the assembly. It you'd like the TFC Committee to present a Workshop for your District, contact me or Tracy.

## SETA 67 July 9, 10, 2011 Final Motions

#### **SETA Mailings**

Motion passed unanimously and is effective immediately.

#### IT/Web Guidelines

Motion to adopt the proposed Guidelines through Section 3 - (Proposed Guidelines posted on SETA Website). Motion passed with (1) opposed.

#### **Motion to hold an Area Committee Inventory**

Motion passed unanimously. Chair will appoint Ad-Hoc Committee.

# Motion to Provide SETA Convention Financial Report to Houston Intergroup

Motion passed with (1) opposed. No Minority Opinion offered.

#### 2012 Proposed Budget

Motion failed. Budget Committee to meet again. A break-down of budget items is to be made available for GSRs to take to their Groups, and vote on the Motion at the October 2011 Assembly.

## Motion to hold an Area Assembly Inventory

Motion passed unanimously. Chair will appoint Ad-Hoc Committee.

SETA COMMITTEE ROLL CALL						
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Called by Peggy M			SENT		_	SENT
POSITION	NAME	7/9/11	7/10/11		07/09/11	
AREA DELEGATE-Panel 61	Deborah D	X	X	Patrick C	X	X
AREA CHAIRPERSON	ZBM	X	х	Randee B	Х	X
AREA Registrar	Peggy M	X	X	Jennifer E	<u> </u>	
AREA Secretary	Melissa R	X	X	Holly D		
AREA Treasurer	Ronald C	X	X	Kris H	X	X
AREA Archives	Sherri B	X	X	OPEN		
AREA CPC Chair	Beth Y	X	X	Katherine M	x	X
AREA CFC Chair	Fritz B		X	David K		
AREA Finance Chair	Mary M	X	X	OPEN		
AREA Grapevine Chair	Sam C	X	X	OPEN		
AREA Web-IT	Steve E	X	X	OPEN		
AREA Le Vine Cheir	J. Angel M			Carlos U		
AREA Literature	Tom K	х	x	OPEN		
AREA Multilingual	Ricardo D			OPEN		
AREA Newsletter	Linda C	х	х	OPEN		
AREA PI Cheir	Debra R	х	х	OPEN		
AREA SCAP	Robin F	х	х	OPEN		
AREA TFC	John O	х	х	Tracy W	x	х
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DCM District 10	Dave P	x	х	Joy M	х	х
DCM District 20	Troy B	x	<u> </u>	Stuart F	† ^	x
DCM District 31	Barbara G	×	x	West G	х	x
DCM District 32	Jim K	x	x	Jeff H	<u></u>	
DCM District 33	Teresa O	T x	x	Karen S	x	х
DCM District 40	Brad H	T x	x	Jes K	<del>  ^</del>	
DCM District 51	Randy R	+ <b>^</b>	<u> </u>	Charles H	1	
DOM District 52	Barbara L	+-		Jeff H	+	x
DCM District 60	Melanie M	X		OPEN	<del>                                     </del>	
DOM District 62		X		Francisco M	x	
DCM District 63	Magdalena D Ricardo R	X		Edwin C	<del>  ^</del>	
		+	<b>-</b>		+	
DCM District 64	Ricardo C	X	X	Adan T	1	
DCM District 65	Ramiro Y	+	<u> </u>	Moises L	-	
DCM District 66	Carlos F	X	X	OPEN	-	
DCM District 70	Jeff S	+		Marcial		
DCM District 81	Randy B	X		Stevi M	Х	
DCM District 82	Kim R	X	X	Rick M		
DCM District 90	∐oyd (Junior) G	X	X	Ricky L	-	
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Liaison to Brazos Valley Intergroup	Charles R	X	X		1	
Houston Intergroup	Lee G	X	x			
Ninth District Intergroup	Dennis McD					
Oficina Intergroupal Hispano De Houston 83,84,85	OPEN					
Intergroupo Hispano Del South West (66)	OPEN					
SETA 2012 Convention Chair	Charles R			OPEN		
SETA 2013 Convention Chair	Melanie M			OPEN		

FROM: SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA ASSEMBLY

To: GROUP TREASURER

The 7th Tradition of Alcoholics Anonymous suggests "Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. "Self-support includes financial support of AA entities that support the group.

These entities are: (1) General Service Office, (2) Southeast Texas Area Assembly, (3) District, and (4) Intergroup. Each entity supports your group in important ways: carrying the message around the world, answering telephones and taking 12-

step calls, and keeping you informed about AA.

Please support each of these group services with Contributions from your group treasury after all Group expenses have been met. As a guide to deciding how to distribute group funds, SETA, with its knowledge of local activities and costs of these services suggests the percentages in the chart to the right. All group contributions should be made in accordance with your informed group conscience.

Groups without an active GSR are urged to elect one.

Districts without an active DCM usually Increase contributions to other AA entities by a % voted on by the group.



□ District
20%
□ GSO 30%
□ SETA 30%
□ Intergroup
20%

**Intergroup Addresses** 

Spanish Intergroup Office Northwest
4800 W. 34 <sup>th</sup> St Suite C-5
Houston, TX 77092, Ph/Fax: 713-683-9277
Email: oficinaintergrupalhouston@yahoo.com
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Houston Intergroup	Brazos Valley Intergroup	9 <sup>th</sup> District Intergroup	Spanish Intergroup S w
4140 Directors Row	837 Harvey Mitchell	6640 Eastex Fwy.	5412 Birdwood Road, B
Suite D-E	Parkway	#149-A	Houston, TX 77096
Houston, TX 77092	Bryan, TX 77807	Beaumont, TX 77708	713-661-6833 Email: intergrupo@aahouston hispano.org

The forms below are for your convenience. Please cut the forms apart, sending one form with a contribution to each of the entities the group wishes to support

FROM: Group Amount \$	Service No
TO:	INTERGROUP (addresses listed above)
	Service No
TO:	GSO, P. O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, NY, NY 10163
FROM: Group Amount \$	Service No
TO:	SETA, P. O. Box 130433, Houston, Texas 77219
FROM: Group Amount \$	Service No
TO: the District's	District #(See SETA Website: www.aa-seta/org/district and go to page for address information.)