

# **South East Texas Area Assembly**

**of Alcoholics Anonymous  
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## **January Assembly**

**Saturday and Sunday  
January 7, 8, 2012**

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Galveston, Texas 77554  
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***This we owe to A.A.'s future; to place our common welfare first  
to keep our Fellowship united. For upon A.A. unity depend our  
lives and the lives of those to come.***

**January 2012  
SETA Assembly MOTIONS**

1. **MOTION:** The New Day Group, District 81, Area 67, proposes adding "Non-alcoholics may attend as observers" to our Singleness of Purpose Statement that was approved by the GSC in 2003 and is used in a number of our conference approved pamphlets.

**Information:**

CPC/PI: Proposed changes to "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community", "Is there an Alcoholic in the Workplace?", "A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional", "How A.A. Members Cooperate with the Professionals", "If you are a Professional, A.A. Wants to Work with You", "Members of the Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous", "Information on Alcoholics Anonymous" and "Alcoholics as a Resource for Drug and Alcohol Court Professionals".

**CFC:** The Singleness of Purpose Statement is currently used in Conference approved material to carry the message to professionals through our Correctional Committees in "A Message to Correctional Professionals".

Full background copies were distributed at the October Assembly. See [www.aa-seta.org](http://www.aa-seta.org) home page or chairperson's page for copy.

2. **MOTION:** Meetings of the Service Committees for the Southeast Texas Area shall be open for attendance by any AA member.

**Information:**

The Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee Protocol recommended, and the Area Committee approved: *That the AC Chair presents to the Assembly a proposal for a straight up or down vote on whether all SC meetings in SETA should be open.*

The full report was verbally presented at the October Assembly.

**3 ELECTIONS –**

**ALTERNATE SECRETARY**

**LIAISON TO HISPANIC INTERGROUP – South**

**GRAPEVINE CHAIRPERSON**

**SCAP (State Convention Attendance Promotion) CHAIRPERSON**

**SETA 2014 CONVENTION CHAIR (Beaumont)**

**SETA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY**  
**Area Committee Meeting**  
**Saturday October 1, 2011**

- I. **Opening** - Chair, ZBM opened the meeting at 8:33 A.M.
- II. **Preamble** – Alternate Chair, Gary S
- III. **Registrar** - Peggy M. Report: Peggy said she received reports that many didn't receive the Newsletter via email; she'll confer with Steve E, IT Chair, about the distribution list and report back later.

Roll Call

- IV. **Area Committee Minutes** – July: Secretary - Melissa R  
Report: Melissa noted that the July Minutes were longer than ever at (40) pages; she's been instructed to not edit reports, resulting in ever higher printing costs. Reports should be held to what can be said in two minutes.

July Area Committee Minutes: no questions or corrections.

- V. **Treasurer's Report**- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: Treasurer - Ron C  
Ron noted that the Reserve Fund for Archives Repository is down to \$18K & there is now less than two years to go in funding it.  
Ron noted that we're spending less than budgeted; however, we're bringing in less than budgeted too. (See Sunday for more details)

Treasurer's Report: no questions from the Area Committee.

- VI. **Chair's Report** - **ZBM**

If you're having problems & would like to discuss in a group or in private, call me. Our main concern is communication: to, for and among the Committee and the membership. We serve together as a Committee of the Area and we can all learn & grow, from both the good and the bad.

Because of the two approved actions affecting the P&PM, the workload for the Officers has increased. We had a "meeting of the minds" to work out the logistics of staying not only within the word of the Motions, but within the spirit.

We hope the paperwork goes easier after this Assembly. I'm asking all members of the Area Committee to help with the process. Please submit your reports to the secretary electronically, and in both English and Spanish, if possible. Within each District, possibly within each group, there is someone who is bilingual. Ask for assistance & get your report translated for submission. This applies for the reports submitted for the Minutes as well as articles for the Newsletter. If you keep your written report for the Minutes as long as can be verbalized in two minutes, it will be appreciated.

- ZBM informed the assembled that the planned Speaker, Ann B, had cancelled due to ill health.
- ZBM announced that Paul M would be the Speaker Saturday.
- ZBM also noted questionnaires for "'Special Needs' Committee: is there a need?" and asked for responses.

**VII. Delegate Comments- Deborah D, Panel 61**

Good Morning and Greetings to Everyone-

It's great to be with you this weekend. It seems like a long time since we were last together. I've been very busy the past 3 months.

The purpose of the DCM/Delegate sharing session is for you to talk about any concerns or challenges you're having in your districts or groups in your districts. It's also a place to ask 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 and what may not be working so well. These sessions are for you & it's a work in progress. We only have the Assembly to see each other face-to-face and talk things out.

We had a productive DCM/Delegate sharing session last night. If you weren't able to attend I have a request of all the DCM and 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 & phone number that you can be reached. I sometimes have occasions that I need to speak or forward an email from the GSO to you.

At our DCM sharing session we talked about a few things. One idea was for the Spanish & English districts to get together once or twice a year to fellowship and meet other GSRs. The DCMs will take that back to their Districts and see if they are willing to get together.

Also, I would love to get to more committee meetings; I have my calendar with me today. I hope to plan some visits.

I am looking forward to this weekend and to hear the various reports. My full report will be tomorrow.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

**VIII. Alt Delegate Comments- Patrick C, Panel 61**

Good morning, my name is Patrick C and I am grateful to be serving you as your Alternate Delegate Panel 61, Area 67.

Our Delegate, Deborah and I have been able to travel together to many events where many of our Area Officers and Trusted Servants have been present as well. This is really helping me feel a part of our service family. I want to share a little about two of the events.

The Santa Fe Group 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was a fun event! Dana H, the program coordinator, put together a great program. One of the highlights was sitting and eating at a table with the City of Santa Fe Mayor and the Justice of the Peace. The Mayor and Judge are great friends of AA & I appreciated that this group takes this opportunity to reach out & perform CPC service work with partners in the community who are also playing a role in the fight against problems with alcohol.

I attended and was asked to open the first night of The Correctional Facilities 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Correctional Service Conference. Again I saw some of my area friends in service but also met some new people dedicated to corrections service work for the first time. The Friday Speaker, Leroy T was a great speaker whom I remembered from the Old Timers Meeting at the International Convention in San Antonio. I liked him even when he pointed to me and said I was one of those political types in service that he did not like, while he was speaking at the microphone!

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.

**IX. Committee Sharing** – Newsletter, Chair: Linda C.

Linda reported issues with the electronic transfer of the Newsletter, saying that it was not received; she will meet with IT to learn why. Also, Linda will find out what happened with the mailed copies.

**X. District Sharing** – District 70, DCM: Marcial S

Marcial S introduced himself as the new DCM for District 70, saying that he had been the Alternate prior to Jeff stepping down. He said a lot have resigned, but he's visiting Groups to solicit volunteers. He hasn't gotten responses yet but plans to keep plugging on; hopefully some will become interested in service.

**XI. Unfinished Business** - Sunday's Agenda

Election of Liaison to Spanish Office Intergroup (South)

Election of Alternate Secretary

Motion – Hire Professional Translators

Motion – 2012 Budget

**XII. New Business**

1. Archives Capital Expenditure Request – Chair: Sherry B

Sherry commented briefly on the committee's proposal for a one-time budget increase for equipment and furniture. (See pg 25)

2. Proposed GSC Item - Literature, CPC and Singleness of Purpose

Presented by Paul M. ( See Revised Proposal on pg. 2 )

Paul outlined the need to add wording to our literature directed at the professional community, clarifying AA's singleness of purpose.

ZBM asked for a sense of the Area Committee; the consensus was to send the proposal on to the General Assembly. The delegate reported the deadline was AFTER the January assembly.

3. The Chair reported that she received a letter of resignation from Sam C, Grapevine Committee Chair, & from Robin F, SCAP Committee Chair. Please announce openings at your Groups.

Elections will be held at the January Assembly.

### XIII. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

#### A. "Committee Protocol" – Chair: Marvin W

The **A-HC** recommendations to the Area Committee are:

- 1) That the AC Chair present to the Assembly a proposal for a straight up-or-down vote on whether all SC meetings in SETA should be open.
- 2) Regardless of that outcome we strongly recommend that the AC Chair assigns each SC Chair the responsible duty to write their specific committee protocol guidelines for participation and voting.

The guidelines must be posted on each individual SC webpage and available to visitors at each meeting. Since no committee action in AA should be binding on the next Panel of SC Chairs, they can be changed if it is believed absolutely necessary.

ZBM asked for the sense of the Area Committee if the issue should go to the Area Assembly to decide if Standing Committee meetings are open or closed.

Vote was to forward the item, with one abstention.

#### B. "Area Committee Inventory" – Chair: Bonita W

Bonita presented the **A-HC**'s report; the findings were as follows:

"...it is the recommendation of this Ad-Hoc Committee on the Area Committee Inventory that Area 67 hold one Area Assembly Inventory, which all members of the Assembly may attend and participate".

ZBM called for a vote to combine the Area Committee & the Area Assembly Inventories.

Voting Results: In Favor to combine with (1) opposed and (1) abstention.

Minority Opinion - Patrick C: Area Committee members need to know what their jobs are; I think we *can* do a good job inventorying ourselves. It would give us responsibility for ourselves & doing our jobs.

Two wished to change their vote and a vote to revote was taken.

A majority was in favor of a Revote and discussion resumed.

- Bonita W noted that the Ad-Hoc Committee should be disbanded as it's the responsibility of the Area Committee to inventory itself. The Area Chair can declare a date for that inventory.
- Beth R said that a Workshop is needed on what it means to be a Trusted Servant, to address the desired qualities; what has been asked of them historically; what, beyond the title, does it mean.
- Dave P stated that the size of the project would be untenable; that he would change his vote.

Revote Results: (12) for combining the Inventories; (12) against.

ZBM stated that she would accept the **A-HC**'s findings as a final report and now that she knows that, as Chair, she can call for an Area Committee Inventory at any time - she will.

**IX. Additional Items** - ZBM asked if anyone had particular issues.

- Request that Area provide DCMs and GSRs with lists of those willing to facilitate District and Group Inventories.
- In regards to the proposed GSC Agenda Item - a desire was expressed that GSO make a statement to AA members about the definition of Open Meetings and make it uniform in all A.A. literature.
- Note: the deadline for submitting GSC Agenda Items is Jan.15, so there's time to take it to the Groups, make changes, etc.
- Request for assistance regarding Spanish Districts being billed for state taxes and penalties.

**X. Items for January Agenda Items:**

Election of SCAP Committee Chair (January)  
Election of Grapevine Committee Chair (January)  
Anonymity in this Digital Age – Workshop Topic  
**Other:** 2012 GSC Theme Workshop Topics

**XI. Announcements – Alt Chair: Gary S.**

District 10 is host of the current Assembly  
January Host District: District 33

Closed at 10:05 A.M. with the Declaration of Unity

**Area 67 Quarterly Assembly  
Area Assembly Meeting  
Sheraton IAH  
Saturday October 1, 2011**

- I. Open - General Assembly at 10:17 AM.
- II. Preamble to SETA Policies & Procedures Manual: Alt Chair- Gary S.
- III. Dave P, DCM of Host District 10, welcomed everyone, presented Tradition 9 and then turned the meeting over to the Area Chair.

ZBM asked the Assembly to submit reports in Spanish as well as English, if possible. She then called for District Reports.

**IV. District Reports**

Presented at various times over Assembly weekend. (Pg 26-33)

**V. Workshops** (Conducted at varying times on Saturday)

1 Archives Committee Capital Expenditure Request – Sherry B (Pg 25)

2 Hire Professional Translator – Presentation: District 66

Carlos F, MCD of Dist 66, presented a Motion which raised a lot of questions & concerns. Chief among them were that no hard costs were specified and, the Motion included wording which stated that a translator would be hired to translate at “Conventions” as well as Assemblies. After much discussion, it was determined that certain items need to be addressed: Motion to include a financial cap; when when it’s to take effect; and does it include written translations.

ZBM asked Dist 66 to amend the motion to address these concerns and bring it back to the Sunday Assembly.

3 Presentation: 2012 Budget – Finance Chair: Mary M

Mary stated that the Budget Committee had met again on Aug. 6 to readdress the Proposed Budget as requested at the July Assembly. She noted that several Budget-holders did not attend this second meeting either, but that most sent their budgets to her; that some were left “as is” & others the Committee voted to decrease.

Copies of the break-out budget items and cost centers were sent via email to all Assembly members for whom addresses were available.

Questions arose as to why the revised budget wasn’t very different from the previous proposal, including Secretary & Newsletter budget for print & postage. Noted that the new budget was about \$1400 less, that the Repository was a separate deal & not on this budget.

It was noted that the Assembly had not been questioning the amount so much as what it was for; hence the line-item breakdown request.

Mary M thanked the Budget Committee again, then addressed the Assembly saying that the Finance Committee is an oversight



entity and doesn't have a final say on anything. She said that as Chair, she put a lot of thought into who would make up her committee & she hoped she didn't offend anyone that wasn't included. Mary said that neither the Finance nor Budget Committees are secretive; she went on to say that she's taken a hard look at this and questions whether she wants to continue in this position; that never has she seen the Finance Chair, Finance Committees or Budget Committees attacked in this manner.

Mary agreed to provide copies of the budget item breakdowns for the Sunday session.

(Contact Area Chair or Finance Chair for copy of Proposed Budget and itemized line items)

The Assembly broke for lunch at 12:00 P.M.

ZBM opened the afternoon session at 1:15 P.M.

Dave P, DCM of District 10, presented Concept 9.

ZBM recognized new DCMs and GSRs, and welcomed them.

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#### **VII. Workshop - Trusted Servants: What, How & Why: Betsy G.**

**Panel: Fritz B, Tom K** (Report on pg 23)

Fritz B presented as a Standing Committee Chair & Tom K as a DCM. Betsy G offered insight gained from 21+ years of service.

#### **VIII. Ad-Hoc Committee on Area Committee Inventory - Report**

Bonita W, Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee, reported that the Area Committee Inventory will not be held; that it's the purview of the Area Chair to call for one if she decides it is needed.

ZBM announced again about the Special Needs questionnaires and the greeting card for Ann B, who cancelled due to ill health. ZBM also announced that Paul M would be the evening's Speaker in Ann B's absence.

Break at 2:45; the session resumed at 2:55 PM.

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#### **X. Assembly Inventory Workshop – Chair: Beth R.** (Report on pg 24)

Panel: Ginna M, Terry V.S., Alison H, Mike D, Julio J, Gary S, Jeff H  
Beth gave a synopsis of the process of the Area Inventory; then broke attendees into (4) Round Tables, which came up with questions for the inventory. Beth noted that she may send the questions for printing to the Newsletter so all can be thinking about them.

The Inventory is set for April, July and October 2012 Assemblies.

All to bring SETA P&P Manual, Service Manual and Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions.

ZBM called for a 10-minute break, saying that afterwards the Service Committee Meetings would begin.

She announced that the Speaker Meeting would be held at 7:30 PM, with Paul M as Speaker; and that the Assembly would reconvene at 8:30 Sunday morning.

The afternoon session concluded at 4:20 PM.

XI. **Standing Committee Meetings**

(Meetings held from 4:30 PM to 6PM)

XII. **Speaker Meeting** at 7:30PM, Paul M, Delegate - Panel 53, shared his experience, strength and hope.

Closed at 9:00 P.M.

**Area 67 Quarterly Assembly  
Area Assembly Meeting  
Sheraton IAH  
Sunday October 2, 2011**

- I. Open: ZBM opened the meeting at 8:35 AM with the Serenity Prayer
- II. Preamble: Alt Chair – Gary S.
- III. Welcome Past Delegates: Mike D, Paul M, Harold P, Betsy G, Marvin W, Gus H and Beth R.

Recognize New GSRs and DCMs

**IV. Registrar: Peggy M**

We're getting reports that the Newsletter was not received by email; We've had problems with our distribution lists & Steve E is working on it, so please be patient.

Roll Call - for Area Committee members

**V. Secretary – Melissa R**

Good morning- I want to give an update on the website postings:

All of 2010 & 2011 to-date approved Minutes have been edited & posted to the Secretary's page of the SETA Website. Copies of the 2009 Minutes have been located, thanks to Betsy G and ZBM!

My plan is to focus on compiling the October Minutes first. With the increased participation of Districts and the greater number of workshops and business in general, the Minutes have grown & Multi- Lingual needs time to translate.

Betsy has offered, and I've accepted, to assist in cleansing the 2009 records. Steve E has promised to post as soon as they're released to the IT Committee.

Next: I hate to be repetitive – but I need your reports! I need them electronically as well as hard copy. NO PDF, PLEASE! I just have to retype. I ask for hard copy because I have to submit electronic & hard copy records to Archives; making copies of all the reports chips away at the Secretary's budget for printing costs.

If you give a report at this Assembly- this means you--Workshop Reports, Convention Reports, Intergroup Liaisons, Officers, Standing Committee Chairs and DCMs. Everyone who gives a report at this Assembly is responsible for submitting paper and electronic copy of that report.

The Spanish Districts were asked - and they have responded- to provide reports in both English and Spanish. For the rest, if it is possible, please provide reports in both English and Spanish. And if not, then provide the report speedily!

Suggestion: when you type up your report, click a couple more keys & email it to the Secretary—then you're done! Some are already doing that & thank you!

In order to lower printing and postage costs, please give your email address to the Registrar. In order to lower printing and postage costs, please confine your reports to what you can give verbally in two minutes. Send your chatty news to Linda C for the Newsletter. If you have any questions, I'm available to you.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

July Minutes were accepted as circulated.

#### **VI. Treasurer Report – Ron C.**

Ron pointed out that the bank statement is as of the end of August; because this assembly was so early this quarter, he hasn't received the September statement. His report included the following points:

- Archives Repository's balance in the 3-year fund is \$18,053.98 so expenses run around \$9K/year. Fund was set up in October a year ago, so must plan ahead to continue funding it.
- Income this quarter was around \$11K & expenses ran less than \$12K; for the year, we're spending less than we're bringing in.
- While we're spending less than budgeted amount, we're also bringing in less than budgeted amount: about \$3K difference in the income and budgeted amount right now.
- At this time, we have \$3560.05 in unrestricted funds.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as circulated.

#### **VII. Alternate Chair: Gary S. Report -**

My report is short & sweet. The Alt Chair is responsible for assisting & helping the Area Chairperson in his responsibility to the members of Alcoholics Anonymous, within the geographic area of the SE Texas Area. Additional responsibility includes acting as your hotel liaison, to see that your comfort is maintained and that any problem encountered with your reservation or accommodation is handled expediently.

I'm also looking for volunteers to form a search committee to solicit bids for the 2013-14 hotel contract period. Contact me if you wish to serve

on this committee. I need persons familiar with hotels in & around the Greater Houston Area. The Alternate Chair is additionally charged with the responsibility of printing & maintaining *Policies & Procedures Manuals*. Please put your name in them & take them home to use. The new booklet format is for your convenience. Due to increased cost of printing, please take care of your copy, don't lose or misplace it & bring it back to the next assembly.

#### **VIII. Chair's Report: ZBM - Report -**

As Chair of the Area, among my responsibilities is the Assemblies, formulating the agendas, which takes a lot of time. If you want to see anything done in a workshop or topic let me know. If you have a problem with it let me know.

In the past quarter, I've driven over 900 miles. I've visited 2 Groups, 8 Districts, two committee functions, a Traditions presentation, dinner with the Delegate and Alternate and a "meeting of the minds" with the Area Officers. Much was accomplished in that quarter.

Much has to be done, as Melissa mentioned, in order to get information to GSRs by the first of the month prior to the Assembly, so we met to work out the logistics of that in order to make it easier on us and to

accomplish what the Assembly wanted. And I think we have it down; we'll see better in January. Again -get your email address to the Registrar; it facilitates to receive Minutes, Newsletters, announcements, Motions, Agendas and any changes.

Ann B who was to be our Speaker, cancelled due to health reasons; there are cards on the side table, if you'd like to sign them. There's a questionnaire about the need for a Special Needs committee also. If you haven't filled one out, please do so.

The Grapevine Chair has resigned & that will be addressed under New Business. The SCAP Committee Chair has also resigned. This will also be handled in New Business & I'll be looking for recommendations for interim Acting-Chairs from these committees.

I've asked Committee Chairs & Chairs of Standing Committees, if you have a report for the Secretary: if you can submit reports in both English & Spanish, please do so; if not, please submit your reports quickly so we can get them to the proper translating people.

The Archives Committee, because we now lease office space, received a notice from Harris County Appraisal District for taxes. It's really a filing process, there's no money involved as the assets are less than \$20K, but it's something that has to be done on a yearly basis. So far the School District hasn't sent anything, but we'll be on the alert for that as well.

And that's all. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

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

Good Morning and Greetings to Everyone,

It's great to be with you this weekend. It seems like a long time since we were last together. I have been very busy the past 3 months. I have given 14 district reports & have 3 more to give in the next few weeks. One district took the information and handouts and gave the report to their district. Having the opportunity to give the Conference report & seeing all the districts participating has been a wonderful experience. Meeting with all of you before and after, sharing your struggles & successes has taught me more than you could know. I'm looking forward to going back to your districts to hear your feedback from the conference report. Some of the districts are very engaged and hungry for more. My hope is to get to more of the Standing Committee meetings & hear what activities you are doing & hearing about your successes and struggles. Traveling around the area, I see that it isn't struggles, it's growing opportunities. The districts have been very attentive to Patrick & me. We really do enjoy visiting the districts. Everywhere Patrick & I go, we're greeted with love & gratitude.

In the past 3 months I attended several workshops, D82 Unity Day, D90 convention, Sante Fe Anniversary & had the honor of doing the

Bienvenida for the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of La Vina, all of which were fun-packed and a great opportunity to meet new friends. Also, in August I conducted the AA membership survey. I have a quick story to share about the survey. At one meeting there was a sign that said "the survey has arrived". I thought they put that sign up just for me and the group. The survey was for the church- not me! The groups that participated in the survey were from D70, D90, D81 and D31. All of the groups were happy to oblige & I stayed for food and fellowship. Meeting other fellow AAs was terrific; my hope is that I can return and show the groups the results of the membership survey. I thank Patrick C., Marcia P. and Barbara G. for their help.

We have lots of things going on this weekend. I'm looking forward to hearing all the workshops and reports. 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.

Last month I sent an email to everyone that came from Clayton V, Regional Trustee, concerning a Grapevine Director, Don M, and the Chairman of the Board Ward Ewing. I do not have anything new to report, the proxy vote will take place October 19<sup>th</sup>. As soon as I have more information I will email everyone with the results.

I also received an email & was informed by others about AAWS selling AA literature to Wal-Mart. The answer is yes Wal-Mart has sold literature, but A.A.W.S. is not selling any books for a discount, nor did they sell directly to Wal-Mart. They sell to anyone who wants to purchase for the same price sold to Intergroups & Central Offices.

Now, I would like to report on happenings at the **General Service Office (G.S.O.) & Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.)**.

#### Manager's Report

- General manager, Phyllis H, offered special congratulations to Joe Moglia (nonalcoholic) in the Mail/Shipping Department who recently celebrated *45 years of service* with GSO. He not only hits the high mark for longevity in the office but is the only current employee who was on staff with Bill W.!
  
- The Archives staff recently completed the conversion of thousands of its digital files to a TIFF file format - a stable, widely adopted uncompressed file format, recommended by the National Archives and Records Administration of the U.S. (NARA). Using this format, along with some additional changes to our electronic files, will help us secure the long-term performance, management and preservation of our digital library.

### Services

- AAWS recently requested an unauthorized source to stop posting *Daily Reflections* online without permission & to refrain from emailing daily excerpts to subscribers because this infringed on the copyright of this book, and they have complied. G.S.O. subsequently received over 800 emails and calls from users of this service protesting the AAWS action. A number of these emails asked that GSO might post this book and provide the service they received from the web site. A.A.W.S. is considering this.
- The 2011 AA Membership Survey packets were mailed to delegates who are facilitating their distribution to the randomly selected groups in their respective areas.
- The new pamphlet, titled “A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs” will be available sometime this fall; the revised pamphlet “*The A.A. Member—Medications and Other Drugs*”, approved by the 2011 Conference, is expected in August 2011.

### Publishing

- For the first six months of 2011, AAWS distributed 904,368 pieces of A.A. literature. This compares to 864,161 for the first six months of 2010, a 4.7% increase. Gross profit on literature was \$127,000 ahead of budget.
- The *eBook versions* of the Fourth Edition Big Book & *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* will be available for purchase on G.S.O.’s online store in English, French and Spanish in November 2011. These eBooks will be readable in a free App for the iPhone and iPad. EReader Apps that will allow readers to view these books on other devices, are planned to be available shortly after the initial rollout.
- The *revised Catalog* of Conference-Approved Literature & Other Service Material will be distributed with the summer issue of *Box 4-5-9*. For the first time, the catalog will include *items from the A.A. Grapevine*.

### Other

- AAWS board received a Copyright and Reprint Report presenting an overview of policies, practices and information. Preparation of the report included compiling lists of copyright & reprint requests and responses as well as inventorying the status of copyright on major A.A.W.S. works. This report will be valuable as the board reviews intellectual property questions and considers fair use of A.A.W.S. copyrighted material.

### Finance

For the first six months of 2011, *contributions* from A.A. groups and members of \$2,985,250 were \$21,470 under budget. Gross profit on *literature sales* of \$4,098,742 was \$127,079 over budget. Total

expenses of \$6,659,635 were \$312,321 under budget. *Net income* totaled \$424,712.

Area 67 Contributions statement for the six months ended 06/30/2011 are **36.76%**; in 2010 the contributions statement for the six months ended 06/30/2010 was **35.08%**.



**From the Grapevine:** AA Grapevine has published two new books, “Step by Step” and “Emotional Sobriety II”. I have requested from the GV statistics for our area regarding Subscriptions both Online and Paper copy. As soon as I get the reply I will let the Area know.

A motion was introduced that the General Service Board Chair establish a subcommittee to examine options for restructuring General Service Board ownership of the Grapevine magazine and for possible abandonment of the current corporate and operating structure. The motion was received and will be placed under Old Business at the 2011 October General Service Board Meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Joanie M addressed the Assembly, noting that several AA “giants” were close to the Walton family & that Wal-Mart selling AA literature is nothing new; there’s always been non-AAWS sales of literature.

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

Good morning, my name is Patrick C. and I am grateful to be serving you as your Alternate Delegate Panel 61, Area 67.

I want to take a moment to share about one of the principles I’ve been studying and trying to put into action, the principle of leadership. As I have learned, sometimes I have an idea of what a specific spiritual principle is and then I read about it and discuss it with others and gain better insight. I was challenged to read Concept 9 in The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service. The chapter details what I want to work towards in my service walk. To paraphrase, I do not want to be a faceless automaton trying to please everybody & I cannot pretend to be an A.A. leader with the most sterling judgment, morals and inspirations; a big doer, a prime example of all & practically infallible. “Real leadership, of course, has to function in between these entirely imaginary poles of hoped-for excellence.” We are all a part of the leadership in A.A. We have to try to stand for positions we’re going to work to fulfill and elect A.A. members to these service positions who



we feel are the most capable at the time of the vote. Each General Service Representative here today & the coffee-makers in our groups, are the future leaders of our Fellowship. I want to share with you a little about what I am trying to work on in my service program. The key for all this work is to make sure that my A.A. program is solid and that takes much effort. Sometimes effort which I am not willing to make. I thank my higher power for progress and not perfection.

**1. Update 2011 Gratitude Dinner:**

a. The District 32 2011 Gratitude Dinner Committee continues to work towards the upcoming event. I cannot say it enough, I want to give a big thank you to Paul M., Committee Chairperson, for the great job he and the committee are doing. The next meeting will be a site visit on October 5, 2011 at Jimmy Burke Activity Center in Deer Park, TX.

**2. Flyers:**

a. Flyers are available this weekend, thanks to Co-Host District 20!

**3. Speakers:**

a. The two speakers have been asked and have confirmed.

i. Nora B. (Little Rock, AR.) Past Delegate – Nora has booked her flight for a great rate.

ii. Angel M. (Houston, TX.) SETA La Vina Committee Chair

b. The Gratitude Dinner Committee reps & 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.

**4. District Commitments:**

a. Paul M. confirmed the district commitments with each of the DCMs and MCDs. If you're a GSR who does not know what your District's group AA members are responsible to bring, please see your DCMs and GSRs. If the DCMs need information, please see District 32 DCM, Jim K. or Gratitude Committee Chairperson Paul M.

**5. Funding the Gratitude Dinner:**

a. Update on the Gratitude Dinner Fund. Many Districts and Groups have contributed since the call for contributions I made at the July Assembly. Thank you. This year's dinner expenses are covered, according to our budget.

b. When this event is put on each year we have to ensure we have the incoming contributions to ensure next year's event is financially supported. Contributions from Districts, Groups & individual members since July 2011 have totaled \$830.00. Thank you to those who have contributed. The dollar amount still needed to increase the fund to cover next years event is \$722.00. Contributions can be made throughout this weekend! Send or give them to the SETA Area

Treasurer, Ronald C, and make sure the contribution includes a note that it is for the Gratitude Dinner Fund.

**6. Upcoming Regional Events:**

- a. The Southwest Regional Forum is next weekend, October 7- 9, in Wichita, KS. The event will be held at the Hilton Wichita Airport. I hope to see many of you attending. I want to issue a challenge to those attending from groups and districts. Take notes and bring back a report to your groups, districts, and even consider sharing the things you learn in the next area or district newsletters. We will all walk away with many different experiences so this is a great opportunity for information sharing. This is also an opportunity for each of us to meet and participate in general sharing sessions with other Southwest Region Trusted Servants. See you there!

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

**XI. Convention Reports**

2012 Convention – Chair: Charlie R Alt Chair: Mary M

The Committee has been meeting on a regular basis: monthly in Conroe, as well as at the Assemblies.

We're coming right along with all committees being right on time.

We have some excellent speakers lined up. We'll have history information from the first SETA Convention to the present – thanks to our Archives Committee. Flyers are going out and as well as pre-registration out in the hall. Please stop by and pre-register today. So far, (57) have pre-registered. Volunteers are needed!

Also, all DCMs that have not stopped by the registration desk please do so & pick up your envelope of flyers to take back to your Districts for distribution. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

2013 Convention – Chair: Melanie M Alt Chair: Troy B

Melanie announced the 2013 Theme: "We are people who normally would not mix".

**XII Ad-Hoc Committee Reports**

Job Descriptions – Report Chair: Tandy B

The ad hoc committee has been asked to review and update 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 and unity, so all will include sobriety and service requirements, as well as responsibilities, for each position.

This process confirmed that two of the job descriptions reviewed in July 2010 & posted on the SETA webpage weren't correct. The job descriptions posted for the SETA Delegate and the SETA Alternate Delegate have been recently updated with the necessary corrections. The Ad Hoc Committee plans to present some of the job descriptions, with suggested revisions, to the Area Committee for review in January 2012.

\* ZBM noted that it's a P&PM policy to review job descriptions every (2) years, prior to elections. If you see changes that need to be made in your job's description, send to Tandy B for review.

Area Committee Inventory – The committee is disbanded; the Area Chair has authority to call for this type of inventory, if she sees fit.

“Special Needs” – Report Chair: Jackie V (Report on pg 24-25) Jackie noted the questionnaire, saying the deadline for return is Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. She covered various pamphlets and ‘points of interest’.

Committee Protocol – Report

ZBM said that this Committee recommended & the Area Committee approved, to send to the Area Assembly for an up-or-down vote on whether Standing Committee meetings are open or closed. ZBM will prepare a report and present it as a Motion in January. It is up to the SC Chairs to decide, then announce at each meeting, who can attend, share and vote. The Ad-Hoc Committee is disbanded.

Area Assembly Inventory – Report Chair: Beth R (Report on pg 24) Inventory will be held April, July and October 2012.

Break taken at 10:00 AM; the session resumed at 10:15 AM

XIII. **Standing Committee Reports** – (See pages 33-40)

Break taken at 11:00 AM; the session resumed at 11:10 AM

XIV **Assembly Attendance – Registrar, Peggy M**

Peggy reported that attendance for this Assembly is (197) total for Saturday and Sunday; (77) Non-voting and (120) Voting members.

**Roll Call for Voting: Registrar, Peggy M: Count: 102**

Issues for Vote are all: Simple Majority

XV **Old Business**

Election of Liaison to Spanish Office Intergroup (South): None stood;  
Election of Alternate Secretary: None stood;

**Motion: 2012 Proposed Budget**

Vote: 89 In favor; 13 Against.

Minority Opinion: Randy B – Not a sound budget; can't rely on another windfall from a convention; doesn't reflect savings in print /postage from ET of Minutes and Newsletter. Group Contributions are down....

Marvin W -- Can't believe better budget than previous one wasn't presented; still unrealistic; doesn't reflect savings...

Two persons wanted to change vote after Minority Opinion. A vote to revote was taken. Simple Majority Vote: To Revote: 31; Against Revote: 54  
Motion Stands as Passed.

**Motion to Hire Professional Translator** (See pg 25)

Vote: 75 In favor; 14 Against.

Minority Opinion: Mary – Concerns about anonymity if translator isn't an AA member; and an opportunity for service is lost.  
Barbara G – The proposal changed without opportunity to take it to the Groups; not following P&PM policy.  
None wished to change their vote after Minority Opinion was heard.  
Motion Stands as Passed.

#### **XVI New Business**

**1) Motion: Archives Proposed 2011 Budget Increase** (See pg 25)

Vote: 52 In favor; 17 Against; 2 Abstained.

Minority Opinion: Gus H – I understand need for tables, chairs, but not PPT projector; maybe if I had more information, I would be for it.  
Dave P – not for spending more money on Archives.

None wished to change their vote after Minority Opinion was heard.  
Motion Stands as Passed.

**2) GSC Agenda Item: Literature – District 81**

Paul M asked that the proposal be circulated, then brought to the January Assembly for a vote, as there is time.

#### **January Assembly Topics**

Election for Spanish Intergroup – South: OPEN

Election for Alternate Secretary Position: OPEN

Area Chair appointed Francia C as Interim SCAP Chair, per the Committee's nomination. Election to be held in January.

Chair appointed Skipper M as Interim GV Chair, per Committee's nomination. Election to be held in January.

#### **FUTURE ASSEMBLIES:**

Suggested Workshop Topics -

Anonymity in the Digital Age

GSC Workshop Topics

#### **Announcements: Alt. Chair- Gary S.**

Volunteers needed for the Hotel Search Committee;

January Assembly Host District: District 33 January 7, 8, 2012

Moody Gardens Hotel, Galveston, TX;

April Assembly Host District: District 40 April 14, 15, 2012

Sheraton IAH, Houston, TX

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

District 90's "Gratitude Dinner" Nov 5, 5:30 – 9,

St. Andrew's, Beaumont;

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

SETA 67 Gratitude Dinner, Nov 20, 2 - 6 PM Jimmy Burke Activity Center, Deer Park, TX 77536

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

The Assembly closed at 1:05 P.M. with the Declaration of Unity.

Respectfully submitted:

Melissa R, Secretary

SETA 67, 2011- 2012

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

**New GSR Workshop- Facilitator: Tandy B. Recorder: Aletha**

The Workshop opened at 8:30 A.M. Attendees introduced themselves then Tandy B introduced Jennifer E, Alternate Registrar, who reviewed the website and the importance of updating Groups' information on the Group Change Form so information is current.

Tandy reviewed the following:

- The role of the GSR;
- A summary of Assembly procedures;
- Commonly used acronyms;
- The Area 67 Policy and Procedures Manual;
- 2011 SETA Calendar
- AA hand-outs and the GSR Packet.

Tandy B then introduced Jackie V, Chair of the Special Needs Ad-Hoc Committee, who discussed special needs & accessibility in order to determine if there's a need for this type of committee in Area 67.

The meeting closed at 9:35 AM

**Advanced GSR Workshop – Facilitators: Joy M & Alison W.**

Joy M, currently serving as Alternate DCM for District 10 & Alison W, past DCM for District 10 & current Literature Rep for the La Branch Group opened the Workshop at 8:30 AM.

They provided The AA Group pamphlet, The Twelve Traditions Illustrated and the Responsibility Statement on an AA wallet card as materials for discussion.

Topics covered were:

- What is a Home Group? Why is it important? Why is it important to a Newcomer? How can your Group better help the Newcomer?
- How and why does the General Service Structure serve in your Home Group? Do you have regular Business Meetings? Group Conscience Meetings? What are concerns you have regarding your Group? Do you feel that you're plugged in to the AA Service Structure?

The attendees then broke into groups for discussing these topics.

Workshop closed at 9:40 with the Responsibility Statement.

**Spanish GSR (RSG) Workshop- Facilitators: Austreberto R., Armando G.**

The meeting opened at 8:49 with the Serenity Prayer, then continued with the Legacy of Service.

The meeting was then turned over to Kathy J from the Special Needs Ad-Hoc Committee. She informed us this Committee is for disabled or handicapped members of AA, who can't attend meetings or groups because of accessibility. She said that there are (93) of these kind of committees in the US and Canada. She also motivates Area 67 and

handed out a questionnaire to the RSGs to take to their Groups; the deadline to return the questionnaires is December 15.

The meeting proceeded with Austreberto R from District 63, who presented the topic of Concept 1. It continued with Armando G of the Conroe Group, who spoke about the functions of RSGs.

A Q&A session followed. Attendees practiced the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and collected \$32, which was given to the Treasurer.

The meeting closed at 10:04 with the Responsibility Statement.

### **Workshop: Trusted Servants – How, What and Why – Betsy G.**

Betsy opened the Workshop & introduced the topic. She then read from Bill W's early writing about service committees & Tradition 9 and that the GSR was the most important member of the Area Assembly.

She then introduced Fritz B, current Area CFC Chair. Fritz explained general duties of his position. The position of CFC Chair rotates every two years. The person who stands for committee chair at our Area election is normally selected by the CFC Committee prior to the election. The committee chair serves & is responsible to the CFC Committee. The duties of CFC Chair are outlined in the Area jobs descriptions. The CFC Committee chair coordinates the efforts of the committee and the activities of many volunteers carrying meetings into jails or prisons. Fritz felt that a big part of his job was supporting the volunteers with information, organization and literature. The Area CFC committee and its chair also carry workshops throughout the Area to support the efforts of District CFC committees.

Betsy introduced former DCM, Tom K. who reviewed responsibilities of this position from the AA Service Manual. Tom said that visiting as many groups in the District was one of the most important parts of the position. He also stressed that the DCM is a messenger & an important communications channel for the Groups and members of the District. It was acknowledged that the position of DCM, performed well, can be one of the most demanding and time-consuming in all of the service structure. In encouraging others to get involved with service, Tom stressed importance of leading by example.

Betsy completed the workshop presentation by reviewing many of the things she has learned in 21 years of service to AA & Area Assembly. She agreed with Tom that we should lead by example and should always be prepared to do the jobs we are elected or chosen to. She stressed how important it was:

- To be in fit spiritual condition;
- To always be prepared and on time;
- Available physically, mentally and spiritually;
- To dress appropriately and be a representative of AA;
- Complete all assigned tasks or ask for help;
- Meet all deadlines;
- Be available to the next person to follow in your position.

Betsy talked about how important it was for there to be a good hand-off at rotation. This involves a lot of time and commitment by both parties. Having a service position is not just having a title; it comes with duties and responsibilities. A Q&A Session followed the workshop.

## Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

### **Area Inventory – Committee Chair; Beth R.**

Committee members: Julio J, Alison H, Mike D, Ginna M, Terry V.S, Jeff H, Gary S - Alternate Chair

The Area Inventory Ad- Hoc Committee met early on the morning of Saturday, October 1, 2011. After reviewing the results, processes & procedures from the 2000 Area Inventory, we agreed to follow the same processes & procedures.

During the afternoon workshop, the committee divided the Area Assembly into four small groups. Attending DCMs facilitated these groups. The groups enthusiastically participated in the beginning inventory process by making lists of questions they would submit for the inventory. Ninety-two questions were submitted.

The Inventory Committee met again later that evening to discuss categories for the questions. Alison H. volunteered to type up an initial list to be sent to committee members and the newsletter, so that every one in the Area would have a chance to look them over.

The next meeting of the Inventory Committee will be November 20<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM in Deer Park, prior to the Gratitude Dinner.

### **Special Needs – Committee Chair: Jackie V.**

Good Morning! My name is Jackie and I am an alcoholic. A little history: I was privileged to attend the 2010 SWRAASA held in Denver, whereupon they had a workshop on Special Needs. I learned from that workshop that out of the 93 areas comprising the US and Canada, 55 of those had some form of Special Needs Committee whether attached to existing committees or singular.

At our January Assembly/Convention, I requested to have the Area form an Ad-Hoc Committee to investigate if indeed we have a need. Consequently, I'm honored to be the Chair for this committee & we need your assistance (GSRs or Alt. GSRs primarily). If your GSR or Alt GSR is not attending this assembly, please take this questionnaire to them.

We have designed a questionnaire as a tool to do just that. It's pretty self-explanatory. In a nutshell we would like for you to get a census/pulse on your Group's feelings in regard to Special Needs in general & if your Group would like to see such a committee formed.

The questionnaire actually serves several purposes:

- It should enlighten the members of your Group as to who may be in the classification of Special Needs, e.g., definition of Special Needs.
- It will give you an idea of what types of information the committee could provide to your Group, which in turn would be provided to the Districts and the Area.

The deadline for submission of the questionnaire is December 15, 2011.

We would appreciate you discussing it with your Group, filling out & returning it to us by that time. We will then be able to compile the information & have it ready for disbursement for the January, 2012 SETA Convention being held at Moody Gardens in Galveston on January 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>.

In closing, I would like to recognize the members of this committee who have literally been my right hand throughout this process and would like each of them to stand as I call their names – Peggy M., John O., Tracy W., Kathy G & Pat N.

I thank you for your time and your service. If you have any questions feel free to approach myself or any one of the members on the committee.

### **Proposals and Motions**

**Archives Capital Expenditure** - 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	<u>60.00</u>
	\$1151.00

#### **Motion to Hire Professional Translator- District 66**

Our District proposes that SE Texas Area hire a professional translator to translate for us at its Assemblies and Conventions during the business meetings; consequently, we will have more accurate information and a better understanding of what is being debated in our language (Spanish).

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

Today we are five Hispanic Districts and more than 60 Hispanic Groups in the Area for which we see the need to attend these events; this is 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.

Our proposal is:

- Professional translator to provide oral translation & written summary;
- Maximum \$300.00 per weekend. (\$50/hour) \$1200/year – 4 Assemblies;
- Translation to begin in April 2012 (if budget permits) or Jan 2013 (as budgeted);
- Area Treasurer to pay translator directly.

Translator is a member of A.A.



## DISTRICT REPORTS

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

District 10 is growing by about 10 percent. One new Group in the district is the Mission Possible Group which meets Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 6 PM at the Open Door Mission on Harrisburg. At this time it's limited to men. They recently elected a Chair, David C., at their first Group Conscience. The next GC is on Oct 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

Another new one is the Alpha-Alpha Group which meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the U of H Student Center Mondays at 3:30 PM & Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. The Group is sparsely attended but has been operating for several months.

Neither Group is registered with GSO yet; it's my hope that the registration will happen soon.

District 10's main activities have centered on hosting the Assembly & getting folks ready to staff the Gratitude Dinner in November.

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

District 20 hosted a Traditions Workshop at the Lambda Center Houston, Inc. It was a big success: we had approximately 30 people in attendance! There was a great mix of Old-timers & Newcomers and everyone seemed to learn something. We've been asked by both the Primary Purpose Group and the Lambda Center to return and do another Workshop so we feel proud of our outreach.

The District will host its semi-annual "How to Survive the Holidays Sober" Workshop on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 8AM-Noon at the Houston Council of Alcohol & Drugs, 303 Jackson Hill. The workshop is always a lot of fun and a great way to gear up for what some of us dread: the Holidays!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Gratitude Dinner which District 20 is co-hosting, and we want to thank everyone involved for sharing this year's process with us so that we may have another successful gathering in 2012.

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

After accepting the Grapevine Challenge presented by our Area Delegate, D-31 voted to give away 2 subscriptions at every activity funded by the District. Before year end, we will have provided eight (8) subscriptions of our meeting in print. The District Grapevine Representative & Alternate, Skipper M. & Debbie T, present a brief explanation about the GV, pricing, etc. before holding the free raffle drawing. Everyone is excited to receive this gift that is passed on to others. The 1502 Group in Conroe was the first recipient with a day of "Celebrating Sponsorship". On September 25<sup>th</sup>, the Kingwood Group hosted a very knowledgeable and diverse service workshop on "Carrying the Message".

From there we will travel to the Atascocita Group for a panel to discuss "Chairing Effective Meetings" that will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mark your calendar for November 5<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate our Annual OldTimers Day at the Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Humble. Cynthia P, District 31 Archives Rep, has invited our LongTimers to share their recollection of what AA was like when they first walked through the doors. They also provide us history about a Group they started or have attended for many years in D-31. This is a taped event.

In order to help defray costs of the SETA Gratitude Dinner, we donated \$100 this year. The very active GSRs took this information to their groups for discussion/vote. D-31 voted unanimously to support this event that reminds us that November is our gratitude month. We've begun our budget preparation to be completed before year end. Kudos to Steve E., IT Chair, for setting up the District 31 Distribution List that streamlines emails on the SETA website. A member of the SETA CFC will join us at the October meeting & Deborah D. shall make a second visit during our December meeting.

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

My name is Jim & I'm an alcoholic. As DCM of SETA District 32, I would like to report that about half of GSRs are active & participating in keeping their Home Groups well informed on Area & District agenda items.

Most of our committees are active in their respective service areas & I feel humble and blessed to be their representative here. We have a very active CFC Rep and most of the TDCJ prisons in District 32 are getting meetings on a regular basis – thanks to Chuck. I can report that we have about \$1400 in our account & prudent reserve. We've done some dark-group visitations and this has resulted in a couple of them getting involved at the District level again: both service-wise & with financial contributions. We still have much to do in this area of service.

We're looking forward to the Gratitude Dinner where we will be serving as Host District; we would like to thank all the other districts, groups & individual AAs for their contributions to this wonderful event.

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

We had another Round Robin in Navasota in August. We had a full meeting with two speakers. We have another scheduled in October in Hearne. Deborah & Patrick are coming to give their reports. We have a full afternoon scheduled with good food and fellowship. In November Jackie V is coming to update us on "Special Needs" issues.

We have a couple of committee chair openings & we recently lost our secretary, so we are searching. Planning has begun for our Annual Unity Conference in February.

We'll be assisting with the Seta Convention Hospitality Suites. We need Districts to host other Hospitality Suites. Volunteers are appreciated. See me or Francia C. The Seta Convention Committee has a table set up outside for registration. Please get registered. Charlie and the Committee have good speakers & fellowship scheduled.

**District 40 – DCM: Brad H Alt DCM: Jes K**

The 4th Annual District 40 Fellowship Fest turned out very well. Our 4 Speaker/Presenters & the Q&A sessions were very responsive. Attendees enjoyed the variety of topics covered and we were able to educate some on what District 40's service work is about.

We'll be bringing Vegetables/Appetizers/Snacks to the Area 67 Gratitude Dinner and help clean up. We'll be hosting the April 2012 Assembly & will be picking up the supplies at the end of the Assembly this weekend.

We have a calendar that can be downloaded from aa-seta.org, D-40 page. Finally, we have had visits from the TFC and IT Committees, as well as the Delegate, & will be visited by the Literature Committee in November. We're blessed to have such an active District. I hope to visit more Groups in the remaining time of my service.

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

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, Dist 51 held its annual workshop at the Delta Club. Rather than do AA-related skits as we've done at the past several workshops, this year we decided to try something new: the AA Jeopardy Challenge, based on the popular TV game show "Jeopardy". While it took an inordinate amount of work by John O. to set-up three Jeopardy boards, the contestants & audience really seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks to Jacqui and Kathy, who did an excellent job coordinating the delicious potluck lunch. Also thanks to the workshop committee spearheaded by Steve G with strong support from Lee, John, Coach, Kathy, Jacqui and SETA's own treasurer, Ronald.

At our August meeting Deborah gave us her Delegate's report with an AV assist by Patrick.

Unfortunately, our Treasurer moved out of town, so we're currently looking for a trusted servant to finish out his term.

District 51 meets on the last Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM at the Delta Club.

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

Greetings from District 52. We've met only twice since last Assembly but will meet again next week at 7 PM Tuesday, October 4. We gather at Ft. Bend Regional Council in Stafford. Visitors are welcome.

In August we were privileged to have Deborah & Patrick attend our meeting. Deborah was able to share about her trip to New York. She gave a thorough overview of her experience and her power-point presentation made it easier to understand how our system works. I think it was helpful, especially for our newer GSRs, to gain a greater grasp on the structure of AA, our Traditions and Concepts. We're grateful our delegate & alternate are willing to go to such lengths to stay in touch with each district and enable us to better do our service work.

We continue to reach out to groups to encourage involvement at the district level & we're also looking to fill a few vacant committee chairs. I am sad to report that within Dist 52, the Alief Group has closed, but the Sunday morning speaker meeting will continue. That particular meeting

is now held at the Bellaire Club at 5653 Beechnut. A decision is in the future as to whether or not the Alief Group will become a part of District 51. Our Sugar Creek group that meets at noon Mon – Fri at Sugar Creek Baptist Church is currently looking for another location. More updates on that later.

John, a representative from the Ad-Hoc Special Needs Committee came to the September meeting to explain & deliver surveys for us to take to our meetings to collect information.

District 52 will be helping to supply desserts for the Area Gratitude Dinner. We've recently been asked to host a hospitality suite at the January 2012 Convention and will vote on that next week.

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

District 60 continues to meet regularly on the first Monday of every month at the Rockhill Group, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. We'll meet again on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

We selected a new Treasurer and we also welcome the Beverly Hill Sharers Group back in attendance at our District meetings. They have a new GSR and he seems eager to serve.

We had visits from the Area Delegate, Alt Delegate and the TFC Chair this past quarter.

Our goals for the next quarter are to conduct an active search to fill the open Alternate DCM position & it's very likely that we may elect a new DCM in the next few months so that the Spirit of Rotation can allow for some fresh ideas to keep our District going.

We're planning to hold an Open House within the next few months. The Rockhill Group will hold its Anniversary on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition Group will hold its Anniversary the weekend of November 18<sup>th</sup> which happens to be the same weekend as the Area Gratitude Dinner. District 60 will help with the Set-Up at this event.

**District 62 DCM: Magdalena D. Alt DCM: Francisco M.**

Greetings from District 62!

Our District currently consists of 6 groups and has 6 active GSRs. Our regular District meetings are on Saturday at 6 PM, every two weeks. Each week we visit a group in our District on Wednesdays. We share with the Groups any relevant information and also our own experience in service and share with the other's groups on a circle of unity.

Our District has three committees:

- 1) Correctional Committee
- 2) La Viná Committee
- 3) Literature Committee

Our committees meet every two weeks. District 62 collaborates and participates in all events, conventions and assemblies of South Texas Spanish Assemblies and SETA Assemblies.

Our meeting place is at Group Fresno, 4501 FM 521, Fresno, TX 77545; phone: 281-345-4460.

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

Hello from District 63. Hoping everyone is enjoying a happy 24 hours of sobriety; we are happy to turn in this report from District 63. This District has meetings every Saturday from 6 PM on. We have 9 Groups; 5 of the 9 get together and present reports with the District Committees:

- Correctional            - La Viña
- Literature             - C P C

Every Tuesday the district pays a visit to the area district groups, we also visit the groups that invited us to their cycle of unity.

The District is holding Workshops for the District Groups. Topics are:

- 12 Traditions Illustrated;
- 12 Concepts for World Service; and
- Chapter 2, Service Manual.

We're looking for a Chairperson for District. We recently elected Trusted Servants for the Correctional Committee.

Our 7th District Anniversary will be held at Grupo Libertad on October 30, 2011. It's located at 16244 Loch Katrine Lane, Houston TX 77084 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Don't miss it

We are ready to attend the XIII South Texas Hispanic Assembly Nov, 4-6 2011. This will take place in Corpus Christi Texas; all of you are invited.

We already have the speaker for the January 2012 Seta Convention; his name is Humberto B from Morelia Michoacan, Mexico.

We will contribute \$ 100 to the Gratitude Dinner.

**Correctional Committee**: this committee meets on Wednesdays from 8-9PM. In local district an makes a report from the members that go and volunteer in correctional. This committee is motivating GSRs to collect old La Viña magazines that members don't use any more, to pass on to the inmates in TDCJ.

**La Viña Committee** is working well.

**Literature committee** is working well also.

**CPC committee** is inactive at the moment.

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

Our District has 14 active groups; with 9 to 13 GSRs. On Saturdays at 6 p.m. on we have regular district meetings & every 15 days we have a study session from the General Service Manual. We have a sharing session with groups on Wednesdays each week. We now have internet service and we are working on opening our own web page for District 64.

WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING THREE COMMITTEES:

- A) CORRECTIONAL COMMITTEE (has 6 active servers and 1 link)
- B) LA VIÑA COMMITTEE (has 5 RLV actives & 3 links groups); and
- C) LITERATURE COMMITTEE (has 2 members)

A.-CORRECTIONAL COMMITTEE.-, Meets on Tuesdays every 2 weeks & has a sharing session with groups on Tuesday, When they don't have a meeting for the committee, the members attend the following Federal prisons: (1) The Hollyday Unit every Sunday from 13:30 pm to

3:00 p.m. and (2) The Walls of Huntsville once a month on Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 3 pm. They also share with the County every Wednesday from 7- 8 pm and accompany the District to fulfill their roll of sharing to other groups. This committee contributes \$50.00 for the Committee Correctional Area 67 who provides literature. They also contribute \$10 to the District every 15 days. We attend the Area Correctional Assembly.

B.-LA VIÑA COMMITTEE- Meets Tuesday of each week in District 64 at 8 pm, makes internal raffles every 15 days and drawings every 15 days. They visit groups every Thursday. On the last Thursday of the month we meet with the 5 "La Viña" committees from all five districts. This committee also contributes \$10:00 to the District every 15 day and has a total of 105 subscriptions.

C.-LITERATURE COMMITTEE- Meets on Tuesdays every 15 days in District 64 from 8 pm on; share with the District with the roll of sharing & by letter. Has the groups subscribe to Box 459 and makes an internal drawing in the District 64; has literature & service brochures & contributes \$10 every 15 days.

**District 65 DCM: Ramiro Y Alt DCM: Moises L**

GREETINGS FROM THE DISTRICT 65,

Each week we are visiting 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 Correctional Committee continues with AA meetings in the Harris County Jail every Tuesday; The literature Committee continues visiting groups with us every week & encourages members to study the literature of AA. La Viña continues to work very well, as they continue to increase the subscriptions in our district. District 65 members were glad to have the La Viña's 15th anniversary celebration in the offices of District 65. We're also happy to have participated in the past 5 La Viña workshops along with the other Hispanic districts on August 21.

And how could we forget mentioning our District 65 "25th Anniversary" celebration, which couldn't have been possible without the participation and cooperation of the members in this district on Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup>. That's all For now. May God bless you all.

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

Dear Partners, receive a cordial salute from District 66, Area 67.

This District has 18 groups of which 12 have RSGs & are present on Saturdays from 6 PM onwards. Currently on Wednesdays we visit a group to motivate the service and unity; we also attend unity cycles from other groups when we are invited. We are present at all assemblies & Hispanic conventions in the area. We also have meetings at which we study the Service Manual, every last Saturday of the month.

We have 3 committees:

La Viña Committee: they meet on Tuesdays of every week in Dist- 66 from 8 PM onward. They get together in the District in the roll of sharing with each other to motivate the purchase of subscriptions & service as

representatives to the committee. We also do internal raffles every 15 days & they give \$10 for the Seventh Tradition at the District meeting on the last Thursday of the month.

Correctional Committee: They meet every Thursday at 8 PM in Dist- 66. They have 2 representatives and 4 approved volunteers for Jail visits. The reps are Luis, Victor, Cristobal and Benjamin. On Tuesday we assist with the roll of sharing with each other. They also accompany us to the cycle of unity and attend the meetings of every third Wednesday of the month and take contributions to the Blue Can. Last August, they had a convention, which was in English, with the translator from the Multi-Lingual Committee, which was made up by the committee of the Area and it was a great success. We are sincerely sorry for not being able to visit the jail for reasons beyond our control.

Literature Committee: This committee provides brochures and service manuals. They also perform raffles every 15 days and share it with the District Chambers groups.

We hope the districts will support us on the motion of hiring a professional bilingual translator. Thank you, Partners.

#### **District 70 DCM: Marcial S Alt DCM: OPEN**

We're going through some growing changes in our District due to some resignations in various officer positions.

Most of the Groups reported that meeting attendance varies from week to week, which also reflects in their contributions, but we are doing ok financially.

Debra R., who is our PI Chair, has really put out a lot of effort in talking with the local libraries, schools and doctor offices about leaving literature in order to help carry the message.

Our District is contributing \$100 and the desserts to the Gratitude Dinner in November.

The West Baytown Club will be having their anniversary on October 15, with barbeque, AA & AIAnon Speakers & an auction for the Club.

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

The District is doing a hospitality suite for the 2012 SETA Convention in January.

We are in the early planning stages of a workshop to be held, possibility in February. The topic will be service.

The District PI/CPC Committee is getting ready to do presentations to Groups within the District on what AA does and does not do.

We have an Ad Hoc Committee working on how to reach out to all GSRs in Dist 81, to get them to participate in District & Area activities.

#### **District 82 DCM: Kim R. Alt DCM: Rick M (No Report submitted)**

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

District 90 is doing fine. Our convention in August was a success- we had a good turn out and the Speakers were outstanding. Julian and her committee did a good job. All our committees are very active.

We've elected a New Web Master, David O, and Ruthie S is the Alternate. They have our website up and running; it had been inactive for about 3 years with no updates. They have been busy: you need to check it out at [www.district90.com](http://www.district90.com).

District 90 Gratitude Dinner will be Sat Nov. 5, 2011; we have flyers at the table. Dist 90 will furnish bread for the Area Gratitude Dinner.

### **Intergroup Liaison Reports**

#### **Liaison: Houston Intergroup: Lee G**

Greetings Folks. Houston Intergroup is on good financial ground. It has undergone a number of substantial changes these last 3 months. The bookstore manager has changed. The entire bookstore, front reception area, bathrooms, kitchen, hall and four offices have been cleaned and repainted. It looks much more open and spacious.

For the front reception area, requests to the entire AA community are made for mural submittals by December 1, 2011. The idea is to have a recovery/sober PORTABLE mural to use as a focal point. Please spread the word.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention is a done deal & plans are well underway. The event will be held at the Marriott Memorial City at I-10 and Gessner in March 2013.

Finally, three current Board Member terms will expire at the end of the year. Anyone wishing to be considered should promptly inform the Board. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

#### **Liaison: Hispanic Intergroup (North) – Alejandro P – Not present**

#### **Liaison Hispanic Intergroup (South): OPEN**

#### **Liaison to 9<sup>th</sup> District Intergroup: Dennis M– Not present**

#### **Liaison: Brazosport Intergroup: Charles R**

Our inventory is up to par & we're filling orders. We've been receiving calls on our phone system and it's working great.

We're directing callers to meetings in their area and 12-Step calls as they come in. Everything is great in the Brazos Valley - come visit us!

### **Area Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Archives Committee – Chair: Sherry B Alt Chair: OPEN**

The Archives Committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10 - 5 PM. The Fellowship is invited to come to their Repository. Also, if you have service records or donations of archival materials, this would be a good time to come by.

This past weekend Sarah D, Area Archivist & I went to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual NAAAW (National AA Archives Workshop) at beautiful Helena, MT. We met other archivists from all over the US & Canada and it was a real learning experience to see how other archivists do what we are doing.



New topics this year included: Archives on the Internet; Meta-Data, Preservation of Modern Printed Materials; and Copyright and Fair Use. This year a young woman representing the Stepping Stone Foundation gave a wonderful Power Point presentation.

Remember, Past DCMS, Standing Committee Chairs & Area Officers: we are trying to collect your records from your rotation. This is very important so that we can preserve the Area history. At this time, only (3) Districts, one Committee and only a few officers have given us their records. One last item: the Archives Committee needs an Alt. Chair.

### **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)**

**CPC Chair: Beth Y    Alt Chair: Katherine M**

We had 8 members, representing 4 Districts, in attendance at the Area CPC meeting. CPC presentations made in the last quarter include: "Group Creating Recovery Coaches" at the Houston Council on Alcoholism. NA, AA and CA were in attendance and all (3) presented their programs and their differences. The presentations were well-received. The Literature Table was very active and many questions were asked.

District 81 hosted a table at the Gulf Coast Mental Health and Addiction Fair last weekend. Attendance was mostly industry professionals who had to stop at each table & get cards signed, so they were busy.

Last Friday, 9/23/11, CPC hosted a table at the Spectrum Health Fair. Attendance was mostly industry professionals & many were familiar with AA. Our goal was to inform them that we're available to offer presentations to their colleagues and educate them on what AA is and is not.

CPC was in attendance on a panel at a service workshop at the Kingwood Group Sunday, 9/25. This workshop was presented to AA members for the purpose of informing them about different committees & ways in which there are to serve. We gained a new member from this workshop.

District 90 attended four health fairs over the last few weeks, notably as P.I. CPC attended a workshop for Chaplains in the Sunnyside area, who are training as psychological First-Responders to crises. We had a table with literature available; we answered many questions & encouraged Chaplains to send people with alcohol problems to AA, and to be receptive to possibly hosting AA meetings. I'm told there is no AA Group in their area currently.

Upcoming Presentations include an invitation from Dist 31 to hold a practice presentation for the members; Huntsville Friends Group contacted us about a presentation for students at a counseling school whose students are coming to AA meetings and being disruptive; District 81 will be presenting to nursing students at Alvin Community College; Dist-32 is working on a workshop for AA members for January 2012; we've been asked to present at a monthly meeting of medical Chaplains of the Methodist Hospital again; an LCDC Community College presentation is given every quarter.

Ideas on how to contact busy professionals include attending meetings of professional organizations; educating nurses who can inform their doctors; paralegals who can inform attorneys, and probation officers the judges.

We plan to create packets for new CPC members at our next meeting. Dist 31 is launching its own CPC Committee meeting one hour prior to their District meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

And finally, the Area CPC Committee endorses the proposal to add verbiage regarding the CPC Committee meetings: the meetings are open and non-committee members can attend as observers.

### **Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) – Chair: Fritz B**

#### **Alt CFC Chair: David K**

The Correctional Facilities Committee conducted its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual CFC Conference September 9-12 at the Crowne Plaza Suites Hotel in Houston. There were approximately 110 paid registrants & about 30 scholarship registrants. Approximately 60 people attended the TDCJ Orientation Training on Saturday afternoon. We'll have a meeting to debrief and plan the next 2012 Conference Oct 8 at David K's home.

We're planning to assist Districts 31 and 82 in conducting workshops in the near future. Dates and locations will be announced soon.

The Pathfinders Group is celebrating its 50-something Anniversary at The Walls in Huntsville, Nov 19, noon to 3 PM. Tom I, an old prison hand of North Carolina, will be one of the Speakers. If you'd like to attend, please give your name & TDL to Richard D, Group GSR.

If your District or Group would like us to visit & give a presentation, please let us know. We meet every third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Delta Club, 6400 Westpark. Our next meeting will be November 16; please join us & bring a friend – the meetings are open.

### **Finance Committee - Finance Chair: Mary M Alt: OPEN**

The Finance Committee met & reviewed potential contracts for the 2013 SETA Convention to be held in Houston. The Chair & Co-Chair of the Convention will go back to the Crowne Plaza and come back to the Finance Committee in January, with another contract after some renegotiations with the hotel.

We had two visitors to the meeting: Miguel & Jesus of District 66. We elected a new Committee member, Miguel, in order to promote unity with the Spanish Districts.

In regards to the IRS issue, we received a letter from them in August. Ron sent the letter to the CPA; now we're in the process of explaining why we were late & discussing how much we'll be receiving back from the penalty. 2008 Penalty has been paid but 2009 amount is still unknown. We have filed 2010 on time.

A second letter was received from Harris County concerning property taxes on the Archives Repository. It was never filed that we're a non-profit. We're filing now to stop the penalty.

Long-term funding for the Archives Repository needs to be reviewed.

We need an additional \$10K a year, for the Archives Repository to continue to function.

We have \$3560.05 in unallocated funds at this time. We've looked at expenses & we do have funds for the budget increase that Archives is requesting as well as for the Translator District 66 has requested.

**Grapevine Interim Chair: Skipper M. Alt Chair: Josette B**

At the last Grapevine Committee meeting, we elected Skipper M to replace Sam C as Area Committee Chair, after Sam's resignation.

We also elected Debbie T. as Secretary.

We discussed making up new Newcomer Packs so each Group GV Rep will have some to hand out. I've been working for District 31 & we've been giving away (2) GV subscriptions at the Workshops. We are also working on giving The Man on the Bed pictures to GSRs who bring in a new GV Rep.

We need to prepare boards and literature for setting up displays at workshops and conventions. We hope to be able to set up a table at the Gratitude Dinner in November. Josette is working on that & also making up welcome letters.

I am a believer that with all of us working together, the Grapevine can prosper in our area.

**Information Technology (IT) Chair: Steve E Alt Chair: Eddy A**

Steve made an IT Committee Presentation at District 40 this quarter & is ready to give presentations to other district & standing committees in Area 67.

Cheryl M has stood for the Postmaster position; we're excited about that. Webmaster and Support positions are still open.

We're continuing drafting a SETA Web Guidelines document which we plan to present to the Assembly in April for approval.

The IT Committee continues to meet monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at the West Houston Community Center at 4PM.

At the meeting this weekend, we voted that IT Committee Meetings will be open to all AAs for both attendance & participation, with voting rights being a privilege of IT committee members. We also decided to use our future committee time at Assemblies to conduct IT training of various sorts.

Update on Technical Support: problems with the Secretary-SETA Laptop hasn't been resolved; Steve visited the Archives Repository to address issues with the desktop computer & scanner.

**\*\* For support issues regarding SETA-owned IT resources, please contact: [support@aa-seta.org](mailto:support@aa-seta.org).**

Update on Website: we continue with routine posting of minutes, fliers, meeting times, etc.

**\*\* For Website issues, please contact: [webmaster@aa-seta.org](mailto:webmaster@aa-seta.org).**

Update on Email: we're continuing to address various technical issues with the webmail system. We're happy to say that all the GSRs have been added into the system. District 31 is making use of their

District Distribution Group & it appears to be working out very well for them. For some reason, the Newsletter failed to go out. We're not sure why, but will be looking into it.

There are still a number of Area Committee people who are not making use of their SETA position-based email addresses. Again, we strongly encourage those folks to make use of the system. There are a number of workarounds for those who are resistant to change- including setting up email forwarding, accessing the webmail system from various mobile devices, and connecting to the system from email applications such as Microsoft Outlook.

For those of you who prefer to not use the webmail system, please contact IT & let us know why & what issues you may be experiencing so that we may make adjustments where possible to make the system friendlier and more inviting.

**\*\* For E-mail related issues, please contact: [postmaster@aa-seta.org](mailto:postmaster@aa-seta.org).**

**La Viña - Chair: J. Ángel M. Alt. Chair: Armando H.**

Comrades & servants of Alcoholics Anonymous & leaders of the Area Assembly: My desire is that you're having another 24 hours of sobriety. Information from the Chair of La Viña for Area 67: This notice is to make you aware that I continue to visit the committees of La Viña of the Spanish Districts, except District 62 which continues inactive.

District 63 has 3 Reps and 82 subscriptions.

District 64 has 6 Reps and 106 subscriptions.

District 65 continues to motivate La Viña and has 25 subscriptions.

District 66 works with 6 Reps and has 143 subscriptions.

I hope you continue sober. Email: [moya.josea@yahoo.com](mailto:moya.josea@yahoo.com).

**Literature Committee –Chair: Tom K Alt Chair: Vernon L.**

The SETA Literature Committee meets the last Saturday of the month in the small room at the Delta Club at noon following Dist 51's meeting. The Committee visits Districts & other Service Committee meetings, at times providing samples of AA Literature for each specific function. The Committee also recruits messengers for similar purposes in each District, such as District and Group Literature Reps. Willingness and availability are the only job requirements. So if you may be sponsoring a candidate for this kind of rewarding service work, give us a call.

We could also use a Committee Secretary & a few "outside salesmen" for carrying the message which supposedly guides our efforts of Unity, Service and Recovery. At the same time, you can even support the Fellowship by occasionally purchasing literature and other material for someone else. All are welcome at the Literature Committee meetings.

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

The committee translated a CFC workshop at District 66. Also, for the CFC Committee, we translated at a Conference in September, 2011.

The committee was asked to attend a Gratitude Dinner Committee meeting to coordinate the translation at this event.

Below is a list of all documents translated & sent to Trusted Servants in the Area, in the past Quarter:

7/06/2011	GSC Highlights: Handout: Spanish	Deborah D, Delegate
7/07/2011	Alternate Delegate Rpt: Spanish	Patrick C, Alt Delegate
7/16/2011	DISTRITO 63 Rpt	Melissa R, Secretary
8/09/2011	Archives Comm. Rpt SETA Jul-11	Melissa R, Secretary
8/09/2011	RSG Workshop Rpt SETA Jul-11	Melissa R, Secretary
8/09/2011	Ad-Hoc Special Needs Rpt Jul-11	Melissa R, Secretary
8/23/2011	AA - Special Needs Questionnaire	Jackie V, Ad-Hoc Chair

**Newsletter – Chair: Linda C, Alt Chair: OPEN**

When compared to the number of articles submitted for July, the most current issue of the Newsletter received better response. Thank you for that! But there is still room for more participation!

Please get your articles in before (and NO LATER) than Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> for the next issue. Let SETA know what happens in your Committee and/or District between now & January, as well as what you have planned for the new year. Let me remind you the Newsletter is not the place for Minutes or Reports.

To our Spanish-speaking Districts: I urge you to submit articles also. If you submit them in Spanish, I'll gladly translate them into English & print them in the Newsletter.

This was the first time for the Newsletter to go out digitally. Instead of (600) hard copies, only (498) were mailed out. Unfortunately, no one seems to have gotten the digital version; many have said they didn't receive the paper copy either. My apologies, but I have no explanation for either incident.

I feel the need to make one more amends. Though I read and check articles for spelling and grammar, mistakes slip through. One big one was printed in the current issue. Please disregard the date listed for the January SETA Convention in Galveston. The correct date is January 6, 7, 8, 2012.

\* ZBM noted that the Agenda had incorrect dates for the Convention too.

**Public Information (PI) Committee- Chair: Debra R. Alt Chair: OPEN**

The PI Committee is alive and well. We are once again meeting at the Council on the first Saturday of the month at 6PM, with the exception of the Assemblies.

The PI Committee gave a presentation for District 20 on September 3. The Area PI Committee is striving to be an umbrella for Districts to bring their ideas and projects to share.

The Area is taking on the project of putting PSAs in a short list of TV & radio stations, and newspapers, both hardcopy and online. This is slated for the Holiday period of November, December and January.

I would like to invite the Spanish Districts to send representatives to

the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to involve them in the Area Holiday PSA distribution. Please let the District PI chairs and interested persons know of the meetings -- all are welcome: our committee meetings are open. Look for more information of the individual District projects in the Area Newsletter.

**SCAP – Chair: Robin F. Alt Chair: OPEN**

SCAP Committee met on August 16, 2011. There were four people present and we talked about food to be prepared for the SETA SCAP Suite in 2012. We also discussed possible funds from State Convention to help SCAP with the 2012 SETA SCAP Hospitality Suite.

The Committee met on Sept 17 to discuss SCAP Suite in 2012.

**Treatment Facility Committee – TFC Chair: John O. Alt: Tracy W**

Tracy presented the report saying that the Committee is in need of a Secretary. They are taking the Bridge the Gap program into (2) new facilities: (1) in Dist 31, (1) in Deer Park. They got a request to take BTG into the Open Door Mission a while back and now a new group has started: Mission Possible Group, which is all men. Sober men are needed to attend meetings and sponsor the men at the mission.

They are updating their BTG Contact List and looking for new volunteers. They will have a table at the Gratitude Dinner and the SETA Convention.

They're also compiling a list of Treatment Facilities in Area 67.

**SETA 67 Assembly  
October 2, 2011 Final Motions**

**1) Motion to Approve 2012 Proposed Budget**

Motion passed with (89) in favor and (13) against.  
Minority opinions were presented after which (2) wished to change their vote. A Simple Majority vote to revote was taken with results of (31) in favor and (54) against. The vote stood.  
Motion passed.

**2) Motion to Hire Professional Translator**

Motion passed with (75) in favor and (14) against.  
Minority opinions were heard; none in the majority wished to change their vote.  
Motion passed.

**3) Motion to Increase 2011 Budget -- Archives Committee**

Motion passed with (52) in favor, (17) against and (2) abstaining.  
Minority opinions were heard; none in the majority wished to change their vote.  
Motion passed.

SETA COMMITTEE ROLL CALL						
October 2012 Assembly		2011-2013				
Called by Peggy M		PRESENT			PRESENT	
POSITION	NAME	10/1/11	10/2/11	ALTERNATE	10/01/11	10/02/11
AREA DELEGATE-Panel 61	Deborah D	x	x	Patrick C	x	x
AREA CHAIRPERSON	ZBM	x	x	Gary S	x	x
AREA Registrar	Peggy M	x	x	Jennifer E	x	x
AREA Secretary	Melissa R	x	x	OPEN		
AREA Treasurer	Ronald C	x	x	Kris H	x	x
AREA Archives	Sherri B	x	x	OPEN		
AREA CPC Chair	Beth Y		x	Katherine M		
AREA CFC Chair	Fritz B	x	x	David K		
AREA Finance Chair	Mary M	x	x	OPEN		
AREA Grapevine Chair	Sam C			Josette B		x
AREA Web-IT	Steve E	x	x	Eddy A		
AREA La Vina Chair	J. Angel M		x	Armando H		
AREA Literature	Tom K	x	x	Vernon L		
AREA Multilingual	Ricardo D		x	OPEN		
AREA Newsletter	Linda C	x	x	OPEN		
AREA PI Chair	Debra R	x	x	OPEN		
AREA SCAP	Robin F			OPEN		
AREA TFC	John O			Tracy W	x	x
DCM District 10	Dave P	x	x	Joy M	x	x
DCM District 20	Troy B	x	x	Stuart F		
DCM District 31	Barbara G	x	x	West G	x	x
DCM District 32	Jim K	x	x	Jeff H		
DCM District 33	Teresa O	x	x	Karen S		
DCM District 40	Brad H		x	Jes K	x	
DCM District 51	Randy R			Charles H		
DCM District 52	Barbara L			Jeff H		x
DCM District 60	Melanie M		x	OPEN		
DCM District 62	Magdalena D	x		Francisco M	x	
DCM District 63	Ricardo R	x	x	Edwin C		
DCM District 64	Ricardo C	x	x	Adan T		
DCM District 65	Ramiro Y			Moises L		
DCM District 66	Carlos F		x	OPEN		
DCM District 70	Marcial S	x	x	OPEN		
DCM District 81	Randy B	x	x	Stevi M	x	x
DCM District 82	Kim Reynolds	x	x	Rick M		
DCM District 90	Lloyd G (Jr)	x	x	Ricky L		
Liaison to Brazos Valley Intergroup	Charles R	x	x			
Houston Intergroup	Lee G	x	x			
Ninth District Intergroup	Dennis M	x	x			

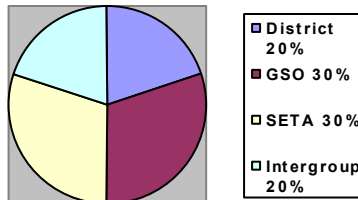


FROM: SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA ASSEMBLY  
 To: GROUP TREASURER

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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ Service No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TO: INTERGROUP (addresses listed above)

FROM: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Service No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TO: GSO, P. O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, NY, NY 10163

FROM: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Service No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TO: SETA, P. O. Box 130433, Houston, Texas 77219

FROM: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Service No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TO: District # \_\_\_\_\_ (See SETA Website: [www.aa-seta.org/district](http://www.aa-seta.org/district) and go to the District's page for address information.)