

South East Texas Area Assembly

of Alcoholics Anonymous
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January Assembly

Saturday and Sunday

January 11 & 12, 2014

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to keep our Fellowship united. For upon A.A. unity depend our lives
and the lives of those to come.***

October 2013
SETA Assembly MOTIONS

AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA

Sunday January 12, 2014

8:30 AM	Open Meeting – Prayer	Chair – Ron C
	Preamble to SETA Policies & Procedures Manual	Alt. Chair – Troy B
	Roll Call & INTRO OF AREA COMMITTEE	Registrar – Linda C
	Recognize: New GSRs, past Delegates, guests	Chair
	October Area Assembly Minutes	Secretary – Melanie M
	Treasurer’s Report	Treasurer – Kris H
	Delegate Report	Del - Patrick C
	Alternate Delegate’s Report	Alt. Del. - Melissa R
	2014 SETA Convention Update	Rocco
	Report from GSR Workshop	
	Roll-Call for VOTING	Registrar – Linda C
	Unfinished Business	
	Ad-Hoc Committee report on cooperation not affiliation (workshop and vote April)	
	– Open positions Literature Chairperson	
	New Business	
	– Change to Policy and Procedure Manual (workshop and vote April)	
	Occurring in April:	
	2014 Area Budget Proposal	
	GSC Agenda Items Workshop	
	Final Report 2014 Convention	
	Election State Convention Chairperson	
	Suggestions for Future Assemblies:	Chair
	Announcements –	Alt. Chair
	April Assembly Host District	

10:00 AM Close Meeting - A Declaration of Unity:

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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 Area's meetings.

2014 SETA ASSEMBLY DATES (Sheraton North Houston Hotel)

April 12-13, 2014

July 12-13, 2014

October 04-05, 2014

SETA Area Committee Meeting

Saturday October 5, 2013

Chairperson: Ron C. opened Assembly at 8:30a with a moment of silence and Serenity Prayer.

Alt. Chair: Troy B. – read Preamble to P&P.

Registrar: Linda C. – Roll Call (1st – there will be Voting roll call later)

Recognition of Past Delegates who are present:

Deborah D. Panel 61

Harold P. Panel 53

Mike D Panel 49

Betsy G. 59

Secretary: Melanie – request for corrections/changes/voting postponed until Sunday Assembly due to printer issues. **See Sunday Assembly minutes.**

Treasurer: Kris H. – **See Treasurers' report on Sunday Assembly minutes.**

Question: Updated Group contributions. Kris explained that 3rd quarter contributions will be updated.

Alt. Treasurer Dave explained in detail the Texas franchise tax. SETA has a 501c3 and is exempt from Texas franchise tax. According to the State of Texas there are no Texas franchise taxes/filings due from SETA.

Delegate: Patrick C. – **See Delegates' report on Sunday Assembly minutes.**

Alt. Delegate: Melissa R. – **See Alt Delegates' report on Sunday Assembly minutes.**

2014 SETA Convention Update (Beaumont): Rocco – **See update on Sunday Assembly minutes.**

Unfinished Business: Ron C. stated that we finished everything in July.

New Business:

-Election of 2016 SETA Convention Chair for Bryan/College Station – member stated there is someone willing to stand, but she wouldn't be at Assembly until tomorrow. **Voting postponed until Sunday Assembly.**

*General Service Conference items:

-Blue card language: Delegate Patrick C. will present a workshop on this item today.

-The AA Survey language: District 10 will present a workshop on this item today. And **voting on whether or not Area supports this agenda item will take place on this item tomorrow.** However, item will be submitted with or without Area support.

Chair Ron C. stated that there were some non-agenda items that were submitted after the 30 days:

-Literature Chair Pete will resign due to a conflict, but willing to serve as interim Chair through the April 2014 Assembly or until someone stands for the position.

-Multilingual Committee Lee requested \$520 for additional transceivers and headsets. Reported that committee is in desperate need of new ones right away to be used at 2014 SETA Convention in January. Area needs to vote on whether or not they support this agenda item.

Discussions –

Question: Didn't the Assembly just purchase this equipment?

Answer: Attendance is higher and we run short and some of it's not working very well. Maybe 2010 when equipment was last purchased.

Request: Consider building in maintenance of equipment into their budget. Committee member stated there is a minimal amount built in already, but it's not much. Maybe \$50.

Question: Are we keeping an inventory of the equipment we do have and if not maybe we should start doing that.

Comment: Reiterated what P&P states regarding notice required for voting. Would like to see us conform to our P&P Manual.

No further discussions. Voting. Substantial unanimity. No minority opinion. Declined. Therefore, when motion is made tomorrow by the Multilingual Committee, it will be **with the support of the Area**.

Announcements: Alt. Chair Troy B. read announcements. **See Announcements on Sunday Assembly minutes.**

SETA Area Assembly

Sunday October 6, 2013

Chairperson: Ron C. opened Assembly at 8:30a with a moment of silence and Serenity Prayer.

Alt. Chair: Troy B. – read Preamble to P&P.

Registrar: Linda C. – Roll call for voting (86 voting members)

Chair: Ron C. acknowledge and thanked District 66 for hosting this quarters' Assembly.

Recognition of Past Delegates who are present:

Deborah D. Panel 61

Harold P. Panel 53

Mike D Panel 49

Betsy G. 59

Recognition and Introduction of New GSRs and DCMs.

Secretary: Melanie – request for any corrections/changes and research claims of excluded reports. Add updates to minutes to website. Minutes approved as corrected. None opposed.

Treasurer: Kris H. – This quarter we had income of \$12,786.37 and expenses of \$13,896.XX for net loss of \$1K+. However, YTD we've been flat with total income this year \$35,994.XX and expenses \$35,263.XX that's a net increase of \$659.43. Reported on funding for Gratitude Dinner and Convention. Currently there are \$36,139.21 in unrestricted funds.

Kris addressed question from Ask-It-Basket on Saturday: Should my group stop sending contributions since unrestricted funds are at \$36K? The panel did a good job responding the question. However, wasn't mentioned was, "please don't do that". Area passed a budget of anticipated expenses for next year at \$58,174.00. Group contributions are only forecasted to be about \$39K. So, what we have to do in order to present the Assembly with a balanced budget is to move \$15,357 of unrestricted funds to restricted funds. If we remain flat, what that does is leaves us with about \$23K in unrestricted funds. Leaving a big shift in what's restricted. Long term forecast is that we will have another \$53K budget in 2015. Various questions on clarity of unrestricted funds and SCAP, and how it should be documented/distributed. Concluded that there would be corrections to the report, but they can be included in the 4th quarter report. Approved as read.

Delegate: Patrick C. –

Opening remarks for Report on Saturday & Sunday:

Good morning to all the members of the South East Texas Area Committee/Area Assembly. My name is Patrick C. and I am serving you as your Delegate, Panel 63, Area 67. I want to welcome all the newly elected trusted servants for the Area, Districts and Groups. Your Alternate Delegate, Melissa R. is

servicing our Area and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole wonderfully. Remember, wherever I go, Melissa has come with me. Thank you, Melissa.

My main role is to inform each of you about what is going on in Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole and to be the voice of your ideas, experience, and collective group conscience at the General Service Conference. Here are a few activity highlights from the third quarter.

- Presented the 63rd General Service Conference delegate report to various districts and groups
- Districts 40 & 52 requested a combined GSC report – only 2 district reports are left!
- Attended Houston Intergroup Association open house & BBQ
- Attended Champions club CFC Round-up, Santa Fe Group's 41st Anniversary, District 90 Convention
- Attended the anniversary celebrations of District 64 & 65, participated in a Star Trek skit at District 81
- Attended the CFC Conference and became a TDCJ volunteer
- Attended Step, Tradition or Concept workshops at Districts 51, 60, 70 & 90

Area Committee Report – October 5, 2013

The Importance of Communication is being demonstrated most prominently this quarter by all the Districts asking the Delegates to come and present the report on what occurred at the General Service Conference. The Area provided printed reports that were passed out at each meeting. In addition, I had the reports posted to the Delegate page on our Area Website (www.aa-seta.org). I want to pose a question. How effectively is the general service conference information being reported to the groups in our area? Does the age old excuse that “my group doesn't care or want to hear about that service business and politics” stand in the way of disseminating the information? If a group is unwilling to listen to an oral report, in what other ways can information be provided?

Since communication is the keystone of our general service structure, I wanted to encourage us to share new ideas, or experience that is working, with each other this weekend to ensure information and suggestions are flowing up and down the service structure.

63rd General Service Conference: The final conference reports are in! I will have them available this weekend per District. I will ask each District Committee Member to take their box or boxes, as marked with the District name and number to pass them out to your district members and groups. Thank you for your service.

Area Assembly Report – October 6, 2013

Note: The Delegate's Area Assembly Report begins by repeating the opening remarks from the Area Committee Report above.

Thank you to all who attended all the Area Assembly meetings, workshops and sharing sessions yesterday.

Current Financial Information I would like to share some updated information I received during the Southwest Region teleconference call facilitated by our Regional Trustee Clayton V. I reported at the April Assembly that in 2013, A.A.W.S. projects a net loss of \$611,000. In the first six (6) months of 2013:

- **AAWS has had a loss of \$413K:** As stated AAWS anticipated losses, but not necessarily anticipated them in the first (6) months. The office is moving computer servers, but there was a 10-week delay, which resulted in this expense being carried over into 2013, instead of being charged in 2012. Encouragingly both sales and contributions were up, over what was anticipated during this period.
- **Grapevine has had a profit of \$ 130K:** Profit was anticipated, but not as much as what they realized. Costs were less than budgeted and the income was higher. Reasons behind the higher income: they realized a bigger gross profit on the magazine – likely due to the \$27/subscription price last year. ** Note: Income on the magazine is going up though subscriptions are going down.
- **La Vina has had a loss of \$ 71K**
- **The Reserve Fund has a balance of \$15 million (10.8 months):** The General Service Board had a choice to either raise literature prices or to let the Reserve Fund be reduced below 11.3 months so they chose to reduce the Reserve Fund, because it was about to exceed the 12-month limit.

Trustees' Grapevine Committee:

Grapevine is seeking a new Non-Trustee Director. The preferred candidate is someone with ties to the Spanish community and who is Spanish-speaking. At this time, there is no one on the Grapevine Board who has ties to the Spanish Community. New E-books are coming out. I have a copy of the AA Grapevine Catalog which includes all the books and other items they have for sale in English and in Spanish. Visit our SETA Grapevine Committee and La Vina Committee displays for the latest information on books, ebooks and subscriptions.

Trustees' Archives Committee:

75th Anniversary Commemorative Big Book will have a selling price in the \$12 range.

G.S.O. Archives Audio Library:

Visit the General Service Office Archives audio library at www.aa.org. The collection features samples of audio clips of talks delivered by A.A.'s co-founders, Dr. Bob and Bill W., and other significant figures. Current clips:

- Dr. Bob's last message, on keeping the A.A. program simple(1950). Bill W.'s humorous anecdote on "the day he lost his pants." (1960). Bill W. on the origin of "Rule 62." (1948).

<http://http.unikronstreaming.com/unikron/aa/mp3/2013/Bill-W.-1948-On-Rule-62.mp3>**Trustees'**

Corrections Committee: As a result of a Conference Corrections Committee's Additional Committee Consideration, staff will work with the Publishing Department to incorporate text in the Corrections Workbook section "Ideas to Stimulate Corrections Twelfth Step Work Within A.A." to reassure all A.A. members that they can participate in corrections service by sharing A.A.'s basic message about getting and staying sober. The trustees will review the revised text at their committee meeting in November.

Trustees' Literature Committee: The committee is still working on the "Spirituality" pamphlet. The revised draft on "Circles of Love" pamphlet is going to be submitted to the Conference Committee on Literature at the 64th General Service Conference.

Trustees' Public Information Committee: The committee asked the staff secretary to report back in November on several items regarding the use of online video posting platforms (e.g. YouTube, Vimeo)

for A.A. videos. The committee also asked the staff secretary to follow up with local P.I. committee chairs in areas where “Tengo Esperanza” has received significant air time to gather sharing about local efforts that might be passed along to other areas.

- The staff secretary reported that, based on an Additional Committee Consideration from the Conference Public Information committee, the pamphlet “Members of the Clergy Ask about Alcoholics Anonymous” has been added to the P.I. kit.

Historical Information on First Printing of the Spanish Big Book: In 1987, Vicente M., then staff member on the Spanish Services desk – working with other Spanish language General Service Offices – spearheaded the effort to gather stories for a personal history section to be added to become the current Spanish Big Book, first published by A.A.W.S in 1990. It includes:

- Basic text from 1986 standardized translation
- “Preface to the First Expanded Edition in Spanish”
- Translations of two English stories (“Alcoholics Anonymous #3” and “Women Suffer Too”)
- 12 Spanish culture stories

Updates from newsletters, Box 459, and About A.A.: Each have articles introducing our new Chairman of the General Service Board, Terry Bedient, and our two new Class A Trustees and five new Class B Trustees. Some of these folks and of course our General Manager, Grapevine and La Vina Editors, along with our very own Southwest Regional Trustee Clayton V. will be attending the SW Regional Forum next weekend. Please make every effort to introduce yourselves to these hard working trusted servants and paid special workers!

Thank you for keeping me learning, growing and participating in the fellowship I love!

Patrick C., Delegate, Panel 63, Area 67, delegate-63@aa-seta.org.

Alt. Delegate: Melissa R. –

Good morning, my name is Melissa R. I’m currently serving as Alternate Delegate, Panel 63, Area 67.

Update on the 2013 Gratitude Dinner

The District 70 2013 Gratitude Dinner Committee continues to work diligently on the upcoming event. I want to thank Sheyenne F., Committee Chairperson, for the great job she and the committee are doing; also Ray R., DCM of District 70, who has been at every meeting and has been a part of the committee from the beginning.

We plan to have a committee meeting during the Assembly weekend; the next and final meeting will be October 20th at the West Baytown Club, where all loose ends will be tied up.

Flyers

Flyers are available this weekend, thanks to Co-Host District 51! Amy E has done a wonderful job. Please be sure to take some with you for your Group members.

I also want to thank District 51’s DCM, Lee H. He has attended committee meetings, translated the ‘Save the Date’ Cards and the Flyers, and has been generally soaking it all up, in preparation to serving as Host District for the 2014 Gratitude Dinner.

Speakers

This year our format will consist of a panel of four speakers; all have been asked and all have confirmed. They will each share their experience, strength and hope in relation to the theme of the Dinner, "Personal Inventory, Our Solution in Action".

The Gratitude Dinner will again be a bilingual event; we are borrowing from the experience and example set by the 2012 Gratitude Dinner Committee, and working with the Multi Lingual Committee to translate the Speakers' "stories", and with the IT Committee to project these translations, which will eradicate issues that go with interpreting.

District Commitments

We're finalizing the district commitments this weekend with each of the DCMs and MCDs. If you're a GSR who does not know what your District or your Group is responsible to bring to the Dinner, please see your DCMs. If the DCMs need information, please see Gratitude Committee Chairperson, Sheyanne F or me.

Funding the Gratitude Dinner

An update on the Gratitude Dinner Fund: As some of you may recall, due to a mishap at last year's Dinner, a stove-top was broken at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center, which resulted in the Center keeping the security deposit of \$500 – which is what that is for. However, that did cut into the beginning budget for the 2013 Gratitude Dinner. District 70 has collected some funds from Groups in their District, to go towards the main course, which is Italian - but more is needed.

Our Area Treasurer tells me that he hasn't received much in contributions so far, but that historically, contributions for the Dinner pick up around October. And he is available to take contributions all weekend! Currently, approximately \$475 is needed to fund the 2013 Gratitude Dinner.

When this event is put on each year, we have to make sure that we have incoming contributions to not only support the current year's event but also funds to ensure that next year's event will also be financially supported. We do pass a basket at the Dinner, which will provide some funds for the Dinner in 2014. As of now, the dollar amount needed to increase the fund to cover next year's event is approximately \$1500. Thank you in advance for contributing to the Fund. Send it or give to the SETA Area Treasurer, Kris H. Be sure to include a note saying that it is for the Gratitude Dinner Fund.

Regional Events

The Southwest Regional Forum is next weekend, October 11-13, in Oklahoma City. The event will be held at the Biltmore Hotel. We've been talking about this all year and I can't believe it's almost here!

The last day to get the room rate was October 1st; however there will be on-site registration if anyone makes a last-minute decision to attend.

As we discussed at the Forum Workshop presented during the July Assembly, this is an opportunity to meet and speak to staff from GSO, AAWS, the Grapevine and La Vina. The Chairman of the General Service Board, Terry B, will be there and so will the General Manager from GSO, along with some of our Trustees and Directors.

You will have the chance to ask them questions, make suggestions and/or voice concerns.

It's also an opportunity to meet Trusted Servants from the other six states that make up the Southwest Region. I'm looking forward to the Workshops and Q&A Sessions, and to seeing our own Patrick C. present a Workshop on "Singleness of Purpose"

There's a lot of information and knowledge to be gained and I hope to see many of you there to take advantage of all that's offered at the Forum.

Please let me know how I can assist you in carrying the message. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa R
Alternate Delegate
SETA 67, Panel 63

2014 SETA Convention Update (Beaumont): Rocco – To date everything is going smoothly and we are scheduled for a great 2014 SETA Convention in Beaumont. Everyone should begin announcing the convention at their weekly home group meetings and any other events they attend. Now is the time to push registration. Each home group should have fliers with registration forms to hand out. Registrations can be mailed in bulk to the address on the form. Please do not mail cash.

The program has been finalized with the exception of the Spanish Speaker. Currently, we have confirmed our speakers. Host will be contacting them this month and stay in contact until the event takes place. Monthly meetings are being held at one o'clock in Beaumont before the GSR meeting which is the first Sunday of every month and at the Quarterly SETA Assembly. The committees are on top of things and open positions have been filled. Everyone is invited to attend and become a part of the committee. There are many volunteer opportunities for service work, both before and during the convention. The new flyer is available on line and has been translated into Spanish. The hotel and convention center is ready to go. To date we have had very minimal expense output. SCAP is ready to host one hospitality suite and District 90 is considering co hosting that suite with them. In addition the Spanish Districts are hosting a second hospitality suite. If you have questions, comment or concerns please direct them to Rocco M. Chair or Brooks G.

Yours in Service,
Rocco M.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

-Election of 2016 SETA Convention Chair for Bryan/College Station – Mary stood. No one else willing to stand. All in favor. None opposed. Elected.

*General Service Conference items:

-Blue card language: Open for discussion:

GSR Blue Card Group – not in favor. Unnecessary to make this kind of a modification to the literature. No proposing that non-alcoholics not share at meetings. Concern addressed at group.

No minority opinion. Substantial unanimity – **The Area will support the language in the Blue Card.**

-The AA Survey language: District 10 withdrew proposal based on responses received during workshop.

-*Literature Chair* is now open again as current Chair had to resign.

-*Multilingual Committee* requesting \$520 for additional transceivers and headsets. Area supports this motion.

-*9th District Intergroup Liaison (District 90)* – Doc stood for position. Motion to accept by acclamation. Second. All in favor. None opposed. Elected.

Suggestions for Future Assemblies –

WORKSHOPS IDEAS (indicated with an *):

*Concepts

*Spirituality through Service

*Ways the Area Committee can expand on who we are and what we do.

*Incorporating an ongoing Quality Leadership – topics on communications, preparation, cooperation, personality, technical, spiritual – incorporate in Area Assemblies. Especially incorporate Spanish speaking members.

*Anonymity in press, radio and film – internet/social media outing. Modern media.

*Discussions on if there is already an agenda item to include social media in the 11th Tradition. How do we have/protect anonymity in this day and age?

*Service sponsorship – service stories and the rolls they play within the organization evolved.

*Create a roster in the service structure who are willing to be service sponsors. Alt. Chair Troy B. reported that he created a Survey Monkey as per the Area Inventory in April. States that it's his responsibility that the Committee/Area get the list and it will be posted on the SETA website on his page.

*Our commitment to the responsibility to the jobs we've accepted to do – Committee Inventory of the jobs we're asked to do. Chair Ron C. suggests when Committee reports are given that a better use of that time be used to conduct this workshop, in addition to them giving their reports.

Questions:

Are any of these topics debatable? Not a proper use of a workshop to have a service sponsor telling their story.

What is a Service sponsor and what is the basis for it? A short, who, what, where, and when?

Answer(s):

Roles, and how their AA service "career" developed. Maybe tell their story.

Comments:

"We just did this at the last Assembly."

"Maybe best addressed in the GSR Workshops."

“This is about the service model not the recovery model.”

“The Ask-It Basket takes place too late.”

“Suggestions to do some changes on the time.”

“Consider doing these Area committee workshops at night.”

“Utilize newsletter”

*Consider the P&P in decision making at the Area – Discuss 13 pages of P&P.

*Why are the boundaries different between the Spanish speaking and English speaking Districts?

Suggestion:

Consider attending the Inter-District meeting on October 23rd.

Chair Ron C. states he may consider switching time for Ask-It-Basket.

*Ad Hoc committee on job descriptions. Chair Ron C. states that Alt. Chair Troy B. is already Chair over that committee and it should take place in July 2014.

Betsy G. says plan on being in attendance at the Assembly all day on Saturdays once a quarter. Otherwise resign from position.

*A series – Traditions and Concepts but broken down as to avoid overload of info.

*How to host an Assembly.

Chair Ron C. reiterated that he is responsible for setting the agenda. States his goal is to get as much information out as possible within that day and a half to make sure that the GSR's understand what is going on in the Area and then also that they can grow spirituality.

Announcements (read by Alt. Chair Troy B.)

Thanked District 66 for hosting Assembly this weekend. Stated that District 31 will host April 2014 Assembly.

~District 31 presents a workshop on Chairing Meetings hosted by the Atascocita Group. 2805 S. Houston Ave., Humble, TX 77396 on Saturday 10/26/13 from 2p – 5p.

~The Traditions and Concepts Weekend on the Beach “It Continues” presented by Gary K – Past Southwest Regional Trustee and David H. – Past Delegate Area 10. The Victorian Condo Hotel & Conference Center 6300 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX on 9/19-21/2014.

~2nd Annual Spirit on Houston Chili Cookoff at Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock Rd. Houston, TX 77005 on Saturday 10/19/13.

~“Surviving the Holidays Sober” workshop sponsored by District 20. Council on Alcohol and Drugs 303 Jackson Hill, Houston, TX on 10/26/13 from 9a – noon.

~2013 Southwest Regional Forum at Biltmore Hotel Oklahoma 401 South Meridan Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73108 on 10/11-13/13.

~Spirit of Houston Conference. Sheraton Houston Brookhollow 3000 North Loop West, Houston, TX 77092 on 11/8-10/13.

~The Nameless Group First Year Anniversary & Celebration. 4202 Canal St. Houston, TX on Tuesday 10/29/13 from 6p – 8p.

~SWRAASA 2014. P.O. Box 6601 Corpus Christi, TX 78466. For more information contact – 361-549-5755.

Meeting closed with Responsibility Statement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

***IT –**

My name is Marshall W. and I was elected to the IT Chair position in July. I attended the IT July quarterly meeting as well as the monthly meetings in July, August and September. The IT Committee meets at 10:30 am the 4th Saturday of every month at the Post Oak Club located in the Northwest Mall in Houston. We also hold our Quarterly meetings at the Assemblies. I would like to thank Renee, Debra, and Melissa for their excellent presentation "Preparing for an Assembly". The demonstration of the SETA Website was very informative. The IT Committee currently has several open positions including: Secretary, Alternate Chair, Alternate Secretary, Alternate Postmaster, Alternate Tech Support. The Committee is currently working on the IT Guidelines. The current draft version is posted on the IT page on the Website. The SETA IT COMMITTEE is also working on updating the Area's IT inventory. As far as I know the Translation equipment is not a part the IT Committee's Inventory. That equipment is maintained by the Multi-Lingual Committee. We are working on changing the method of payment for Website hosting and GO TO MEETING accounts. Currently the payments are being paid using Mike Wellman's Credit Card. We need to set these up so that they are not linked to anyone's personal accounts. Jeff the Webmaster is working to update the website to bring it up to current standards. Currently there is an Ad-Hoc "Cooperation – vs. - Affiliation" Committee whose discussions include how the SETA Website should handle posting non-SETA related items such as announcements about Intergroup. I have contacted Mike W.'s attorney in an effort to retrieve SETA equipment and information. Mike the previous IT Chairperson had these items in his possession when he passed away. The IT Postmaster recently restructured the permissions settings for some of the Area's e-mail addresses. The goal is to eliminate spam and unauthorized e-mails. If you are not a part of the SETA assembly and need to contact a member please use the contact page on the website. The IT committee is working to include equipment disposal procedures into the IT Guidelines. This includes managing Hardware and Software lifecycles. The IT committee also manages Go-To-Meeting requests. If you would like to use remote access for your meeting there is information on the IT page of the website. Marshall W. SETA IT Chairperson.

***CPC Committee –**

I'm grateful to serve Area 67 as your Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee chairperson. Although we were active all summer, the last few weeks have been incredibly busy for our committee. On September 17th we gave a presentation to the staff at the University of Texas Harris County Psychiatric Center. A week later on September 24th we presented to a class on the Houston Community College Coleman Campus. On October 4th we had a table and provided information at the annual Spectrum Conference at the Westin Memorial City.

We are actively working on projects reaching out to nursing schools, training hospitals, the military, child protective services, and parole/probation officers.

The last few meetings our committee has continued to grow and we welcome all those who are willing and available to attend our meetings at 7:30PM the first Monday of every month at the Houston Council on Alcohol and Drugs.

***Archives –**

I am Jayson and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving as the chair of your SETA AA Archives committee.

- We were able to secure our current rent rate for the past year, for the next 16 months through the end of December 2014. This is an additional 4 months at our current rate of rent. This places us well within our budget for the archives repository.
- We are looking forward to a small Archives display at the Gratitude Dinner in November.
- We have acquired 3 new display cases for our Archives displays when we are asked to present at area conventions and events.
- We are continuing to do detailed cataloguing of our archives materials, and continuing to digitally scan documents, especially older SETA Assembly Minutes.
- We are continuing to transfer cassette recordings of conventions, speaker, and meetings to digital format, for our digital audio library.

We are enjoying working with SETA in preserving the message of Alcoholics Anonymous for this region. Thank you for allowing me to serve you in this capacity.

***Grapevine –**

The SETA Grapevine Committee continues to meet on the 3rd Thursday at 7 pm at the Delta Club except for Assembly weekend. Attendance is usually between 7-10 members with a new Rep from D-40 joining us in September. Unfortunately, the Alt. Chair had to step down so if anyone wants to “grow on the vine”, this is the perfect opportunity.

We will begin reviewing the Grapevine Handbook at our monthly meetings and agreed to begin combining with our sister magazine by saying Grapevine/LaVina when we speak. Since we had such a great time together at TX State Convention, we are planning a Grape-A-Thon in 2014. This is a day-long series of discussion meetings on the Steps, Traditions, Concepts, group problems, spirituality, and other topics of concern to AAs based on articles from Grapevine. The idea for the marathon came from an area chair in Colorado. The first Grape-A-Thon took place in Denver, Colorado, on January 4, 1986. We will probably add a writer’s workshop to the event encouraging print and audio stories.

The latest book is titled *No Matter What* dealing with physical, emotional, financial, and spiritual adversity. I brought copies this weekend to Assembly but they are going like hot grapes. Other book products are available and I have subscriptions forms for Grapevine/LaVina.

Of course we will participate in the 2014 SETA Convention with our purple balloons, glasses, shirts and Grapevine Display Table. We shall once again give away literature and subscriptions. Join us in January as we celebrate fun in sobriety.

In service and appreciation for all you do,
Barbara G.
SETA 67 Grapevine Chair

***Literature –**

Meeting started at 4:30 on this date (10/5/13)

Four members present and discussed the following actions:

Set next meeting date and time: Will phone conference to set date and time.

Goals set:

- Support Spanish districts and to order pamphlets, tape, and PI tapes.
- Discuss volunteers to fill open positions
- Conduct literature workshops for Districts
- Set aside Assemblies for literature representative.

Work with other Service Committees.

Stress the importance of the Box 4-5-9.

Conducting Literature meeting at group level.

Sincerely,
Pat M.

***Public Information –**

Serenity Prayer
Introductions

David – Gave report on PSA project. Developed guidelines, data base, script. 6 stations owned by Clear Channel contracted.

Need to get project started.

Would like to extend this project to Spanish Districts.

D40 –

Working on PI project for church, PSA in movie theaters.

D90 – 3 members

D31 – Will be running a PSA in movie theaters.

Paco – Spanish speaking working with radio stations. 4 years ago answering questions in church Catholic Spanish.

How do we keep people involved:

- ask people to come to a meeting
- include when we are telling story
- fear of presentation, encourage them that they can do something else
- apathy in PI

- workbook
- explain that PI is important so people can find us
- not promotion because we do not promote an individual, we put forward our program of recovery.

The Literature Committee wants to help. Create an article of interest in paper about example Bay City anniversary.

***Houston Hispanic Intergroup Office –**

Introduction

The purpose of the present report is to let you know the actual situation of the Hispanic Intergroup Office, and how it's organized and the different activities that are been achieve by the Service Board and it's Committees.

Location

The office is located in the Northwest Area de Houston, at following address:

4800 W. 34th. Street, Suite C-5, Houston, TX. 77092. Tele/Fax :(713)683-9277.

Organization and Operation

The doors are open to the public Monday thru Friday from, 10:00 am. To 5:00 pm, and Saturday from 9:00 am. To 1:00 pm. The office is attended by secretarial and administrative service.

The office is organized to comply with the main purpose of share the message of the Twelfth Step to the community, with a Service Board and its Committees.

The Intergroup Office Web site is: www.aaoficinaintergrupalhouston.Org and the email address are: oficinaintergrupalhouston@yahoo.com which is available to the community.

Service Board Activities

Coordinate assemblies Representante de Oficina Intergrupala (R.O.I.) Saturday beginning at 6:00 pm, with the assistance of 20 to 24 group's representatives.

Office committees meet once a weekly at their own schedule.

The Service Board and Committees meet once a month, the first Tuesday of each month.

The office Service Board and Committees meet once a month with the Southwest Intergroup Office Service Board and committees on the second Wednesday of each month.

Committees Activities

Twelfth Step Committee:

Receiving calls about the twelfth step from the office and the A.A groups in the area.

Design list of links of the groups to the committee.

Visit ari groups to share with Service Board.

This committee is responsible for the phone calls from Monday thru Friday beginning at 5:00 pm and every weekend.

***SETA Liaison To Intergroup –**

1 We had open house on July 20th – over 750 plates of food, we think it was close to 900 people – net profit was \$2,228.18. Great turn out.

2 Holiday open house is Dec. 14th. Saturday from 10 – 3. Please bring a holiday treat. 4140 Directors Row.

3 The construction is now under way at Intergroup – The Board/Delegate meeting is being move to the Zion Lutheran Church, 3606 Beauchamp 77009 Oct 17th 7pm (Board) / 8pm (Delegate). The Intergroup CFC meeting is being moved to “We are not saints” Group. Meeting hall on 18th & Rutland – Monday the 21st Oct. 8pm

*We will be electing 4 trustees to fill positions at the Oct. bi-monthly meeting of the BOD/Delegates

4 Saturday Aug. 3rd was the Intergroup CFC Roundup. Raised \$3,875.00 / 3,340 from auction and raffle. 525.00 on BBQ – We had a great turn out and we think it was the best round up in 4 years.

5 Northwest Unit Group toured the Intergroup facility on Sept 4th as a possible new meeting spot for their group / voting will take place this month.

6 GSO informed Houston Intergroup that we are the largest purchaser of AA approved literature in the world – Thanks in part to the \$30,000 annually from SETA CFC blue can fund – a statistic I’m not sure we should be bragging on!

Thank you for the honor and privilege to be of service the Area.

***SW Houston Intergroup –**

Hello fellow A. A.’s greetings from the SW Houston Intergroup, October 5, 2013

Wishing that each of you are enjoying 24 happy hours of sobriety. The intergroup has 30 groups with 18 active groups. We meet every Sunday at 10:00 am, with 13 to 16 Intergroup representatives present.

The office of the intergroup meets once a month with the North Houston Intergroupal, (second Tuesday of each month).

The office of the Houston intergroups meet every quarter, with all other intergroups to talk about workshops pertaining to the Hispanic state forum.

The 12 Step committee received a total of 77 calls during the last 3 months, all the calls were addressed.

The PI committee has 2 trusted servants and we are looking at ways to be able to work with the community and to care the message to the still suffering alcoholic. The corrections committee is working with the community of A. A.

The Literature Committee purchases the literature from Houston Intergroup and GSO and keeps available for the groups.

The Newsletter and archives committee helps with the preparation and distribution of the communication and information written by the intergroup office.

The events and celebration committee is working to plan the anniversary of the intergroup on 26 January 2014 and you are cordially invited.

We must do this for the future of AA, our common well-being is to maintain our community together, by that AA depends on our lives, and the lives of those to come. THANK YOU for the opportunity to serve.

Salomon L, SW Intergroup Liaison

WORKSHOP/SHARING SESSION UPDATES

***New GSR Orientation –**

20 people were present for the new GSRs Orientation. We opened the meeting at 8:31 am with the serenity prayer, and then we read from the service manual, Legacy of service by Bill W. We had 2 presenters (Antonio D. and Charity D.) and 1 Multi-lingual member as interpreter (Idana). The first was Antonio D, which suggested the importance of working with the traditions and being involved with the activities of his group. He also suggested that one could participate and motivate others to attend district and area activities. He also mentioned the need to register your group with SETA and with the general service office GSO. Antonio mentioned the 7th tradition of group contributions to district, area, GSO, and Intergroup and also your personal/birthday contributions to the GSO are essential. He also talked about the importance of having direct communication with DCM/MCD, and the delegate. The second presenter was Charity D. she stressed the importance of service sponsorship and to teach the new ones about the service structure. She talked about the suggestion of having at least 2 years of sobriety to be A GSR. She also suggested the importance of motivating the group members to participate in the events that take place in our Area. Hold an informed group conscience, to keep group members up to date with the activities in A. A. The meeting closed at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted, Salomon L. – Workshop Chairperson

***ADVANCED GSR –**

Co-lead: Ricardo C and Ford S, Multi-lingual committee provided the oral translation

Ricardo C and Ford S co-chaired the bilingual Advanced GSR sharing session for SETA Area 67 with Deborah D providing translation duties. Ricardo C opened the meeting with an introduction followed by the serenity prayer. Approximately 50 attendees were in attendance.

Before the meeting, new GSR packets were distributed and materials contained in these packets were used as a basis for discussion. Topics covered in the discussion included the importance of the GSR in providing a two way communication at the group, district and Area level.

It was noted that although there are some similarities between the English speaking groups and the Spanish groups, the Spanish groups expect a much higher level of service commitment from their GSRs including asking non-performing GSRs to step down or be replaced after having discussions with that representative. If the group feels that individual is not performing his/her duties they will ask that they step down. Most Spanish Districts meet on a weekly basis compared to a monthly English speaking meeting.

GSR election procedures for the various groups were discussed along with the spirit of rotation and the need to include alternate GSRs. After all, these are the future leaders. Concepts III, IV and V were discussed noting the Right of decision at all levels of service both in the groups, Districts, and Area service positions. All service representatives at all levels have a right of participation and the Right of Minority opinions can be expressed freely. GSRs from all groups were urged to take an active role in familiarizing themselves with the new SETA website to learn where upcoming SETA agendas are located, items that were coming up for discussion, and background materials were located on the site 45 days in advance of each SETA Assembly and SETA Convention.

Questions were also addressed, one question was if it was the GSR's responsibility to print these materials and bring them to their groups before each SETA assembly. The response was it is up to each district and GSR's to decide how to handle copying. Several questions and comments were entertained by the co-chairs. Another question was asked of the GSR's about the usefulness of the bilingual meeting and encouragement was made that it be continued in the future. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

***"How to Prepare for an Assembly" –**

Workshop panelists were Renee K, Deborah D and Melissa R.

Deborah opened the workshop and introduced the panel. She reported on how the panelists utilized "GotoMeeting" to put the workshop together and then met last night to finalize it. She then turned the meeting over to me.

I told the Assembly how the workshop came about due to my confusion at the last Assembly over a vote. I then asked how I was supposed to prepare for an Assembly and to know how to vote. Chairman, Ron C. then pronounced a Workshop to be held at the next assembly on how to prepare for an assembly and told me that I was to participate on a committee.

I then spoke about my fears and confusion over the process, and how my commitment to serve overcame those obstacles. Then when I arrived at the Assembly and met with the rest of the panel, the Triangle unfolded – and I saw unity, recovery and service in action.

I asked the assembled how many had printed the Agenda and came prepared to vote; how many had an informed group conscience prior to coming to the Assembly.

I introduced the Assembly to the "Save the Date" Cards, explaining how the Assembly Dates were listed through 2015, along with hotel reservation information and the SETA website : aa-seta.org.

I went to the website and went through an overview of the tabs, then followed up with a detailed description of the content of those tabs. I then went to the Home Page and emphasized that there's "no place like home" and to always return there, when in doubt.

The Chairperson's page holds a wealth of information for Assembly planning. There are Agendas, List of voting items and Proposals for Vote that can be downloaded and introduced to the Group for their feedback, prior to attending the Assembly, so that GSRs can come with a sense of their Group's conscience – I have no excuses for not knowing how to prepare and come informed next time..

I then pointed out the Events Page tab – the 2014 Convention Flyer (Sandy Beach!!), the Gratitude Dinner Flyer, which was updated overnight – thank you, Webmaster! The Events Page Tab has flyers for the Regional Forum and the Area Calendar. The District Events tabs are on the right side of the page.

I noted that I really enjoyed reading the Newsletter as I got to learn about things like the GSO's 3-year Inventory! Also the Bill W. Stamp, Ron C's story about how he got into service, the Alternate Delegate's article on the Forum and Troy B's craving for tamales all made for a good read.

I noted that the Minutes are posted on the Secretary's page after approval, but that past Minutes are available for reference. I asked the Assembly how many had received the Minutes and if not they should check with the Registrar to verify that their email address is current.

The "Contact SETA" tab had all Area Officers and Committee Chair contact information and I demonstrated how to contact various position-holders from this page.

I noted that the Alternate Chairperson's page has SETA's Policy and Procedures Manual which was a surprise as I thought AA was not "organized".

I thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and turned the workshop over to Melissa R.

Melissa talked about the documents laid out on the tables beside the podium, explaining the usefulness of the reports and flyers in preparing GSR reports. She discussed the Delegate's table, noting the GSC Report which has details about the outcome of the General Service Conference, financial data and much more information to share with the Groups.

Melissa then turned the meeting over to Deborah who talked about "What Happens on Sunday". She explained that reports would be given, summarizing the workshops from Saturday, Treasurer's Reports and the previous Assembly's Minutes are approved (as corrected, if necessary) and finally the Roll call for Vote is held and the Assembly votes on the Voting Items.

There was a Q & A Session at the end. Deborah addressed the question of why it seems to be so much repetition in Assembly topics - she explained that workshops are held on Saturdays but many don't come until Sunday – so without the follow-up reports, many may be uninformed. She stressed that if more members would attend both days – all day – of the Assemblies, then possibly the repetitions could be eliminated. Deborah noted that Area Assemblies began at 10 AM on Saturday morning and ends on Sunday afternoon.

Another question was why GSRs should be printing out all this Assembly information – as some DCMs do this and provide them at District Meetings. I responded that I've come to learn that I am responsible.

The workshop was an invaluable experience and taught me how to succeed by staying committed to the process of AA, taking action when I want to quit, and trusting those that have gone before me. Thank you.

***P&P Revision –**

I make a motion to change the SETA Policy & Procedure Manual. Posted on the left hand side are current P&P guidelines while the right hand side posts the suggested changes.

SUBJECT: VOTING pg 8	SUBJECT: ELECTIONS pg 8
FIRST SENTENCE: Election of the Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Officers of Area 67 shall take place biennially during the fourth quarter assembly.	CHANGE: Election of the Delegate, Alternate Delegate and all other Area Committee members of Area 67 shall take place in even years during the October quarterly assembly.
SECOND SENTENCE: The Assembly will conduct a workshop on Area Committee job descriptions during the third quarter assembly.	CHANGE: The Assembly will conduct a workshop on Area Committee job descriptions during the July quarterly assembly before elections.
THIRD SENTENCE: A workshop on election procedures (Third Legacy) will be conducted during the fourth quarter assembly.	CHANGE: A workshop on election procedures (Third Legacy) will be conducted during the Assembly weekend prior to the elections.
FOURTH SENTENCE TO END OF PARAGRAPH: Any member willing to stand for any area committee job must be present or submit their intention in writing. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Voting Procedures will be as follows:	CHANGE: Any member willing to stand for any area committee job must be present. or submit their intention in writing. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. The candidates shall qualify by stating their sobriety dates and service histories. Their names will then be listed on a board. Voting Procedures will be as follows:
2. The names of the members of the current area committee who have a minimum of six years of continuous sobriety and four years Southeast Texas Area Assembly service and present will be posted on the board, and those members will be polled to ascertain their willingness to serve as Delegate or Alternate Delegate.	CHANGE: 2. Any member with a minimum of six years of continuous sobriety and four years Southeast Texas Area Assembly service and present may advise the Assembly of their willingness to serve as Delegate or Alternate Delegate.

In service and appreciation for all you do,
Barbara G.

DISTRICT REPORTS

***District 20 –**

District 20 meets the first Saturday of every month at the Council on Alcohol and Drugs located at 303 Jackson Hill, Houston, TX. Approximately 10-15

officers and GSRs are usually in attendance. District 20 is sponsoring its annual "Surviving the Holidays Sober" workshop on October 26 from 9-noon with breakfast and coffee provided. Flyers are available at SETA and on the website. Cole D stepped up last month to fill our vacant alt-DCM position. Several new GSRs have recently been in attendance at our meeting. The speaker meeting following the District meeting is being hosted by the Double Digit group from Lambda Center. District 20 will be providing decorations for the annual Gratitude Dinner on November 17 at the Jimmy Burke Center. We will also be making a cash contribution to SETA to help fund future Gratitude dinners.

***District 31 –**

Though we usually meet on the 3rd Sunday in Kingwood, our November meeting has been changed to accommodate the SETA Gratitude Dinner. We will meet, instead, on November 10. All are welcome.

For those who have not heard District 31 complain about our 1st World problem of having too much money in excess of our prudent reserve, you've really missed out on some good whining. I am today happy to report that through a number of different and diverse service projects, we have at long last left ourselves with no more funds above our prudent reserve and therefore with nothing to complain about. Included among the various projects we've undertaken:

- 1) Our District 31 meeting directory—to be updated every 6 months.
- 2) PI spots to be run at a local movie-plex theater.
- 3) Rooms provided to GSRs at SETA Assemblies.
- 4) 2 Grapevine subscriptions at each District supported workshop and Old Timer's Day.
- 5) Hosting Hospitality room at the TX State Convention in June 2013.
- 6) Big Books to some local treatment facilities.
- 7) Workshop at Shadydale group (which was extremely well attended).

We have some big plans for 2014, including our hosting of the SETA Assembly in April 2014, a Traditions Conference in March and our Oldtimer's Day in February, a big CFC conference in Huntsville is being planned, District 31's involvement is yet to be determined.

Thanks for permitting me to serve.

West G., DCM-31

***District 32:** DCM: Jeff H. Alt.DCM: Ginny M.

District 32's is eagerly making plans to provide beverages for the Gratitude Dinner in November and is looking forward to the opportunity for service and fellowship.

The primary focus of District 32 this year and into next remains our 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 are beginning to visit each inactive group 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.

District 32 is also in the beginning stages of planning a workshop for the 1st quarter of the next year. More information will be forthcoming.

District 32 continues 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.

***District 33:** Harold C.

- Finance – solvent
- Groups – active – New members
- Conventions – Committee formed
- Alt DCM to Regional Forum
- Delegate and Alt. Delegate Oct. 19 inventory
- Intergroup – growing
- Registrar invest gated questionable group to ascertain activity
- New Groups in district
- New GSR – Beginner Group in service

***District 40:**

In August, District 40 held its summer workshop as an Old Tyme Ice Cream Social, with a theme of Diversity in AA, How We've Grown Through the Years. We had four speakers ranging from 33 to 51 years of sobriety. The event was both fun and moving, as their personal stories demonstrated how AA members welcome their fellow suffering alcoholics regardless of differences in background, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation.

We continue our preparations for our District Inventory to be held in November, and look forward to seeing our friends from across the Area at the Gratitude Dinner. We also have several members planning to attend the SW Regional Forum in Oklahoma City. I am personally driving and taking three ICYPAA members in my car – sure to be a fun trip!

Jes K.

D40 DCM

***District 52 –**

As part of our focus on being active in D52, several members have been out and about visiting outside District events.

Thank you for a great time at Unity Day in Bay City, Intergroup Open House in Houston and D10's workshop, Honesty in Sobriety held at The Mens Center.

Planning to host a workshop of our own is an ongoing discussion monthly. More will be revealed. We do continue to meet monthly with fair attendance. Unfortunately, the attendance consists of more officers and committee chairs than GSR'S.

A challenge has been made for all of us to have a well thought out response to the often expressed question "Why do I need a Home Group, it doesn't say it in the Big Book?"

Respectfully submitted by:

Nancy O.
D52 DCM

***District 60 –**

District 60 is growing we gain a new GSR from the Monday morning woman group Cherie k district 60 is still looking for members to participate next district function will be in February the function will be at the third tradition group also district 60 in looking to get involved with district 70 and co host July area assembly. Sylvester W.

***District 62 –**

620 FM 1092 suite 212 Stafford TX 77477

DCM Francisco Martinez (281) 386-9855 email: martinezfrancisco17@yahoo.com
DCM alt: Agustin Cueva (281) 628-3141 email: acueva@parmco.com

Our district count on 8 groups with 5 to 7 gsr's attending to our district meeting.
We meet every Saturday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at our district.
We share with our groups one day a week on Fridays and attend to any invitation from others groups on there circle of unit.
Count on 3 committee:
La vina committee; correctional committee and literature committee
district 62 support and contribute on any AA event.
Contribute with area 67 and hospitality room at the area assembly's
district 62 will celebrate their third anniversary on February 9 2014.

With love in service

***District 63 –**

Partners in Alcoholics Anonymous
Salute to the AA way.

District 63 has 10 Group Travel 6 have their RSG.
6 have presents Saturdays at 6pm.
The groups are encouraging others to send their representative.

Also has three committees, the La Vina, Literature, and Corrections.

We have reunion studio service manual for 30 minutes.

La Vina meets Thursdays at 8pm onwards has the full 5 raffle every 15 days RLV, is now has 129 subscriptions.

Literature, is working on having a raffle every 15 days .

Corrections has two members and come to share with the table service to motivate servers, and pick up the blue bins .

The District shares with the group Friday in role sharing .
Share with groups or districts cycle unit.

We also do presents in the district boards. And in the studio session with servers SETA.

When some event at Area Southeast Texas (SETA) or Hispanic Assembly District meets on Thursdays at 8pm.

The district collaborates with \$ 50 ZETA and collaborate with something hospitality room .
The district working with your anniversary celebrates that the November 3, 2013 .

Thanks for attention,

DCM - Daniel F.

Alternate DCM, Jose Luis D.

***District 64 –**

The District is located at 1215 Aldine Bender, 77032, Suite 110-111, 281-219-1894.

Our District has 16 active groups of which 9-12 GSR attend every Saturday at 6pm. The regular meeting of the District and every 15 days have a study meeting for the manual service reference book; we also visit the member groups every Wednesday. Web page: 'AAHoustonDistrito64.org and email: AAHOUSTONDISTRITO64@HOTMAIL.COM"

We have three committees:

A-Correctional facilities committee, we have three members and three alternates. We meet every two weeks on a Tuesday and we visit the groups every Wednesday. We visit three federal prisons: 1 – Holliday every Sunday 1:30 until 3p. 2 – Walls Unit in Huntsville, once a month on Sunday 1:30 until 3p. 3 – Jail Bird first Tuesday of the month from 6 until 8p. The Harris County jail every Wednesday 7 until 8p. They accompany the district on their visit to the groups. We give \$100.00 for the Area 67, and join the Corrections Committee of Area 67 the Third Wednesday of each month.

B-Grapevine has seven representatives and two alternates. We meet every 15 days on a Tuesday at the District at 8pm and we accompany the District on their visit the groups. We have Grapevine workshops for the groups when they need one. We meet with the five committees of the Hispanic District Grapevine. We have 196 subscribers. We have \$389.50 in funds for the Grapevine.

C-Literature has two members which meets every two weeks on a Tuesday at District 64 at 8pm. They accompany the District every Wednesday. They acknowledge the groups.

DCM – Octavio G

Alternate DCM – Jose H.

***District 65 – District 65 –**

1721 South Houston Rd.

Pasadena, TX 77506

aadistrito65@hotmail.com

Fellowship in A.A. a cordial hello in the A.A. manner.

Our district consists of 16 groups registered in the G.S.O. the proprietary G.S.R's are 14 and 4 registered alternates to G.S.O. Our GS.R. reunion are Saturdays from 6p.m. onwards and is only changed on Thursday before an assembly or a Convention here in Houston.

We count with a service desk and 2 committees, one dissolved (The Grapevine Committee) for the moment the D.C.M.'s take responsibility to make it work at the same time we motivate the groups to help us as servers to reorganize it. We have 2 active V.I.R's and currently we have 99 new subscriptions.

The Literature Committee motivates and shares the literature with the group.

The Correctional Institutions Committee assists every Thursday from 7:30 till 8:30 at 701 San Jacinto St. the Harris County jail and when possible they unite with our English speaking members that assist the Stella Unit (jail) in Huntsville Texas.

About 5 of our groups have an arrangements to do a raffle in their work meeting for a Grapevine Subscription.

A new Group just opened – Una Vision Para Ti located at 6811 Canal St. Houston TX 77011 on June 10th, 2013 with 4 members.

Also in our sharing roll we suggest our G.S.R. gives us specific service subject to share in our groups.

Attentively for the Responsibility and Service,

DCM Joel B.
Alt. DCM Dimas S.

***District 70 –**

We continue to grow this year.

D – 70 has four new GSR's that this will be their first assembly and I am proud to report that 3 of them are here this morning and the 4th is at a fundraiser.

We recently had a workshop on the 12 Concepts that was well attended by our members as well as several from SETA and other districts.

Most of the members from our dist participated in one way or another plus we had a what I call a panel of content experts from SETA.

Our district just had two new volunteers for committees, a new CFC and a literature chair.

Our Alt-DCM, Sheyanne along with Melissa continues with the planning of this year's gratitude dinner. It is being held at the Jimmy Burke center in Deer Park on Nov. 16th.

My goal is for D-70 to hold a job fair type workshop next year if time and volunteers permit.

D – 70 has also volunteered to host the July 2014 assembly

Ray R.

DCM – 70

***District 82 –**

Patrick and Melissa attended our District Committee meeting in August to deliver the Conference Report. The meeting was well attended with a lot of interest. Also during the month of August, the district held its annual Unity Day in Bay City. The event was attended by 66 AA members, Al Anon members and several friends and family. This included several attendees from outside the district. The AA speaker was Kevin P. from Bay City with more than 20 years of sobriety. Everyone was grateful that several members of Kevin's family were able to travel from Dallas and hear his story, which they had never heard him tell. The Al Anon speaker was Penny B. who did a masterful job.

The Sweeny-Old Ocean Group has a new GSR who should be attending his first assembly this weekend. Speaking of the Sweeny-Old Ocean Group, on October 26th, they will hold their annual Family Fish Fry. This event features many activities, including "intelligent conversation," the only AA event I'm aware of with such a claim to fame. See the District 82 page on the area website for the flyer and a map.

The Bay City Group will hold their 46th Anniversary Celebration on November 9th at the Matagorda County Fairgrounds. The speaker will be Tina A. from California. A chili cook off will be held, so all of you chili champs bring your chili pre-prepared in a crock pot or roaster for the competition. Check the district page on the area website for a flyer.

Beginning this month, we will begin a study of the Twelve Concepts. The study will be held the hour before the District Committee meeting. The Study is open to anyone who is interested. Our District Committee meets at the Surfside Group Meeting Hall at 818 Surf Drive in Surfside. The Concept study will begin at 2:00 PM and the Committee meeting begins at 3:00 PM. The October meeting will be October 20th instead of the usual first Sunday scheduled date. Please join us.

***District 90 –**

To our Area 67 family:

District 90 G.S.R.'s and Standing Committees meet on the 1st Sunday of every month at the Central City Church at Ave. E at Franklin in Beaumont at 2pm. We have 40 – 50 members in attendance.

D-90 Convention was successful because of the surrounding area participation and the hard work of a few. 2014 Convention will be held in August 15-17 (God Could and Would) flyers would be available at January's Area Assembly. D-90's Traditions Workshop held Sept. 21 was much needed and successful workshop.

Yours in Service,
DCM Ricky L.

CORRECTIONS (to July 2013 Minutes)

~Page 11 should read: "It was the feeling of the majority...."

~Page 17 District 65 DCM and GSR reunion should read: "...are..."

*The following Committees and Districts stated they submitted reports within the deadline: La Vina, District 40, and District 64. Of these, only District 40's report was retrieved.

~District 40: DCM- Jes K. Alt DCM- Michelle H.

District 40 has been active over the last month & we have a full calendar for the upcoming months as well. We successfully hosted a hospitality suite for the Texas State Convention & held our 27th Annual Traditions Dinner, which had a wonderful speaker, Mike D. Area 67 Panel 49 Past Delegate & around 64 attendees. This month we join forces with our neighboring District 52, to hold a Delegate's Conference Report with finger foods & desserts on July 27th, 1:00 pm at Woods Road Club in Brookshire. On August 24th we will be holding an Olde Tyme Ice Cream Social at the Spring Branch Memorial Club from 1:00-4:00 pm with a panel of 4 speakers. There will be 2 oldtimers & 2 youngtimers speaking on the diversity of AA & how it has changed over the years. Finally, preparations are being made to embark on our District Inventory in early Fall. There are several positions that are currently open & our District committees are very open to expanding their member participation. As always District 40 invites you to come visit our monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm at Bear Creek Community Center. We look forward to growth in our lives, fellowship & growth in our service.

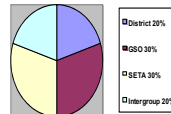
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FROM: SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA ASSEMBLY
 TO: GROUP TREASURER

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.
 DCM usually Increase entities by a % voted on by the group.



Districts without an active contributions to other AA

Spanish Intergroup Office Northwest
 4800 W. 34th 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 th District Intergroup 6640 Eastex Fwy. #149-A Beaumont, TX 77708	Spanish Intergroup SW 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 \$ _____
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