

South East Texas Area Assembly

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

July Assembly

**Saturday and Sunday
July 12 & 13, 2014**

**Sheraton North Houston Hotel
15700 JFK Blvd.
Houston, Texas
281-442-5100**

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

July 2014 SETA Assembly AGENDA & VOTING ITEMS

**AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA
Saturday July 12, 2014**

**8:00 AM Registration Opens
Lobby**

District 70 and District 60

8:30 AM Area Committee Meeting Ballroom
8:30 AM GSR Workshop (a recorder is needed for the workshop)
Room is on second floor
Meeting is in Spanish and English
Galveston

9:45 AMB.....R.....E.....A.....K.....

10:00 AM Open General Assembly: Tradition 3 District 70 & District 60
Ballroom
2015 Budget Workshop

10:40 AM Funding Translators to SWRAASA

11:00 AM District Committee Member Reports

12:00 PML.....U.....N.....C.....H.....

1:00 PM Open Afternoon Session Concept 3 District 70 and District 60
Ballroom

General Service Conference Report Delegate

2:30 PM Service Job Fair (second Floor rooms will be used)

3:45 PM Trustee Report Trustee

4:30 PM SETA SERVICE COMMITTEES:
Archives.....Embassy GVR.....El Paso
Newsletter.....Forum CPC.....Galveston
LaVina.....San Antonio PI.....Galveston
CFC.....Houston Literature.....Ballroom
SCAP.....Ballroom Finance.....Austin
Multi-Lingual....Ballroom TFC.....Riviera
ITC-Web.....Ballroom

5:45 PM
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7:00 PM Service Committees' Reports

8:00 PM GSR Ask It Basket

9:00 PM Close

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.

AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA

Sunday July 13, 2014

7:00 AM AA Meeting

8:30 AM Open Meeting – Prayer

Chairperson – Ron C

Preamble to SETA Policies & Procedures Manual

Alt. Chair – Troy B

Roll Call & INTRO OF AREA COMMITTEE

Registrar - Linda

Recognize: New GSRs, past Delegates, guests

Chairperson

January and April Area Assembly Minutes

Secretary – Melanie

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Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer – Kris H

Delegate Report

Delegate - Patrick C

Alternate Delegate’s Report

Al Del - Melissa R

2015 SETA Convention Update

2015 Conv. Chair - David

Reports from Saturday’s Workshops

GSR Workshops

GSR Ask it Basket

Roll-Call for VOTING

Registrar

Unfinished Business

Election of Literature and LaVina Chairpersons

Ad Hoc Committee on Election Procedures

2015 Budget

New Business

Funding Translators to SWRAASA

Announcements –

Alt. Chair

October Assembly Host District

1:00 PM Close Meeting - Responsibility Statement:

I am responsible...When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there and for that: I am responsible

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Communicating our Legacies Vital in a Changing World

SETA Area Committee Meeting

Saturday April 12, 2014

0835

Open with Serenity Prayer- Ron C.

Area 67 Preamble Troy B.

Roll Call – Linda C.

2014 SETA Convention Report- Rocco M. \$8, 602.93

Area Secretary Minutes for January 2014

Patrick C. – January minutes do not reflect the Area's activity since there are a lot of "none" from Standing Committee's.

Voting on accepting or not the minutes will take place on Sunday, so there will be the opportunity to not approve the minutes as read (or available).

Area Treasurer Report Kris H.

Prudent Reserve Calculation- in order to balance this years' budget monies had to be restricted

Delegate Report- Patrick C.

*SEE AREA ASSEMBLY MINUTES

(brought a copy of the Anniversary 75th Edition of the Big Book). Will report on the topic "Inventory" at the GSO Conference. S17 Communication; Inmate Penpal; 2015 FAQ International Convention; Anonymity online; Round Table Workshop Groups for agenda items at GSO this month; DCM sharing session: Bleeding Deacons vs Elderly Statesmen

Alternate Delegate- Melissa R.

*SEE AREA ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Preconference rounds of the Districts.

2015 District 51 Host/District 40 CoHost/District 63 Spanish Liason- Sunday November 16th VFW Hall, Post 8790, in Spring Branch. The theme is pg 89 BB "Life will take on a new meeting".

Contributions can be made throughout the year-

SWAARSA Corpus Christi Oct 10-12. \$10. Workshops on all service positions.

SWAARDA Oklahoma- March 2014.

SETA 2015 Convention – David A.

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TRADITION 10- Kate

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LaVina & Literature Chairpersons are open positions, anyone interested please let Ron C. know the vote will be on Sunday.

WORKSHOPS:

1015: SETA Job Description Workshop

1045: 2015 Budget Presentation

1100: District Committee Member Reports (DCM)

10-present 51-present 65-present

20-present 52-present 66-present

31-present 60-present 70-present

32-absent 62-absent 81-present

33-present 63-present 82-present

40-present 64-present 90-present

DONATION TO GSO FOR PAST TRUSTEE- Box 4-5-9 Wayne P. former SWR
Trustee died this past year 1988 General Manager GSO- Our Area has historically made a donation of \$100 in memory of past delegates &/or trustees?

12pm to 1pm Lunch

CONCEPT 10- Wes DCM District 31

1:00 PM-3:25 PM

GSO CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEMS WORKSHOP

BREAK OUT ROOMS- 7 English speaking & 4 Spanish speaking

3:30 PM

P&PM CHANGES FOR ELECTION PROCESS WORKSHOP

4:00 PM

COOPERATION NOT AFFILIATION WORKSHOP

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM SETA SERVICE COMMITTEES

5:45 DINNER

7:00 PM

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives-*Jason J.* ITC-WEB-*Marshall W.* MULTI-LINGUAL-*Edwin R.*

TFC-**Absent**

CPC-*Daniel S.* GVR-*Barbara G.* NEWSLETTER-*Brad H.*

BrazoValley Intergroup- *Becky R*

CFC-*Jim K.* LAVINA-**Open** PI-*Tom K.*

Houston Intergroup-*Richard D.*

FINANCE-*Kris H.* LITERATURE-**Absent** SCAP-*Francia*

9th District Intergroup-*Ron K.*

8:00 PM

GSR ASK IT BASKET

- **Newly elected GSR: How can I get my group interested in my report?**
 - **Scheduled format in the home group same time each month**
 - **Approaching individuals instead of making broad invites**
 - **As long as you get one person interested it's a success**
 - **Consistency; persistence**
- **Home Group is younger but still having trouble with a Bleeding Deacon running others off. How do you stop the "bleeding"**
 - **Talk to the individual after the meetings**
 - **Possibly operating out of "fear" that AA will "change"**
 - **Praying first**
 - **Then ask if there is a concern**
- **What do you do when there is fighting involving the police?**
 - **Utilizing sponsorship**
 - **Patience and tolerance**
 - **Clubs are more prone to situations & have more legal authority**
- **How do you get information about the Area?**
 - **Aa-seta.org**
 - **Seta Announce**
 - **Seta Newsletter**
- **During Group Business meetings members are treated badly & how do you deal with the culprit?**
 - **Patience**
 - **Address the fears**
 - **Guidelines for the Chair to moderate the meeting**
- **"Old Timer" stayed for the Group Conscious and kept referring to "her" Group & how they did it – How do you make it clear one home group one vote?**
 - **Behaviors can be the only way to get attention-**
 - **Some need a "harsh" (or perceived as harsh) reminder**
 - **Need guidelines for your Group Conscious**
- **Small group but not fiscally supportive of AA-no donations to Service Entities. How do I get them to realize our group is a part of AA.**
 - **Get the literature and ask questions**
 - **Service sponsors can be helpful**
- **Use the resources available**
 - **You are never alone**

SETA Area Assembly

Sunday April 13, 2014

0830

OPEN- Ron C.

SETA Preamble- Troy B.

Welcome New GSRs' (9) Past Delegates (5) Paul M., Harold P., Deborah D., Betsy G., & Gus H.

Roll Call- Linda C.

Secretary Minutes-were not approved as corrected. Will be sent back to the Secretary for further corrections. All Committee's not represented in the minutes for January are asked to submit reports from January and cc the Chair Ron C. (4) approved the minutes; majority against approval.

Treasurer Report- Kris H. \$8600 was returned to general funds from the 2014 SETA Convention in Beaumont. Additionally \$3000 is transferred to the bank account for the 2015 SETA Convention in Galveston. Approved as read.

Delegate's Report- 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 serving our Area and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole wonderfully. We have been very busy since the SETA Convention in Beaumont!

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 1st quarter of 2014.

- Received a loving invitation to present at the 64th GSC on the topic, "Inventory – A Guiding Tool to Our Future focusing in on the theme "Communicating Our Legacies – Vital in a Changing World".
 - There was a strong focus on GSR workshops in our Area at the District level. Our friend and trusted servant, Tandy Booth, worked tirelessly on the fantastic agenda for the GSR Workshop hosted by Districts 70, 81, & 82.
 - Participated in a La Vina workshop where the attendees all wrote articles to be submitted for possible publication.
 - Traveled to OKC to attend the 2014 SWRDA which is a fellowship and training weekend for current delegates and their alternates.

I am so grateful for all of these experiences because when I suit up and show up, I find you there to greet and welcome me with a warm hug, a smile and a quiet strength that I treasure. The great food is always a treat but, is not being kind to my waistline, however it is much appreciated.

Area Committee Report – April 12, 2014

The Importance of Communication up and down our General Service Structure has been my mission this 1st quarter. Last year was the first time that I introduced the GSC Final Agenda Topic Summary Report and Response Template. It was very important to me to get the report out earlier this year so that our area GSRs, groups and members would have the opportunity to discuss as many of the agenda items as they wanted, to provide me group conscience input to take with me to the 64th GSC. I asked Melissa if she would come over to my house and we sat side-by-side reviewing background material, discussing the agenda topics, writing the summaries and determining the “What does the delegate need to know questions” to write the 2014 Final Agenda Topic Summary Report. Then we took the show on the road and attended as many district meetings, workshops and standing committee meetings as we could to train members on how to use the report for group conscience discussions and answered many of your questions. My home group has reviewed several of the agenda items and I have received a lot of calls from other groups who were doing the same. The A.A. Service Manual, page S17, states the following: (Read THE GROUP paragraph).

Today we will be participating in the second way that we make sure our SETA delegates are informed, the Roundtable Workshop.

Here are some of the ways each A.A. member in our area can participate and communicate in the service structure in 2014:

- Share experience with an inmate by letter
- Serve on an area standing committee
- Sponsor a member into service at the group, district & area level
- Make your voice count participate at the group, district & area meetings

The following are some of the items available this weekend on the Delegates table:

- Information about the 2015 International Convention in Atlanta, Ga.
- The latest A.A.W.S Highlights
- Order forms for the 75th Anniversary edition of the Big Book
- A new service piece on Anonymity Online
- Updated G.S.O Staff Assignment information sheets

Share new ideas, or experience that is working, with each other this weekend. Thank you for your service.

Area Assembly Report – April 13, 2014

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

Current Financial Information:

- GREAT NEWS: With the closing of 2013, we celebrated December as the highest month in contributions ever recorded. Expressions of gratitude from members and groups for December totaled \$850,000! Keep those 7th Tradition contributions coming to support the work we ask our General Service Office to do.
- Publishing sales: 2013 saw much activity in literature sales, and we ended the year with \$12,837,474 in total gross sales vs. an annual estimate of sales projected to be \$12,800,000. We did better!
- Reserve Fund Transfer: The General Service Board approved a transfer of \$1,500,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Pension Plan. What does this do to the outstanding funding of our pension plan obligations? We still have a large unfunded liability of \$9,000,000.
- A.A.W.S.: During 2013, A.A.W.S. made a profit of \$93,500. Budget for 2014 predicted a profit for A.A.W.S. of \$295,000.
- A.A. Grapevine: During 2013 Grapevine made a profit of \$315,000. Budget for 2014 predicted a profit for GV of \$94,000.
- La Vina: Remember, the GSC voted and approved a 1991 advisory action, that the La Vina magazine is funded as a service to the fellowship.
- If you remember in my January report I shared that I received a recent adopted policy from Clayton V. our Southwest Regional Trustee. It is entitled; "Reporting on La Vina". Based on information Clayton received from some Spanish A.A. members, he decided to discontinue reporting La Vina in a manner different from any other service we provide. I feel that prior to implementing such a change of how the La Vina magazine finances are reported out that there needs to be a full group-conscience decision to do so.
- I asked our Spanish members in our area and they agreed with Clayton's line of thought about reporting of La Vina finances.
- The latest information I have received about La Vina Financial Reporting is that Clayton V. our SW Regional Trustee has been appointed as Chairperson of a Subcommittee to review La Vina financial reporting and support. We will see what the outcome of this Subcommittee will be. Clayton is scheduled to attend our July Area Assembly and you can ask him for an update directly!

A.A.W.S. Digital Publication Plan Update: Big Book, 4th Edition and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions are currently available for download at www.aa.org for the following e-reader devices in English and French: Kindle edition from Amazon.com, NOOK edition from Barnes & Noble, Apple edition from Apple iTunes all for \$5.99 each.

Update on Area 67 request for a format change of existing A.A. service literature: Our 5 Spanish Linguistic districts requested to add a format, audio version, of an existing service piece of A.A. literature titled; “Twelve Concepts for World Service”, catalog number BM-32. The publishing committee of the A.A.W.S. Board reviewed the request and it has been placed on the July 2014 Board Agenda for discussion.

Box 4-5-9 Request: As you know, we are in the midst of celebrating the 75th anniversary of our lifesaving message of hope given in Alcoholics Anonymous, lovingly referred to as the Big Book. In order to mark this historic event, Box 4-5-9 Newsletter would like to share the ways the A.A. Fellowship is honoring this important milestone. Please email your sharing to literature@aa.org of what your groups and districts are doing to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Big Book. GSO would like to share all your ideas in the Fall issue of Box 4-5-9.

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, Telephone: 281-772-9469

Alternate Delegate’s Report-Melissa R.

Sunday – Area Assembly

Good morning. My name is Melissa R. and I am an alcoholic. I’m grateful to be serving as Alternate Delegate for Area 67, Panel 63.

I want to welcome everyone to the Assembly, and a special welcome to those who are attending an Assembly for the first time. You chose an exciting weekend for it. They aren’t all like this.

If you participated in the Round Tables yesterday, then thank you and congratulations on getting out of your comfort zone and being a part of the process.

That thanks goes to everyone who participated; particularly those with active roles – the Leaders and Recorders. Patrick will go to New York well-informed with the sense of our Area because of your willingness to make your voice, the voice of your Groups and your Districts heard.

District Visits

As Patrick mentioned, he and I have already made several visits to District Meetings, workshops and various Group, District and inter-district events. With the exception of only 3 or 4 out of our 18 Districts, we have made the rounds in the past three months, making Pre-conference District Visits.

In addition to those, I’ve attended a Grapevine Committee Meeting, D-62’s 3rd Anniversary, a La Vina Workshop at which we were given a choice of topics and time to

write articles; one GSR Workshop which was hosted by D-70, 81 & 82, and another hosted by D-40, and including Districts 32 and 52.

In March, I had the privilege of attending SWRDA, (Southwest Region Delegates Assembly). I want to thank the Area for this exceptional experience. Also in March, I participated in the 2015 Budget Committee Meeting, and attended the 2013 Gratitude Dinner Wrap-Up meeting. I've also attended two meetings of the 2014 Gratitude Dinner Committee

GRATITUDE Dinner

District 51 is the host district for this year's gratitude dinner. District 40 is the co-host district and District 66 is our affiliated Spanish District. Thank you to those districts for filling these important roles for this year's dinner. The date is Sunday, November 16th. The location is the VFW Hall, Post 8790, in Spring Branch. This is the same site as where the 2008 Gratitude Dinner was held.

Amy E is the Chairperson for this year's Gratitude Dinner Committee. She's done a great job – the meetings have been very well-attended and the positions already filled. The committee meets at noon on the last Saturday of each month at the Delta Club.

We have "Save the Date" cards available this weekend – thanks to Cheryl B, and District 40!

Please take some and distribute them to your Districts and Groups, and make everyone aware of the date. We've also selected a theme – from page 89 of the Big Book: "Life will take on a new meaning".

We're considering different ideas for the Main Course. I'll let you know when it's chosen but even without a Main Course, Districts can sign up to provide a service for the dinner: Set-Up, Break-down and Decorations are all open. DCMs and MCDs: get with your GSRs & Groups and think about what you would like to do for the Dinner this year.

I want to thank Sheyanne F, 2013 Committee Chair and the Committee for a very informative Wrap-Up Meeting. They provided some very good information and suggestions based on their experience last year.

A final comment – the Gratitude Dinner is one of the two Area events we have in Area 67; it is funded by contributions from Groups, Districts and individual members of the Area. Contributions can be made throughout the year – so it's never too early to send money. Make contributions to the Area Treasurer – be sure to mark it as being for the Gratitude Dinner Fund. I'll provide a current financial report at the July Assembly.

SWRAASA 2014 (Southwest Regional A.A. Service Assembly)

SWRAASA is very close to home this year – hosted by Area 68 (South West Texas Area), it will be held in Corpus Christi at the Omni Bayfront Hotel. Mark your calendars for the weekend of October 10-12. Flyers are on the Delegate Table – please take some and post them at your Groups. Registration can be done online – the fee is \$10.

SWRAASA is a bi-annual event that rotates among the (7) states that make up the Southwest Region (Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, New Mexico, Colorado, Arkansas, and Missouri) .

It is a weekend event all about service. Workshops on every A.A. service position are presented by those who have held the position and attended by many who have also served in the same capacity. These events are wonderful training opportunities and I hope you'll all consider attending.

The Alternate Delegate Committee met at SWRDA last month and Denise T. who is the Panel 64 Alternate Delegate for Host Area 68 (SWTA). She provided updates and financial information, all of which is good,

Each Alternate Delegate in our region selected three workshop topics. We then ask a member of our Area with experience in the topic, to lead the workshop(s).

We also chose topics for our Delegate to present. Patrick has his and he will present it along with the other Delegates of the Southwest Region. The Alternate Delegates present the Concepts. I will present Concept One. As for the other workshops, I'll keep you informed. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

2015 SETA Convention Report- David A.

January 16, 18- \$12 prereg- theme "The Three Legacies". Will meet today at noon
The SETA 2015 Convention will be held in Galveston at the Moody Gardens Hotel on January 16-18, 2015. Our theme of the convention is, "The Three Legacies: Recovery, Unity and Service." We have a great line up of speakers and are taking registrations on line at <http://www.setaconvention.org/> - or if you prefer to register the traditional way we have the paper flyers for you to fill out and mail in. Hotel reservations must be made over the phone with the hotel to get the SETA rate of \$ 117 per night.

We recently have had a turnover in some of the committee positions but are working through that. WE are also asking our districts that would like to have a hospitality room to get in touch with me. The hospitality rooms are \$375 per night and must be booked through the our committee. All SETA committee chairs that would like table some table space let me know. We already have some commitments from Archives, Literature and Grapevine. Our Saturday night dance features a 12 piece band called the Mambo Jazz Kings. A \$5 coffee tag gets your Starbucks coffee for the entire weekend. This is going to be a really great convention and we hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

David Arp

SETA 2015 Convention Chair

Reports from Saturday April 12, 2014 Workshops

New GSR Workshop- Gus H. Chair, Carol recorder

Advanced GSR Workshop- Zaz M. recorder (read by Wes G.)

GSR Ask It Basket- Troy B., Wes G., David A., Nancy

GSC Agenda Item Workshop

Table One (1) Bill W. Topic: pamphlet- add “having an AA member sign court papers”.

Table Two (2) Miguel Topic: Corrections: develop a new video

Table Three (3) Judy Topic: Grapevine; pamphlet for AA’s & mental illness

Table Four (4) AB, Topic: Grapevine Books; affirmed the right of decision to the Board

Table Five (5) Mike, Topic: Literature-revised pamphlet on Spirituality to address “all religions or lack of”; 12 Concept pamphlet adding the word responding

Table Six (6) Jeff, Topic: Literature-changes to Living Sober; reinstating the LOGO triangle/circle

Table Seven (7) Nancy, Topic: Literature, primary purpose blue card addition, AA membership survey

Spanish Table Uno (1) Angel, Topic: PI, LaVina

Spanish Table Dos (2) Joel, Topic: PI, LOGO

Spanish Table Tre’s (3) Octavio, Topic: Sponsorship

Spanish Table Quattro (4) Oscar, Topic: International Convention, LaVina

Paul M. made the motion to send the SETA Area Delegate Patrick C. to the GSO Conference “Informed but not Instructed”. Seconded the motion and vote was unanimously approved.

ROLL CALL FOR VOTING-Linda C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Newsletter -

The newsletter committee has been a committee of one this rotation. Part of that has been not doing what I am doing now - reaching out for help.

Even though elections are only two assemblies away, the goal here is to aim for a better newsletter for the area. There are many areas of service available from assisting in mailing to encouraging group, district and committee contributions. Please contact news-chair@aa-seta.org.

As for news in the committee, I am continually grateful for the committees and area chairs that submit great articles and for Deborah D and the multi-lingual committee for reviewing the translations and making the needed corrections.

This quarter just missed getting in an article for the SW Intergroup Liaison for Districts 63 and 64. Their article will be in the next issue. I also had a correction that I had printed "Group Service Representative" instead of "General Service Representative". This correction was made on the copy and will be corrected for next newsletter.

Thank you for letting me serve. Please notify me if you know anyone who is interested in serving.

***CPC Committee –**

Thanks for allowing me to serve Area 67 as your Cooperation with the Professional Community committee chairperson. The commitment of our dedicated committee members is amazing. We continue to grow and have enjoyed the AA service work we've been able to do this quarter.

Immediately after our January Assembly we staffed an information booth at the American Parole and Probation Association's Annual Conference at the Hilton Americas in Houston. Our presence at that event was instrumental in making contacts which helped some of our committee members get their feet in the door at their local Parole and Probation departments. Our ongoing projects include reaching out to nursing schools, training hospitals, the military, and child protective services.

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. If you can't make it in person, keep an eye on your email for the invitation to attend remotely. We'd love to have you with us - one way or another.

***Grapevine –**

The SETA 67 Grapevine Committee has GRAPE news to announce. Our "meeting in print" is turning 70 years old and celebrations are being discussed everywhere. Akron Founders Day and SWRAASA will mark this milestone with local events. Did you know this is our 2nd oldest piece of bound literature following the Big Book?

We were honored to be asked by District 20 to join their Spring Fling for a writing/audio/photography workshop on April 26 from 1-4 at the Houston Council on Alcohol. This event is posted on the Grapevine, SETA, and Intergroup websites and we have plenty of flyers available today to take to your group. Now all we need is your participation as we attempt to flood the publisher with articles, letters to "Dear Editor", 7 minute topic audio recordings, and photographs of home groups. We will have a short 30 minute panel presentation and go directly into the business at hand. Pen and paper, Grapevine Guidelines, topic suggestions, and Grapevine Reps will be available to assist the process. We are looking forward to this exciting opportunity to grow on the vine.

We are also discussing a summer Grapevine Birthday Bash and Grape-A-Thon to be included in the various marathon meetings around Christmas & New Years.

Don't forget we meet on the 2nd Thursday at the Delta Club with a new time change. We shall begin meeting at 7:30 and always excited to see new GvRs walking through the door.

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

***Literature –**

Attendees: Pete M.

Discussed the following items:

Restocked AAWS approved literature

Chair position is open and I would continue to aid in transition

Created new display for Spanish Literature and Books.

Respectively

Pete M

***SW Houston Intergroup –**

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SUROESTE DE HOUSTON

Saludos de intergrupo.

Hola esperando cada uno disfruta de unas 24 horas felices de sobriedad. El intergrupo

cuenta con 30 grupos el cual hacen presentes 18 grupos,

Nos reunimos todos los domingos a las 10:00 am, se hace presente de 13 a 16 RI.

Cuenta el intergrupo con 4 comités activos

1ª COMITÉ DEL PASO DOCE.

2ª COMITÉ DE LITERATURA

3ª COMITÉ DE EDITORIAL Y ARCHIVOS.

4ª COMITÉ DE EVENTOS Y FESTEJOS.

LA MESA DE SERVICIO: Sera responsable de todas las actividades del intergrupo, estará sujetas a instrucciones dadas por los RI, a través de resoluciones tomadas en reuniones de los mismos RI. Como representantes de su grupo tiene autoridad máxima en todo lo que atañe al intergrupo, será responsable de visitar a los grupos que no tienen representante.

La mesa de servidores de la oficina intergrupal está compuesta por Servidores. En teoría cuenta con un saldo de 3523.90 pre fondo y en caja 1093.64dls

Debemos hacer esto para el futuro de AA, colocar en primer lugar nuestro bienestar común para mantener nuestra comunidad unida, porque de la unidad de AA depende nuestras vidas, y las vidas, y las vidas de los que vendrán. GRACIAS por la oportunidad de servir, Salomon L.

WORKSHOPS/AD-HOC COMMITTEES REPORTS

Advanced GSR Workshop -

FACILITATORS: Gene J D31-Past DCM, Andy D31-GSR 1502 also acting as Spanish translator

RECORDER: Zaz M D81-Past Area Chair

Andy __ opened the workshop at 8:31AM with the Serenity Prayer, followed by self-introductions with name, sobriety date, home group, district and service position. Approximately 30 in attendance, representing groups in D31, 52, 70, 81, 63, 64, 65, 66, the majority being Spanish-speaking.

The group was panned for possible discussion questions. Four were presented and chosen, each discussed one at a time with consensus of summarized solution.

Participation was good. The summarized Questions and Solutions were:

- A male group member is harassing a new female member with unwanted emails, slurs, etc. What to do?

(A typical 13th Stepper topic, though Hispanics not familiar with phrase).

SOLUTIONS:

- Elders or sponsor approach male member privately, educate him of Step 4 and Tradition 1 & 3;

- Female members surround new female member if approached, male members surround male member if approaches;

- Use as a possible discussion meeting topic.

- Group Conscience makes arbitrary rules (texting, no feet on chairs).

Where and what Traditions are applicable? SOLUTIONS:

- Group Conscience decides such matters and how it applies Traditions 1, 2, and 4;

- Sponsorship matters here with meeting etiquette and passing it on;

- Group conscience approves meeting format – ATTEND & VOICE

Opinion at Group Conscience.

- Literature restricted to 3 AA-Conference approved books (Big Book, 12+12, As Bill Sees It). Claims Daily Reflection is not okay; is this a decision for the Group Conscience? SOLUTIONS:

- Group Conscience decides format and books, Tradition 1, 2, and 4.

AUTONOMY

- D.R. is AA-conferenced approved; Suggests stay only with AA-Conferenced approved items;

- One group separates as Today's READING, and then The SHARING, to distinguish the literature from the personal sharing.

- Group Conscience goes on and on, much discussion and conflict with little resolution. What to do?

- Traditions 1, 2, 4, 5, and 12; might take to district for local ideas and assistance;

- Coordinator's job to organize, present agenda & time frame, and STICK WITH IT;

- Listen as if you have no opinion – TALK TO THE POINT, BRIEFLY, and in two minutes limit;

- Service sponsorship and continuity in group conscience is important; ATTEND & VOICE.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Cooperation not Affiliation

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORT-

“Cooperation Not Affiliation”

- Saturday 04.12.14 Workshop
- Copies of the committee proposal in both English & Spanish were distributed to the Area members.
- This committee utilized the Area’s “Go-To-Meeting” option for all meetings.
- A brief summary of how the need for this committee came about.
- The resources & literature this committee used to search for guidance, solution & options were covered.
- A brief history of how the “flyer participation” policies were developed within the Area & the need for changes over the years was given.
- The committee suggests that we avoid micromanaging.
- A clear description of our working relationship with local intergroups/central offices was presented.
- The recommended proposal was restated for clarity.
- Q & A-
- Does this exclude events such as Forums & SWRAASA- No, they are within the general service structure of AA
- Do we give the Area Chair & Alt Chair the Right of Decision in regards to what flyers will/will not be announced at Assemblies-Yes, we trust our trusted servants
- What about International Conventions-Yes, they are in the service structure
- Can we create an example list of approved/unapproved flyers for tomorrow’s presentation so that members can better understand; possibly on a projector screen-No, a description of what crosses the lines the Traditions set down for us was referred to. Raffles, casino, club, etc.
- The workshop ended with no further questions.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 10 -

District 10 will hold a workshop on Memorial Day which is Monday, May 26, 2014. The topic is "Surrender to Win -- A Pathway to Freedom." In other news, District 10 has some new GSRs. Peggy M., past DCM, made binders for each GSR in District 10. Those binders provide a complete and very helpful guide to service at the Area level and provide a guide to how to make the most of an Assembly.

Yours in service,

Katherine M.
DCM 10

District 40 -

Received emailed report, yet unable to open attachment as formatted.

District 52 -

District 52 is kicking 2014 off in a strong manner with more GSR's attending the monthly meeting. Our PI/CPC Committee is busy out contacting the clergy, judicial system, hospitals and libraries. A schedule of our District meetings is in the works. The Literature Committee, as a service to the groups has put in an order for over 50 of the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Edition of the Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous. The Sisters in Sobriety Group hosted a Traditions workshop that was well attended in March. We are hopeful that other groups will follow their lead in being of service to the AA fellowship.

“Staying in the Solution: Your Home Group, Sponsor and AA Literature” is the theme for our upcoming workshop on April 26, 2014. Please come join us in the fun as the speakers inform and educate us on these vital issues to our continued growth.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy O

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Hope everyone is enjoying 24 hrs of sobriety. District #62 counts with 8 groups from which we have active 5 to 8 GSRs in our district meetings. We meet every Saturday from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. The groups that belong to district62 share on Fridays each week and attend by invitation from other's groups in the area by rotation. We have 3 committed Committees, La Vina, Correctional committee and literature committee. District62 attends the Hispano inter-district meeting and do contribute to area 67 every 3 month 's and contribute to the hospitality room on every assembly. Thank you Francisco, DCM

District 70 -

We started 2014 with more than twice the number of GSR's attending our monthly meetings than we had starting 2013. We are looking forward to a very productive year. We started with a number of members attending the convention in Beaumont it was great then we partnered with D-81 and D-82 on an extended GSR workshop held March 1st at the Bay Area Club which everyone said was very well done by all who worked on this. D – 70 had nine people attend this workshop, I was impressed with this.

We are planning a Job fair for this summer, several members are planning this, we hope to have the details before our July assembly.

We plan to host the July assembly along with D – 60, still working out all the details.

The visit from our Delegate and Alt-delegate was great and we have had several of our folks use the reply template.

The same day Melissa and Sheyanne had the final 2013 critique of the Gratitude dinner, overall a busy quarter for us.

Ray R.

DCM – 70

District 82 -

Hearts are very heavy in District 82. We have lost a true friend, trusted servant and a bright light in the AA fellowship. Tandy B. passed away March 4th after a battle with lung cancer. Many people are sober today thanks to his sponsorship, and many of us in District 82 are involved in service due to the example he set. He leaves us with huge shoes to fill and he will be greatly missed.

District 82 participated in a GSR Orientation Workshop on March 1st along with Districts 70 and 81. There were at least 33 attendees and about 20 of these were GSR's or Alternate GSR's. A lot of helpful information was presented and feedback from participants was positive.

Congratulations to the Beginners Group and the Plantation Groups. They both put on excellent events to celebrate their respective group anniversaries. Food, fellowship and speakers were outstanding at both celebrations.

Our "Gathering" on March 29th was a big success. Forty people attended and discussed how our three legacies are still relevant when it comes to carrying the message in the 21st century. Three breakout groups discussed one legacy each, using discussion questions furnished by the event committee. Food prepared by the Surfside Group was a big hit and Patrick did a great job of wrapping up the event.

A new meeting began taking place the first week of March. It is an early morning meeting beginning at 6:00 AM on Mondays and Wednesdays. It is known as the "Eye Opener Meeting." It meets at the Brazosport Area Club, 147 N. Brazosport Blvd. Clute TX 77531. I hear that it is having consistent attendance, but I can't speak from firsthand knowledge, because being retired, I'm not sure what 6:00 AM is anymore. Also, the Brockman Road Group, which meets at the same location, has resumed meeting seven days a week, as opposed to the five day a week schedule that had been in place.

The District 82 Archives Committee has joined with the District 81 Archives Committee to establish a joint repository at the Alvin Taylor Street Club. The two committees and several volunteers have done a lot of work to make the facility usable and they have begun moving materials to the facility.

The district is planning our annual Unity Day event which will be held on August 9th and the Alvin Taylor Street group is planning their 48th anniversary celebration to be held October 17th. More details on both events will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick M.

District 82 DCM

***SCANNED HANDWRITTEN REPORTS:**

Districts: 31, 33, 81,

Committees: SETA Liaison to Intergroup, 9th District Intergroup, Archives, Multilingual,
IT

Workshops: P&P Manual Changes for Election Process, Beginners GSR

***SCANNED REPORTS NOT SENT ELECTRONICALLY:**

Districts: 62, 63, 64, 65, 90,

Committees: Public Information, Finance (Proposed Budget)

Workshops:

***ANNOUNCEMENTS/FLYERS:**

***REGISTRAR ROSTER HERE**

FROM: SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA ASSEMBLY
TO: GROUP TREASURER

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

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

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

Groups without an active GSR are urged to elect one. Districts without an active DCM usually Increase contributions to other AA entities by a % voted on by the group.

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

FROM: Group _____ Service No. _____ Amount \$ _____
TO: INTERGROUP (addresses listed above)

FROM: Group _____ Service No. _____
Amount \$ _____

TO: GSO, P. O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, NY, NY 10163

FROM: Group _____ Service No. _____ Amount \$ _____

TO: SETA, P. O. Box 130433, Houston, Texas 77219

FROM: Group _____ Service No. _____ Amount \$ _____

TO: District # _____ (See SETA Website: www.aa-seta.org/district and go to the District's page for address information.)