

# South East Texas Area Assembly

of Alcoholics Anonymous  
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## April Assembly

**Saturday and Sunday**  
**April 13, 14, 2013**

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

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

## SETA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY

### Area Committee Meeting

Saturday April 13, 2013

**I. Opening** – Chair, Ronald C opened the meeting at 8:32AM with Serenity Prayer.

**II. Preamble** – Alt. Chair, Troy B read the Preamble to the Policies and Procedures.

**III. Roll Call** – Registrar, Linda C facilitated Roll Call for Area Committee (37 present).

**IV. Area Committee Minutes** – April 2013: Alt. Secretary, Corrie H received one request for a change to the minutes, page 16 of 28 (Future Assemblies and Delegate) “Patrick C asked the Area Chair to consider holding workshops on the General Service Conference topics previously discussed”; it needs to say, “previously discussed in the Delegates Report section on page 5 of these minutes”. Needs to reference the Delegates report instead of saying “at next years’ Convention”.

Reported roadblocks with Multi Lingual Committee with the translations were resolved after meeting with committee members. Deadlines set. Request for electronic reports within seven (7) days following Assembly as to help with timelines for translation, etc. Question from floor about where to send reports via email. Answer to send to both Secretary and Alt. Secretary via SETA webmail. Reiterated that Spanish minutes did not get mailed out, but copies were present at meeting and packets were available on a table in the back. Favor asked to bring copy of Minutes taken today back to meeting tomorrow.  
April Area Committee Minutes: accepted as corrected.

**V. Treasurer’s Report** – Treasurer, Kris H stated that big numbers appear to be accurate. “Started the year with \$80,138.14. Income of \$17,875.24. Archives repository moved money into general operating fund, zeroing out that account, causing a change of about \$5,700. Expenses of \$12,178.89. Bank balance of \$85,834.49 at end of 1st quarter. Total amount of approved budget \$41,926 for 2013, but since that time SETA has increased effectively our budget by over \$15,000. Currently I believe our effective budget is \$58,166. 2014 budget will be presented by Gary. Convention loss reserve of \$4,000. Gratitude dinner fund is static at \$2,145.36. Convention fund is at \$15,000, last year a decision was made to take the excess budget and move it to operation funds. Prudent Reserve is based on \$22,195.50 which is ½ of last years approved \$41,926 budget. I went ahead and took the Assembly actions (the \$15,000.40) and reserved 100% of that. Unrestricted funds stand at \$27,453.63. Correction to remove Convention Chair lodging to be refilled and captured under the Quarterly Assembly budget.”  
Question by Tracy: “I thought the \$10K was to be a line item in the Archives budget instead of the Assembly line item.” Answer by Kris: “Archives will be responsible for coming to the budget meeting and letting us know what it needs to be.”

Question by Katherine: “What happens if we run out of money?” Answer by Kris H  
“Treasurer won’t pick up the tab. I hope that we can let the Assembly know long  
before we run into an issue like that.”

Treasurer’s Report: Stands as read.

**VI. Delegate Introductions & Comments – Patrick C, Panel 63**

Welcomed all to the Area Assembly. Currently and happily serving as Delegate. Thanked Melissa R and acknowledged her for her support. Discussed his main role and activities he participated in since becoming Delegate. Appreciates phone calls, emails and encouragement and requested to keep them coming. Emphasized that importance of communication was supported this quarter by several Area officers, Standing Committee Chairs, Convention Committee Chairs, and District Committee Members and MCD’s who attended the February Inter-District meeting hosted by District 64. One member commented that “this is the way it should be, no Spanish or English members just Alcoholics Anonymous members.” Leaving Friday to attend the 63rd General Service Conference. Always faced with a dilemma of getting the background material and get it out to everyone (only 463 pages). Not anonymity protected. Must be kept confidential. The volume is too much to send out. Therefore, summarized into a 35-page report. Emailed them out. Roundtable discussion reports will be placed on Delegate table, agenda items to be looked at, and Delegates response forms be put in box provided. Comment sheet with the reports. Would appreciate feedback.

**VII.Alt. Delegate Comments – Melissa R, Panel 63**

Looking forward to this weekend combination of service and fellowship. Been reading Conference agenda items and has learned a lot. Thanked Patrick for his creative approach. Thanked everyone for being sent to SWARDA. Wonderful experience, but didn’t know what to expect. Attended Alternate Delegate meeting - Stephanie B Area 57 is new Chair. Mark D Area 38 is new Secretary of Alternate Delegates. Had more time to interact and talk with each other and share their wisdom. Area 57 is big into social networking. FB presence anonymity concerns. Looking forward to Patrick’s feedback from the GSC. Discussed Area 57’s attempt to overcome their Spanish Districts discomfort or mistrust issues. Shared how involved our Spanish Districts have become and reported that it takes time and patience. 2013 Gratitude Dinner District 70 is host District. District 51 is the co-host District. Jimmy Burke Activity Center is being confirmed again this year. Requesting the 17th or the 24th of November. Attended budget committee meeting and it was the smoothest, fastest and most cooperative meeting she’s experienced. Commended Kris and Gary. Announced upcoming Regional events. Encouraged and excited.

**VIII.Committees Sharing – Exceptional Items**

**A. 2013 SETA Convention Final Report – Troy B** Good news and bad news. Bad news – Pay Pal registration caused difficulty in getting final numbers. Still digging through this. Good news – Hilton wants us back. Working with Rocco for smooth transition for 2014 Convention. Bank account is set up as SETA Convention and passed on to upcoming Convention committee. Convention Loss Fund of \$15K and did not have to pull any monies from that fund. Ending balance of \$4,189.55 less the \$3,000 advance from SETA, left us with about \$1,189.55. Houston did not lose money!

**B. 2014 SETA Convention** – Chair: Rocco Thanked the Assembly and Troy, Melissa and Ron for showing up and helping us out. Gus is helping fill open positions. New flyer is online and being translated into Spanish. Hotel and Convention Center is ready to go.

**C. IT** – Mike W reported that his committee is reorganizing the website over the next couple of months. Drawing for a laptop.

**D. PI** – Tom K Been visiting different Districts. Please take the information on the back table to your groups.

#### **IX. Unfinished Business**

\*Chair Ron C announced open positions and that they will be voted on at tomorrow's Assembly.

2013 Funding for Translator – Multilingual Committee requesting an amendment of 2013 approved budget to include \$1,200 for 2013 to pay translator interpreter services. No discussion. Vote.

Fully Funding Delegate for 2012 – Deborah D was willing to withdraw this motion as requested by Ron because there is a standing guideline that started in 2001, that Delegate would be fully funded if funds were available at the end of previous calendar year, determination would be made by the Finance Committee.

IT Committee Budget Line Item – Proposes a change to the 2013 budget that the amount be lowered and change the category to “software in general”. Found cheaper software, but could not make purchases with extra money left. Option to use additional money to purchase additional software. No discussion. Vote.

Ad Committee to Negotiate SETA Workspace – No longer a viable option to Archives or SETA to work with Intergroup because... Dick explains that space they were negotiating turned out to be 2 ½ times more expensive than the initial proposition. Back to the drawing board. Still looking for other opportunities to work with SETA Archives as well as with other parts of SETA. Too early to tell where this will take us. But will find a way. No Archives workshop.

Amendment to the Motion to the Proposal (above) – Sara read the original Archives Committee proposal and then the amendment. No discussion. Substantial unanimity.

\*Ron announced that he skipped over about eight (8) Area Inventory Action Items and one has been voted on. And as time allows we will go through all seven (7) remaining for discussion and each one will be voted on.

#### **XIII. Announcements** – Alt. Chair, Troy B.

~Melissa already “stole” (joke) the announcement about SWARSAA and the Regional Forum.

~SETA CFC 67th Conference being held September 13 -15. 2013 in Houston at Crown Plaza Houston Suites.

\*Thanked District 32 for their fantastic work this morning with little guidance.

~July Assembly being hosted by District 20.

#### **XIV. Close Meeting** at 9:32a with Responsibility Statement.

All Standing Committees, DCMs, Area Officers, Workshops, & Delegates please submit written reports to the Area Secretary so they are included in the minutes of the Areas' meeting.

#### **2013 SETA ASSEMBLY DATES**

**July 13-14, 2013**

**October 05-06, 2013**

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# SETA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY

## Area Assembly Meeting

Sunday April 14, 2013

- I. **Opening** – Chair, Ronald C opened the meeting at 8:29AM with a welcome, a joke, a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer
- II. **Preamble** – Alt. Chair, Troy B read the Preamble to the Policies and Procedures.
- III. **Roll Call** – Registrar, Linda (delayed) so Ronald C requests introductions of any new GSR's and DCM's. Also acknowledged and introduced Former Delegates (done out of order): Betsy G., Harold P., and Gus H. All welcomed by Assembly.  
**Roll Call** – Linda requests that voting members include their last name on the sign in log. Encouraged everyone to know their correct District and suggested that those who stayed in hotel, list how many nights they're here for accurate room block count. Proceeded with Roll Call.
- IV. **April Area Committee Minutes** – Secretary, Melanie read report. No additional changes or corrections. Request to email electronic reports to Corrie or I ASAP. Provided email addresses. Minutes stand approved as read and accepted as circulated.
- V. **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer, Kris R informed everyone to pick up a copy of his report provided on the table. Started year with \$80,138.14 in our account. This quarter we brought in \$17,875.24. One mistake – on the line *Archives Repository Fund/1<sup>st</sup> quarter* (should be single asterisk) which refers down to bottom of page because of Assembly action taken at January Assembly, we created a budget line item for the repository which allowed him to move the remaining funds we had in a special separate account earmarked for the repository and zero that account out. So it's \$6,681.12 of our income was that closure of the Archives Repository Fund. Our expenses this quarter were \$12,178.89 and that leaves us a bank balance of \$85,834.49. Gratitude Dinner fund was static at \$2,145.36 and Convention funds were static. Over this past weekend, received about \$1,100 from the January Convention Committee that will be reflected in the next quarter's report. Convention funds are fully funded at \$15,000 and any amount over that has to be approved by Finance. Repeated total balance. Convention loss reserve fund set at \$4,000, that's held in reserve and deducted from our unrestricted funds amount. Gratitude Dinner fund is a completely separate "pile of money" that Finance Chair Gary holds in bank account for use on the dinner. Prudent reserve set a half of our approved budget. Last year we approved a budget of \$41,926 and half of that is \$22,195. Important to let everyone know that by Assembly action we have effectively increased our budget to \$58,166 with a couple of items – adding the \$10,000 2013 Archives Repository and another was funding the lodging for our Intergroup Liaison (5 of them) at \$2,500. And also approved a \$2,465 to the IT Committee. Group income was very strong 1<sup>st</sup> quarter at \$10,703. Mistake related to expenses – line item for the lodging of the 2014 Convention Chair, amount is correct but filed it wrong and will appear as part of the next quarter Area Assembly.

Unrestricted funds = \$27,453.63. Instructed by Finance Committee to write a check for \$6,280 to GSO to fully fund our Delegate for 2012. Making unrestricted funds down to about \$20,000. No questions from the Area Committee. Report approved as read.

Chair Ron C. request muting of cell phones and keeping conversations in back to a minimum.

#### **VI. Delegate Introductions & Comments – Patrick C, Panel 62**

Opens with “Good Morning!” and introduces self. Reads a quote on Sponsorship from the Grapevine. Encourages committee to read or invest in Grapevine electronically or otherwise. Welcomes new members to committee and encourages them to ask questions of those who have previously served. Welcomed and introduced Melissa R. – his Alternate. Highlighted his role as Delegate and his activities for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. “Communication is our responsibility”. Talked a bit about “unifying experiences”. Mentioned creation of new tools and received great feedback in summarizing the GSC background for next year. Thanked all who participated in the Roundtable Workshop yesterday. Financial information from SW Regional Trustee, Clayton V. reported at the SW Regional Delegate’s Assembly in March of which our Area 67 is a part of contains 9% of the AA members in the US and Canada. We provide 11% of the GSO support and 11% of Grapevine subscriptions. We are more generous than most. Self-support – SETA 67 is part of a region that provides above average self-support to the GSO. Current financial information – during 2012 the GSO has a profit of \$160,000. Grapevine had a profit of \$257,000. The General Service Board also paid for the \$116,000 loss that La Vina suffered. The reserve fund has a current balance of \$15,300,000. Will provide more detailed financial information when he returns from New York. However, future does not look as bright. AAWS projecting net loss for 2013 of \$611,000. Not for certain, but is budgeted and projected. Possibly resulting from four (4) items:

1. The Conference being held in Manhattan, NY this year.
2. Prepaying expenses for the 2015 International Convention
3. Sites visits for the 2025 International Convention.
4. Computer system upgrade at the GSO.

AAWS anticipates a million dollar transfer from the reserve fund to cover the anticipated loss and to pay for advance expenses for the 2015 International Convention and the upgrades to the AAWS computers. Grapevine, Inc. anticipates a slight profit in 2013. La Vina anticipates a \$127,000 loss. Wanted to be real about the numbers and stated that these figures made him uncomfortable. Realized that losses are projected and not a reality. Opportunity to continue to carry the message that self-support of our two operating corporations in the GSO is in our hands. Whose responsibility is it?

Think about and pose questions to your groups:

1. Why are 57% of our Groups not contributing to the GSO?
2. We have depended on literature sales to provide the income that we as a fellowship are not providing through our own self-support. This dependency is facing a huge reality check as print literature sales are

reducing as globally we are transitioning to digital distributing of literature. **Could this be the time to move towards getting out from under dependency of literature sales income all together?**

Just wanted to share facts and a clear understanding that we still need to be self-supporting through our own contributions – Nothings new. Will have more information as the year progresses.

Encouraged those who attended Roundtable Workshops to complete feedback forms and drop in comment box. “We have things we can do”.

#### **VII. Alt. Delegate Comments – Melissa R, Panel 62**

Introduced self and welcomed Committee. Reports what she’s learned so far and excitement about working with Patrick C. Commends Patrick for changes, ideas, tools, summarizations he’s put in place this year. SWARDA – reported appreciation of attending and experience.

Items of discussion:

~Social networking media issue

~Growing Spanish communities and Districts and communication issues progress

Update on 2013 Gratitude Dinner – District 70 is hosting. Cheyenne is the dinner Chair. District 51 is the Co-Host District and Amy E. is the coordinator from that district. District 51 expressed willingness to act as Host District in 2014. Monthly meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at West Baytown Club. Jimmy Burke Activity Center may be booked again, but not until June. Requesting 11/17/13 or 11/24/13 for this years’ dinner. Regional events: made announcements of upcoming events. Will make it more informational on what one is getting into about the Forums. District 90 is doing a road trip to the next Forum, Contact DCM Ricky if interested in attending. 2014 SWARSAA held in Corpus Christi.

\*10 minute break\*

Assembly resumed at 9:40AM

\*Break – resumed at 11:30AM with Roll Call for Voting – Linda facilitated

#### **IX. Unfinished Business**

1. Funding of Translator – Discussion: Barbara, “didn’t you tell us on Treasurer’s report that prudent reserve is ½ of funds?” Has a problem with that. Treasurer clarified that prudent reserve is \$29,000 not \$22,000. Ron stated that Treasurer will address issue. Kris states that we do have funds available to pay for Translator expense. Deborah R. suggests “we need to get back to the question at hand”. VOTE – 2 opposed. No minority opinion. Motion passed to call the question. Initial motion passed substantially. Minority opinion – Barbara, “things are really changing here this year, wow!” Ron continued to explain at podium and Barbara requested they speak one-on-one.
2. Motion: withdrawn by Deborah D. to fully fund Delegate for 2012.
3. Motion: IT budget line item to bring it down. No discussion. Unanimously passed.

4. Motion: Archives Workspace – Amended to appoint an ad hoc committee. Various discussions on whether or not an ad hoc committee is needed. VOTE – In Favor = 56, Opposed = 32 (simple majority). Minority opinion led to vote to revote which was passed. Motion posed 2<sup>nd</sup> time – Favor = 38, Opposed = 56 (proposal failed – reconsidered). Minority opinion: Archives Chair Jayson states there is a time constraint and wants as much help as possible was the intent of the motion. Gus clarified that you don't get to hear minority opinion on reconsiderations.
5. Area Inventory Action Items – Visual Aids vote outcome = substantial unanimity. Minority opinion – GSR TLC Group, “we don't even know how much it will cost”. Ron states Mike will decide what we need then will report back to Area for our vote. Motion passed after no one changed vote.
6. Service Sponsor Workshop with Alternate Chair in charge passed with a Simple Majority and after minority opinion, no one changed their vote so it passed.
7. Area Chairperson to ask for a sense of the Assembly before forming an ad hoc committee. Motion failed by simple majority. Passed with substantial unanimity.

#### **X. New Business**

No new business.

#### **XI. Other Items for Discussion**

- A. Final Motion – Gus H. made a motion to form an AdHoc Committee on Cooperation not Affiliation.
- B. Deborah D. – Motion to send Delegate to 63<sup>rd</sup> GSC (informed but not instructed). Passed unanimously.
- C. Ad hoc committee to increase cooperation between SETA and Intergroup
- D. Workshop on better participation at Regional Forums.

**XII. Announcements** – Alt. Chair, Troy B. read announcements.

Ronald C. thanks the Assembly for serving and closed the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted:

Melanie, Secretary

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**\*Workshop Reports \*District Reports \*Area Standing Committee Reports**  
**\*Intergroup Liaison Reports \*Ad-Hoc Committee Reports**

**No Report:**

**New GSR Workshop  
RSG Workshop**

**Advanced GSR Workshop  
Intergroup Liaisons Reports**

**2013 SETA Convention Final Report (Houston)** – Chair Melanie reported that Convention made a profit. Alternate Chair Troy reported that hotel (Hilton) wants us back. More than 700, but less than 800 PayPal registrations. Bank account kept in tack and forwarded to next years' Convention Committee. Profit amount = \$1,184.33. Final note – Treasurer mentioned that there is \$15,000 set aside for a Convention loss. They money wasn't used. Thanks Troy.

**2014 SETA Convention Report** – Chair: Rocco reported that everything is going well thus far. Program completed in June. Speakers chosen and confirmed. Monthly meetings held in Beaumont at 1:00PM the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month and also at noon during the SETA Assembly. Positions filled. Flyer available online. Translation to Spanish coming soon. Hotel secured. Requesting each District to do a meeting. Looking for more volunteers.

**Ad-Hoc Committee Reports –**

- A. **Round Table Summary** – Reports were given as to the responses to GSC Agenda Items, made by members of the Round Tables, to provide the Delegate with a sense of the Area.

Chairs and recorders for the English tables:

Table 1: Steve E;	Ron C
Table 2: Barbara C;	Betsy G
Table 3: Cory H;	Michelle H
Table 4: Jim K;	Gus H
Table 5: Jes K;	Beth R
Table 6: Stevi M	Peggy M
Table 7: Marciel S;	Rick M
Table 8: Kris H;	Barbara G
Table 9: Brian D;	Ford S
Table10: Fritz B;	Tom K

Chairs and recorders for the Spanish tables:

Table 1: Edwin C;	Magdalena D
Table 2: Miguel O	Juan Carlos B
Table 3: Roberto V;	Ricardo C
Table 4: Moises L;	Jesus, aka Chui

Open Mike on GSC Agenda Items – Group Input: NONE

**B. Cooperation Affiliation Roundtable – Group 3:**

**Question/Topic:** Looking at entities within the AA service structure and how they advertise/report without showing affiliation.

**Discussion Key Points:**

*Topic Simplified:* Flyers with locations may show affiliation.

*Example:* An AA Flyer for an event located at Houston Council of Alcoholism and Drugs. Is this affiliation?

*Discussion:*

Where do we draw the line of affiliation? Is this an extreme example of affiliation? Other examples were discussed for comparison like other Treatment facilities.

Tradition 6: An AA Group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Is this an issue of prestige? Are we lending the AA name?

Quoted from the Long Form of Tradition 6: “While an AA group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied.”

Are these flyers reducing the possibility of affiliation being implied?

*Suggestions for Solutions?*

Put a Note or Asterisk on the flyer that states this facility has no affiliation with AA.

Put labels before the location or facility that more clearly define the relationship of the facility such as “Location: “ and “Held at: “.

Put the related facility name in a smaller font

The back of Box 459 displays a message, “Events listed here are presented solely as a service to readers, not as an endorsement by the GSO. For any additional information, please use the addresses provided.”

Create guidelines for posting flyers in the Policies and Procedures (maybe similar to our website/email policies currently in place)

Create these guidelines under the Alternate Chair Position since this is the position that maintains responsibility over flyers and related announcements. This way conflicts with affiliation would be supported by the policies and procedures.

*Voting Motion:* Do we need a written policy?

*Voting Consensus:* 9 voted against, 5 voted for

## District Reports

### No Reports:

District 10  
District 51  
District 62  
District 66

District 20  
District 52  
District 64  
District 90

District 33  
District 60  
District 65

### District 31: DCM – West G. Alt. DCM – OPEN

I assumed the position (or DCM) in January of this year and we have been trying to get to know one another, generating enthusiasm for service voluntarism. Among the things we've been working toward are:

1. A District 31 inclusive meeting directory that is easy to assemble and distribute
2. Details of hosting one of the hospitality rooms at the upcoming TX State Convention.
3. Compiling a "District 31 Speaker List" replete with sobriety dates and service positions.
4. Quarterly group workshops at which we spring for two Grapevine subscriptions allocated by way of a drawing.
5. Group visitations, hopefully in conjunction with the time when the group conscience meetings occur.

We're having a blast.

### District 32: DCM – XXX Alt. DCM – XXX

District 32's year began with discussions of the 2013 General Service Conference Committees Agenda Items and the 2013 General Service Conference Inventory Questions. This information was provided to the district's GSRs for sharing sessions with their respective groups so everyone who wanted to provide feedback on these issues would have a right of participation.

We then began making preparations for serving as the Host District for this Assembly, and the outcome of these efforts will be evident throughout the weekend. Special thanks to Ginny M. for taking charge of the hospitality suite, to Nicole S. for organizing registration, to Troy B. who has assisted throughout, and to the many other district members whose contributions of time and effort have been vital to our success. Frankly, none of us had ever done this before, so any constructive feedback will be greatly appreciated, and we are grateful for the opportunity to be of service to Area 67.

The primary focus of District 32 this year and into next is an outreach program to the many existing groups in our district that are not currently participating at the district or area level. We are identifying all inactive groups in our district, determining which of our members live or attend meetings in reasonable proximity to each group, and will soon begin to visit each inactive group in pairs of two to make them aware of our district activities, and invite them to come join us if they wish, or leave them in peace if they do not. In this way, we hope to increase participation throughout the district.

We will continue to make newcomer packets and distribute them through our GSRs to the groups in our district who are in need.

Finally, District 32 continues to publish our quarterly newsletter, copies of which are available this weekend.

**District 40: DCM – Jes K.                      Alt. DCM – OPEN**

It's been a busy couple of months in District 40, so I will cut right to our upcoming events:

June 7-9, 2013 at the Texas State Convention we will be hosting a Hospitality Suite. We look forward to seeing all our Area friends as this annual gathering comes to our backyard!

June 29, 2013 is our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditions Dinner. This year we will be returning to St. Christopher's in Spring Branch. Our speaker will be Mike D., Past Delegate, Panel 49. Our pot-luck theme will be Mexican food. Flyers will be available shortly, and will be posted to our District page on the Area website.

Following the DCM sharing session here at the Assembly, we have already reached a tentative agreement with District 52's new DCM, Nancy O., to organize a joint district Delegate report event to hear from Patrick after he returns from the General Service Conference. We look forward to hearing his report, and meeting new friends from District 52. Our tentative plan is to have a joint speaker meeting, with two 30 minute speakers, one from District 52 and one from District 40, the Delegate's report and then a pot luck meal. All the way back to Bill and Lois's kitchen, there is nothing like food to bring drunks together! More details to come.

Lastly, we are moving forward with our own inventory in District 40. The exact date is still under consideration, most likely in August, but we have agreed on a question format and have Past Delegate Deborah D. to act as our facilitator. We look forward to learning all we can on how we can become more effective servants.

-Jes K.

District 40 DCM

**District 63: DCM – Daniel F.                      Alt. DCM – Jose D.**

District # 63 Area # 67.

West 34 - C 52

Houston TX.

Compañeros (as), in Alcoholics Anonymous receives a greeting to the AA way waiting are enjoying happy 24 hours.

The district # 63, has 10 groups sue RSG feature 7.

7 are present on Saturday at 6:00 on the other groups are motivating so send your representative.

Also has three committees, La Viña, Literature, TFC, CFC.

The vineyard meets Thursdays at 8:00 pm onwards the alternate, to DCM, José Luis Dias, as Coordinator while a Coordinator are encouraged.

He has a Treasurer and Secretary are a raffle every 15 days ago, total 4, current RLV ay 99 subscriptions, compare with the role of the Chamber, with the South Texas area Committee.

Literature, has a raffle every 15 days.

TFC and CFC, gather on Fridays has with tables full service, and go to the groups motivate servers, and collect blue boats, there are two people to go to federal prison, and go to the training to the day of April 2013.

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Also we ASEM in the district boards. The district shares the role of Chamber groups. When any event (SETA) or Hispanic assemblies, meets Thursday. We are working with the (L1, 51) Hispanic Assembly of the State of TX, host city, Houston 24 May 2013 Sheraton North Houston Hotel. 18700 John F. Kennedy. With gratitude in the service.

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**District 70: DCM – Ray R.            Alt. DCM – Sheyanne**

We are working on recruiting new GSR's to our monthly meetings with some success.

Our February meeting was my 1st as DCM but a great meeting for me. Our Delegate and Alt. both attended with Patrick reporting on assembly and the upcoming GSC by delivering the preliminary items for discussion and informing that they had a total of 426 pages of supporting documents to review. Melissa informed us of regional events and schedules, as well as a wealth of information on the 2012 gratitude dinner which we will be hosting this year.

We want to say thanks to Alisa O. for inviting us to the wrap-up of the 2012 gratitude dinner that D-20 held and all the help they gave us.

I was unable to attend our March meeting but Sheyanne our alt DCM took over and chaired the meeting as well as getting the gratitude dinner committee kicked off. Thanks to her for her help and commitment.

Our district has made a commitment to try to visit every group we have in it this year. We are planning on holding a workshop this summer on the 12 concepts, more to follow.

Ray Roberson

**District 82: DCM – Rick M.            Alt. DCM – Dennis G.**

Greetings from District 82. The year 2013 is off to a very busy start here on the southern edge of the Area. New officers rotated into their positions on January 1<sup>st</sup>. We have a new DCM (Rick M.), Alternate DCM (Dennis G.), Treasurer (Dennis G.), and Secretary (Jeff H.). Also, we now have a Chair for the CPC (Kim R.) and an Intergroup Liaison (David A.), positions not previously filled. Our TFC continues to maintain an active Bridge the Gap program.

February is a big month for three groups in District 82, as it is the month in which they celebrate anniversaries. The Beginners Group held their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on February 9<sup>th</sup>, the Plantation Group held their 28<sup>th</sup> annual Founder's Day on February 16<sup>th</sup>, and the Sweeny Group celebrated 41 years on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. All three events included the Al Anon Family Groups and featured both Al Anon and AA speakers. The events were very well attended with plenty of food and fellowship for all.

In other news, the Surfside Group has moved back to Surfside after being rudely evicted by Hurricane Ike in 2008. A brand new church has been built on the island and the Group was offered a meeting space there. The group had been meeting in

Freeport since the storm. The new meeting location is 818 Surf Drive in Surfside, TX. Meeting days are Monday and Friday at 7:30 PM. Also, the Surfside Group will be hosting a District Workshop at their new meeting place on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. The theme will be: "Our Primary Purpose is to Stay Sober and Help Other Alcoholics Achieve Sobriety." Please plan to attend.

Our District Committee meets on the first Sunday of each month in Bay City at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church beginning at 3:00 PM. However, we will move to a yet to be determined location beginning with the July meeting. Please check the District 82 page on the SETA website for the meeting location and feel free to join us at anytime. Also check the SETA website for our Calendar of Events on the District 82 page.

God could and would, if He were sought,  
Rick M.  
District 82 DCM

## Area Standing Committee Reports

### No Report:

<b>Archives</b>	<b>La Vina</b>	<b>Literature</b>	<b>PI</b>
<b>Multi Lingual</b>	<b>SCAP</b>	<b>TFC</b>	

### CPC Committee – Chair: Daniel S.

### Alt. Chair: Open

Glad to be serving Area 67 as the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee chair for 2013/14. During our January & February CPC Committee meetings we brainstormed goals for 2013. Some of the targets this year include medical and nursing schools, the military, Child Protective Services, and parole and probation officers.

We were asked by the General Service Office to staff an exhibit booth during the National Catholic Educational Association Annual Convention at the George R. Brown Convention Center April 2-4<sup>th</sup>. Many AA members took time out of their busy schedules to volunteer for this important CPC opportunity. AA's presence at the NCEA Event netted an abundance of professional contacts both locally and around the globe. Beyond that, everyone who volunteered to help staff the booth stayed sober - Coincidence? I don't think so!

The SETA CPC Committee meets at 7:30PM on the first Monday of every month at the Houston Council on Alcohol and Drugs. All AA members are welcome to attend. CPC Committee chairs and DCMs of districts without CPC committees are highly encouraged to come participate. We need all the help we can get for this vital AA service.

### CFC – Chair: Jim K.

The purpose of this report is to keep A.A. members informed about A.A. correctional service activities in our southeast Texas area. We members of the CFC are gratefully very active, self-sacrificing, and passionate about our service. Many of us have been physically locked up in prisons and jails as a part of our journey, and all of us, including those who have never been inmates, have all been incarcerated in the alcoholic prison of our own making! Whether or not you've spent time behind razor

wire, or how much time you've spent in that state run hell hole is not the point. What is the point you may ask?

You most likely already know the point! “We are not Saints. The point is we continue to grow along spiritual lines.” Over here in CFC service land we are **staying sober**, and as a result of 12 stepping service efforts we are most definitely growing along spiritual lines, not only helping suffering alcoholics who call a prison or jail home, but reaping the bountiful rewards of sobriety and A.A. service unto ourselves! You could call it a win-win scenario all the way to Huntsville and back. Our SETA CFC meets the 3rd Wednesday night of the month at 7:30pm at the Delta Club. We are averaging around 30 trusted servants at our meetings. We account for and are responsible for the “Blue Can Fund” for the purchase of GSC approved A.A. Literature for A.A. members in prisons and jails. We have CFC group reps, district reps, and prison reps. Several of our roster members are approved volunteers, actively taking A.A. meetings into the plethora of prisons and jails in southeast Texas, both male and female units. The facts are that without our approved male and female volunteers (all at their own expense) taking meetings into these far flung TDCJ prison units, there would be no A.A. meetings period, there would be no A.A. recovery, and the recidivism rates would only climb higher and higher. We are currently very active in prison and jail correspondence service, and along with correspondence service we have an active roster of prerelease temporary contacts. These volunteers who may not be comfortable going into a prison, or may not qualify for TDCJ or county volunteer approval, can help A.A. members recently released from prison, find a home group, happiness, joy, and the freedoms that we take for granted with our sobriety on the outside of the pickets.

We have a newly formed IT position and Dori is putting together our constantly changing approved volunteer database, so we can all know who is going to what unit and when. Who is our TDCJ or county contact at that unit or jail, and lastly make this information available to new volunteers.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has over a hundred prisons, with each one housing anywhere from a 1000 to 5000 inmates. TDCJ has somewhere around 164,000 inmates. The southeast Texas area has the distinction of containing the majority of these prison units. Harris County Jail, on any given day, houses around 10,000 inmates. The vast majority of all these people committed the crimes their sentenced for while under the influence of alcohol. I think you know where I'm going with this? SETA CFC needs your help, to help the suffering alcoholics incarcerated in our area. Please encourage your groups to get involved. Putting contributions in the Blue Cans for literature helps, but is it enough? ...faith without works is dead. CFC would like to thank SETA 67 for the ongoing support of our correctional service efforts,

Yours in love and service, Jim K., Area 67 CF Chair.

**SETA CFC is sponsoring these events coming up soon that y'all should know about:**

\*Volunteer CFC Workshop with Intergroup CFC May 18th at the Tradition 3 Group, 11:30-1:30pm, 5656 Belarbor Houston TX 77033.

\*State of Texas CFC Workshop, Saturday June 8th at the 67th Texas State Convention

5-6 pm in Briarpark Rm 2, Marriott Westchase Hotel in Houston.

\*SETA CFC Conference September 13th-15th at the Crowne Plaza Houston Suites 9090 SW Freeway Houston TX 77074

**Grapevine – Chair: Barbara G.**

The meeting was held at the SETA Assembly on Saturday from 4:30 until 5:30 in the El Paso Room, Sheraton North Houston Hotel on JFK Boulevard. Grapevine Reps present were Oona J. (LaBranch Group), Cindy T. (Katy Big Book), Judy M. (Texas City/D-81 Rep), Cassandra D. (Shadydale Group), Angie P. (Orange Group/D-90 Alt. GV Rep), Dave U. (Northwest Unity/D-32 Rep) and Tom R. (Atascocita & Big Book Group). We opened the meeting at 4:35 with the Serenity Prayer and made introductions. Sign-in sheet was distributed. Lulu A. arrived late due to car incident but she stood for Secretary of the Grapevine Area Committee. Angie motioned we accept her offering and Cassandra seconded the motion. Those present accepted Lulu by acclimation. Minutes from February & March were approved with Cassandra making the motion and Oona making the second.

A brief Sharing Session to allow us to know one another better started with the question “Why did you stand for the Grapevine position?” Cindy said it gets her out of her comfort zone and feels it makes sobriety more successful and complete. Tom spoke of a lady in his home group who was remembered as the Grapevine Rep because at the end of each meeting she would raise her hand and say “I have a goodie for you.” It would be a joke from the Grapevine so the meeting always closed in laughter. No one stood since her passing and he would hate to see this position dissolve. Cassandra announced the Shadydale Group has a GV meeting on the 1st Tues of the month. Another question was posed asking “How do we get more GvRs interested in attending monthly Area Committee meetings? Dave suggested we attend various District meetings to speak to GSRs to determine who is serving as their Grapevine Representative. Third proposal was “How do we make the Grapevine Committee stronger and attractive to others interested in our service?” One said to make service enjoyable and not a burden. Another suggested plays/skits that are posted on [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org) website. Barbara mentioned we might consider free subscriptions at Convention. At this weekend’s Assembly, LaVina was giving away free T-shirts to anyone signing up for a subscription.

Under New Business, Angie asked if we could only meet at Assemblies. It was explained that we had a lot of business with Texas State Convention workshop, no display available, and a weak Committee that wanted to build its participation and interest. Barbara agreed to place Angie’s request on the Agenda for July Assembly meeting. A mini writing workshop was held by passing out Guidelines for Contributing to Grapevine as well as upcoming topics and cut off dates. Everyone was asked to approach someone after hearing their talk or share asking if they would be interested in submitting a story online or using new video technology.

The next meeting will be held at the **Delta Club at 7 pm on May 16, 2013.**

We closed with “The Responsibility Statement” at 5:40.

In service and appreciation for all you do,

Barbara G.

SETA 67 Grapevine Chair

**Finance – Chair: Gary S.**

SETA 2014 Proposed 2014 Budget

Our Finance Chair Gary S. addressed the assembly. The 2014 Proposed Budget was distributed. The proposed budget included amendments for the 2013 budget.

Treasurer Kris H. commented on proposed budget. One error was the income line item for quarterly coffee (\$1,4200) for 2013 budget was omitted. Increase of



proposed 2014 budget is largely due to assembly actions: Creating a line item for archives and lodging funding for intergroup liaisons for assemblies. Kris H. thanked our SETA chair, Ron C. for his help in previous years. Questions for the floor were addressed.

Thanks, Kim Reynolds

### **Information Technology Committee Report**

The SETA IT Committee has found a new email service that will solve the problems that have plagued the Area since the implementation of the current mail system last Fall. The new system will solve the problem of the "Reply To" function causing a reply to the entire mailing list instead of the original sender. It will also not require you to have to respond to confirmation emails for every mail list you may be a member of. The migration to the new mail system will be done next Tuesday. During the migration, the mail system may be unavailable so you are advised not to use the SETA mail system next Tuesday. A confirmation email will be sent to everyone once the migration is completed. You will be given instructions on logging in and resetting your password. The documentation will also be updated on the SETA website and you will be given a link to that page.

Today, the IT committee will be making available a new laptop for use by a SETA officer or standing committee chair. The user will be selected by a drawing held during the IT committee meeting this afternoon at 4:00 pm. If you would like to be included in that drawing, please write your name and position on a piece of paper and give it to me sometime before 4:30 pm today.

Over the next few months, we will be reorganizing the SETA website to make it easier to navigate and to find things. We will be discussing this at the IT committee meeting this afternoon. If you have any ideas about how you think the site could be improved, either show up at that meeting, or email me your suggestions.

Mike Wellman  
IT Chair

### **Newsletter – Chair: Brad H.**

The first quarter as the newsletter chair was great. I learned a lot more going through the whole process. I was fortunate to have the past newsletter chair, thank you Linda for showing me the way, then answering the phone, and showing me the way again.

I was very pleased with not only the quantity of submissions to the SETA Quarterly Newsletter, but also the quality of the articles! I received a few emails about lost articles and will work to resolve these issues in the future.

Putting together the newsletter was the best part. The process of getting it out to the printers and handling translations was the challenge. Once I got through it, I know what steps to take from here on. The deadlines for the next newsletter submissions is May 12. Thank you for letting me serve and thank you for all the feedback and corrections that will help better serve the area, districts and groups!

Brad H.  
Newsletter Chair  
[News-chair@aa-seta.org](mailto:News-chair@aa-seta.org)

SETA COMMITTEE ROLL CALL		APRIL 13-14 2013				
SETA COMMITTEE ROLL CALL	NAME	4/13/2013	4/14/2013	ALTERNATE	4/13/2013	4/14/2013
Delegate-panel 63	Patrick C.	X	X	Melissa R.	X	X
Area Chairperson	Ronald C	X	X	Troy B	X	X
Area Registrar	Linda C.	X	X	Debra R.	X	X
Area Secretary	Melanie M.		X	Corrie H.	X	X
Area Treasurer	Kris H.	X	X	Dave P.	X	X
Area Archives Chair	Jayson J.		X	OPEN		
Area CPC Chair	Daniel S.	X	X	OPEN		
Area CFC Chair	Jim K.	X		Luis P.		
Area Finance Chair	Gary S.	X		OPEN		
Area Grapevine Chair	Barbara G.	X	X	OPEN		
Area Web-IT Chair	Mike W.	X		Chery Mc.		
Area LaVina Chair	Fernando R			OPEN		
Area Literature Chair	OPEN			OPEN		
Area Multilingual Chair	Edwin Calix	X		OPEN		
Area Newsletter Chair	Brad H.	X		OPEN		
Area PI Chair	Tom K.	X		OPEN		
Area SCAP Chair	Francia C	X		OPEN		
Area TFC Chair	Tracy W.	X		OPEN		
DCM District 10	Katherine M.	X		OPEN		
DCM District 20	Ford S.	X		Bryan B.		
DCM District 31	West G.	X	X	Kathleen T.	X	X
DCM District 32	Jeff H.		X	Ginny M.		X
DCM District 33	Harold C.	X	X	OPEN		
DCM District 40	Jess K.	X	X	Michelle H.	X	X
DCM District 51	Lee H.	X	X	Amy E.		
DCM District 52	Nancy O.	X				
DCM District 60	Sylvester W.	X		OPEN		

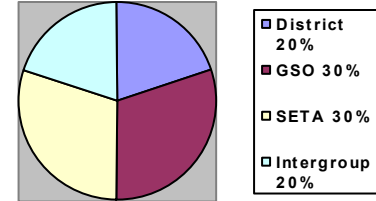
DCM District 62	Francisco M.	X	X	Agustin C.		
DCM District 63	Daniel F.		X	Jose Luis D.	X	
DCM District 64	Octavio G.	X	X	Jose H.	X	X
DCM District 65	Joel B.	X	X	OPEN		
DCM District 66	Miguel O.	X	X	Martin M.	X	
DCM District 70	Ray R.	X	X	Sheyanne F.		
DCM District 81	Stevvi M.	X	X	Melody W.	X	X
DCM District 82	Rick M.	X	X	Dennis G.		
DCM District 90	Ricky L.	X	X	A.B.B.		
Brazos Valley Intergroup	Becky R.	X	X			
Houston Intergroup						
Ninth District Intergroup	Lisa F.					
Oficina Intergroupal Hispano De Houston						
Intergroupo Hispano Del South West						
SETA 2014 Convention Chair-B	Rocco M.	X	X	Brooks G.		
SETA 2015 Convention Chair-G	David A.			Kim		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.

Spanish Intergroup Office Northwest  
 4800 W. 34<sup>th</sup> St Suite C-5  
 Houston, TX 77092, Ph/Fax: 713-683-9277  
 Email: oficinaintergupalhouston@yahoo.com

**Intergroup Addresses**

Houston Intergroup 4140 Directors Row Suite D-E Houston, TX 77092	Brazos Valley Intergroup 837 Harvey Mitchell Parkway Bryan, TX 77807	9 <sup>th</sup> District Intergroup 6640 Eastex Fwy. #149-A Beaumont, TX 77708	Spanish Intergroup S w 5412 Birdwood Road, B Houston, TX 77096 713-661-6833 Email: intergrupo@aahouston hispano.org
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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.)