

South East Texas Area Assembly

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

April Assembly

Saturday and Sunday

April 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.***

January 2014

SETA Assembly AGENDA & VOTING ITEMS

The next Area Assembly for Panel 63 will be on April 12th and 13th at the Sheraton North Houston. There is a full Agenda for the day and a half Assembly. It includes the General Service Conference Agenda item workshop conducted by our Area 67 Delegate. The Workshops for voting Agenda items are SETA Job Description, Ad Hoc Committee Cooperation and Affiliation recommendation, Changes to SETA Election Procedures, and making a GSO Donation in honor of a deceased past Trustee. The proposed 2015 Budget will be presented but the workshop and vote will be at the July Assembly. Also occurring at the Assembly are DCMs reports to the Area, GSR workshops, Area Service Committee meetings and a morning AA meeting on Sunday.

AGENDA ITEMS (Background info available on web site on aa-seta.org)

Policy And Procedure Changes to SETA Election Procedures

Motion: to shorten the election process while providing clarity and equality for all voting members of SETA 67.

A brief synopsis of changes is as follows:

- 1) Rather than referring to quarterly assemblies, the proposal is specific to year or month involved.
- 2) Polling current area committee regarding their interest in Delegate or Alt. Delegate is eliminated. This process is time consuming and exhibits preferential treatment.
- 3) No one should be elected if they are not present. Why should a candidate submit their intentions in writing but voters are not allowed to cast their ballot by proxy? Let's keep it fair to all.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE: COOPERATION NOT AFFILIATION PROPOSAL:

The ad-hoc committee proposes that the Area consider adding the following words to the current policy. "or Area Intergroups/Central Offices within the boundaries of SETA." So policy would read exactly, "Verbal announcements, flyers or displays that are not of the Area, General Service Structure of AA or Area Intergroups/Central Offices within the boundaries of SETA 67 not be permitted. "

AD-Hoc Committee: SETA Job Description Update

Specific changes on SETA website in Agenda item background material.

That the SETA Treasurer be authorized to forward \$100.00 to The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous in memory of the passing of Wayne P., past Southwest Region Trustee.

AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA

Saturday April 12, 2014

8:00 AM Registration Opens DISTRICT 31 and 90 Lobby

8:30 AM Area Committee Meeting Ballroom

8:30 AM GSR Workshops (a recorder is needed for each workshop)

All Rooms are on second floor

a. New GSR Orientation El Paso

b. Advanced GSR Galveston

Both Workshops are multilingual

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

10:00 AM Open General Assembly: Tradition 2 District 31 and 90 Ballroom

SETA Job Description Workshop

10:45 AM 2015 Budget Presentation

11:00 AM District Committee Member Reports

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

12:55 PM Open Afternoon Session Concept 2 District Ballroom

1:00 PM General Service Conference Agenda Items Workshop Ballroom

Breakout Rooms used

3:30 PM P&P Manual changes for election process workshop

4:00 PM Cooperation not Affiliation Workshop

4:20 PM Donation to GSO for past 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

FinanceAustin Multi-Lingual....Ballroom TFC.....Riviera

ITC-Web.....Ballroom

5:45 PMD.....I.....N.....N.....E.....R.....

7:00 PM Service Committees' Reports

8:00 PM GSR Ask it Basket

9:00 pm Close

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Communicating our Legacies - Vital in a Changing World to the Area Secretary so they are included in the minutes of the Area's meetings.

AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA

Sunday April 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 Area Assembly Minutes Secretary – Melanie M

Treasurer's Report Treasurer – Kris H

Delegate Report Delegate - Patrick C

Alternate Delegate's Report Al Del - Melissa R

2014 SETA Convention Final Report 2014 Conv Chair -Rocco

2015 SETA Convention Update 2015 Conv. Chair - David

Reports from Saturday's Workshops

GSR Workshops

GSR Ask it Basket

GSC Agenda Item Workshop

Roll-Call for VOTING Registrar

Unfinished Business

Election of Literature and LaVina Chairpersons

New Business

- Donation to GSO

- P&P Manual changes for election process

– Cooperation not Affiliation committee recommendation

– Job Descriptions

Announcements – Alt. Chair

July 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 January 11, 2014

Chairperson: Ron C. opened meeting at 7:32a with a moment of silence and Serenity Prayer.

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

Alt. Registrar: Debra R. – Roll Call (1st – there will be Voting roll call later)

Secretary: Melanie – request for corrections/changes. **See Sunday Assembly minutes.**

Alt. Treasurer: Dave P. – **See Treasurers' report on Sunday Assembly minutes.**

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

Alt. Delegate: Melissa R.

My name is Melissa R. I'm serving as Alternate Delegate of the Southeast Texas Area 67, Panel 63. I want to welcome the incoming Trusted Servants! I'm looking forward to working with you this year and I hope to meet you over the weekend. Please let me know how I can help. As Patrick says, "We're ready for 2nd Year Action!"

Gratitude Dinner

I want to thank the DCMs, the Districts, Groups and Committees for their participation in the 2013 Gratitude Dinner. A special thanks to Ray R, DCM of District 70 and Sheyanne F, Alternate DCM who also served as Committee Chair. Last year's Co-Host District, District 51, will be hosting in 2014. And **District 40** has elected to be the Co-Host District. We're having a Final Meeting with the 2013 Gratitude Dinner Committee to discuss what worked and where we can improve; then begin monthly meetings of the 2014 Committee. Members of D-51 have already begun a site-search in the West and Southwest parts of Houston for this year's Dinner. I'll have a final report of the Gratitude Dinner Fund at the April Assembly.

Bill T, Publicity Chair for the 2014 SWRAASA is here – he's going to speak to you about this year's event in Corpus Christi. There are plenty of flyers so please take some for your Districts and Groups. The new flyer is posted on the Regional Events page of the SETA Website so please let your Districts and Groups know where they can get Registration information. A couple of people have already asked about and about bus charters, as we discussed for last year's Forum, so I'll be looking into that. Anyone with information to share on that, please share it with me.

2013 Forum

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The next Forum will be held in St. Louis on the weekend of October 9-11, 2015.

Southwest Regional Events

There's a lot going on in the Southwest Region.

- The 2014 SWRAASA is in Corpus Christi this October;
- Area 04, which is Arkansas, is already preparing to host the 2015 SWRAASA. It will be held in Rogers, Arkansas the weekend of October 21-23, 2016;
- Area 10, Colorado, is hosting an additional Southwest Regional Forum to be held in Denver, CO. The theme is **"Communication – Key to a Successful Future"**, it will address current issues

such as the internet, social media, and translation and interpretation challenges. The dates for this additional Forum are June 3-5, 2016, at the Double Tree Hotel on Quebec Street.

So mark your calendars!

I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve. Please let me know how I can be of service to you and your Groups, Districts and Committees. Thank you.

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

Committee Sharing:

Visitor Bill Thomas visiting from San Antonio representing SWAARSA presented a report. **See report on Sunday Assembly minutes.**

Chair: Ronald C. reported on Ad Hoc Committee for Cooperation Not Affiliation workshop. See report on Sunday Assembly minutes.

-No one stood for Literature Committee Chair.

-Read Changes to P&P as presented by Barbara G.

New Business: NONE

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

Chair Ronald C. stated that April Assembly will be busy.

Closed meeting at 8:15a with Responsibility Statement.

SETA Area Assembly

Sunday January 12, 2014

Chairperson: Ron C. opened Assembly at 8:01a with a moment of silence and Serenity Prayer.

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

Alt. Registrar: Debra R. – Roll call postponed.

Chair: Ron C. Recognition and Introduction of New GSRs and DCMs.

Recognition of Past Delegates who are present:

Mike D. – Panel 49

Betsy G. – Panel 59

Paul M. – Panel 61

Secretary: Melanie – request for any corrections/changes. Minutes approved as written/reported. No changes. Reported that minutes will be corrected and posted on website (Page 4, Roster, Announcements page).

Alt. Treasurer: Dave P. – One correction – “change year to 2013 at top”.

Alt. Registrar: Debra R. – Roll Call

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 serving our Area and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole wonderfully. We are looking forward to this second year of our rotation as your Delegates.

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 on the topic “singleness of purpose, what, how?” At 2013 SW Regional Forum in OKC, Area 57
- Districts 51 and 33 hosted the General Service Conference Delegate’s Report presentation
- Participated in the Spanish Interdistrict meeting held at District 64 meeting location
- Attended the Houston Intergroup Open House in December
- I am rested, relaxed and am prepared to hit the ground serving you in 2014!

Area Committee Report – January 11, 2014

The Importance of Communication was demonstrated to me in two ways this 4th quarter. First, through a written copy of a presentation I received that took place during a General Service Board meeting

General Sharing Session on November 2, 2013. The topic was “What is Our Vision for the Future? In addition I received key communication messages by attending the SW Regional Forum in OKC regarding what are our top 3 current challenges as a fellowship.

Lynda B, a current A.A. Grapevine Director detailed that she believed that communication through our existing service structure stopped at the area level where it then becomes two entities: the Conference and the Area. Are we taking our responsibility with a newcomer to guide them into service or do we use them to fill a function for which they have no idea what they are getting into? Can we improve this year in making sure that each of us and our group members plays our part in the service structure by participating with our voices and votes at the group, district, area and General Service Conference levels? The General Service Conference Structure is a beautiful theory, which is all it is: it has no life of its own. We, the A.A. members give it life. What each of us brings to it defines the quality of its life.

The top 3 current challenges we face are:

- Slow membership growth;
- Engaging members to participate in all 3 of our legacies;
- Self-support.

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

- GSRs review and discuss the 64th General Service Conference Agenda Items with your group
- GSRs & Standing committee chairs obtain a copy of the **Summary report of these agenda items** and provide feedback to Delegates. **Look for this report to come out in February or March!**
- Participate on the Area Roundtable discussions at April Area Assembly. Anyone can attend.
- Select and attend a standing committee’s meetings
- Submit articles and read the Area quarterly newsletter
- Attend and participate in your District’s meetings
- Give our Area Chairperson your input on assembly topics and get assigned to present or facilitate!

64th General Service Conference: The following items are available this weekend on the Delegates table outside this meeting room.

- 2014 64th GSC Theme “Communicating Our Legacies – Vital in a Changing World” and 2014 Presentation Topics
- 2014 General Service Conference Committees Preliminary Agenda Items
- 2014 General Service Conference Inventory Questions

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

Area Assembly Report – January 12, 2014

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

Current Financial Information I would like to share some updated information I received in the first nine (9) months of 2013:

- **AAWS has had a net loss of \$200K** for the nine (9) months ending September 30 2013; AAWS net loss is \$200K. As stated AAWS by me in earlier financial reports the 2013 anticipated losses were projected to be close to \$740K. When AAWS projects the budgeted figures they are very conservative in projecting revenue and usually over project anticipated losses.
- **Grapevine has had a net income of \$254K**: For the nine (9) months ending September 30, 2013, AAGV profit was anticipated, but not as much as what they realized. Costs were less than budgeted and the income was higher. Projected budgeted net income was \$20K.
- **La Vina has had a net loss of \$103K**: For the nine (9) months ended September 30, 2013 net loss is \$103K. Remember, the GSC voted, and by a 1991 advisory action, the La Vina magazine is funded as a service to the fellowship.
 - I received a recent adopted policy from Clayton V. our Southwest Regional Trustee. It is entitled; "Reporting on La Vina". In this policy he shares that he recently met with Spanish Speaking members of the Fellowship as they discussed La Vina. These members expressed their feelings that our present reporting practice regarding the financial condition of La Vina is unfair. These members feel that, as La Vina is a service to the Spanish Speaking community, the manner in which its financial results are reported makes them feel unequal to our other, Non Spanish-speaking members of our fellowship. Based on this information Clayton received, he has decided to discontinue reporting La Vina in a manner different from any other service we provide such as CPC, Corrections, Box 459, etc.
 - I have given this policy thoughtful consideration and discussed it with my alternate delegate and several of our past delegates. It is, in my opinion, 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. To facilitate the beginning of such discussions, please take a copy of the "Reporting on La Vina" handout found on the Delegate's table right outside this meeting room and take back to your group for discussion.

A.A. Grapevine - Our international meeting in print is Celebrating its 70th Anniversary in 2014. Look to our wonderful Grapevine Chairperson, Barbara G., for ways we can celebrate!

Trustees' Archives Committee - 75th Anniversary Commemorative Big Book will have a selling price in the \$12 range. Please visit www.aa.org for details.

Trustees' Public Information Committee - The committee agreed to forward a recommendation to be considered by the 2014 PI Conference Committee that the 2014 A.A. membership survey be conducted including updated pre-survey communications and survey instructions.

A translation of our literature and services GSO provides and you support: Currently our Big Book is translated into 70 different languages and 18 more languages are in the works. At a recent regional forum in Indiana the importance of our continued financial support of GSO, was brought dramatically home to Phyllis H., GSO General Manager. A young man came to the microphone and, in broken English, shared his story of being a war refugee from Somalia. He explained he was grateful for his new found sobriety in A.A. but desperately needed literature in his language in order to carry the message to others. Alerting the GSO to this need was only made possible because your contributions support putting on the Regional Forums and they were able to be there and have a face-to-face conversation with the member from Somali. Contributions from the fellowship will allow the publishing department to begin working on A.A. literature being translated in this language!

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.

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2014 SWRAASA

Mark your calendars for the 2014 Southwest Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, aka SWRAASA. This year it will be held in Corpus Christi at the Omni Bayfront Hotel, the weekend of October 10-12, and hosted by the Southwest Texas Area 68. I've brought flyers which have the Registration Form and a link to the website, where you can register online. You can also make your hotel reservation online.

This latest flyer has also been posted to the SETA Website, so please inform your District and Groups about this event and where they can get registration information. I really hope you'll make an extra effort to attend – it's close to home, and, as we discussed for last year's Forum, a great opportunity for a road trip! The registration fee is \$10.00 and the experience is priceless. Also - If anyone has information about bus charters or van rentals, please share it with us.

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There's a lot going on in the Southwest Region! I attended the Alternate Delegates Meeting at the Forum last October and there was a lot of excitement and enthusiasm for the upcoming year.

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I've also received confirmation on an Additional Southwest Regional Forum to be held in Denver, CO. Hosted by Area 10, the theme is "*Communication – Key to a Successful Future*", it will address current issues such as the internet, social media, and translation and interpretation challenges. We have a lot of experience in these topics and so have a lot to offer, as an Area. I hope that you will consider attending this event as well. The dates for this additional Forum are June 3-5, 2016, at the Double Tree Hotel on Quebec Street. Mark your calendars!

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2014 SETA Convention Update (Beaumont): Rocco – Reported _____ registrations
Will hand over financials and report by April Assembly.

GSR Workshop Report: Paul M. asked to Chair this at last minute.
Time changed. Standing room only. Reported that overall it well attended.

Chair Ronald C. reported that we will skip Roll Call for Voting unless something comes up.

No one stood for Literature Chair position.

Unfinished Business:

-Ad Hoc Committee for Cooperation Not Affiliation – Harold P. XXXX. Workshop at April Assembly 2014 to propose change to P&P and it will need a 2/3 vote.

-Grapevine Chair Barbara requests a change to P&P. XXXXX

Chair Ronald C. states that April Assembly will be extremely busy. Round tables. Budget will be presented. Final report from 2014 Convention. Three Workshops to include Job Descriptions Updates (Assembly Action Items).

-*Delegate has an addition comment: Wanted to talk more about GSC Agenda Items. Stated that feedback forms are important.

-**2015 Convention Announcement (Galveston):** Tim announced kick-off meeting.

Announcements (read by Alt. Chair Troy B.)

~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.

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

~Beginner’s Group 26th Anniversary. Saturday 2/8/14. 147 Brazosport Blvd. Clute, TX 77531

~District 31 presents Old Timers Day. 2/22/14 at Lamb of God Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 1400 E. FM 1960, Humble, TX 77338. And 12 Traditions Workshop 3/22/14 at First Baptist Church Willis, 12177 I-45 North, Willis, TX 77318.

~SETA 67 Round Tables 2014 General Service Conference Final Agenda Items to be presented and discussed at the April Area Assembly, Saturday April 12, 2014. Sheraton IAH 15700 JFK Blvd., Houston, TX 77032.

~District 52 presents “Staying in the Solution: Your Home Group, Sponsor, and AA Literature”. April 26, 2014 at Faith Lutheran Spirit of Life Church 800 Brooks St., Sugar Land, TX 77478.

Assembly closed with Responsibility Statement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

***IT –**

NONE

***CPC Committee –**

Chair: Daniel S. Alt. Chair: Rick M.

Happy New Year to all! Thanks for allowing me to serve Area 67 as your Cooperation with the Professional Community committee chairperson. We have a terrific committee and have been seeing a surge in participation as of late. Utilizing GoToMeeting for our monthly committee meeting has allowed people who might not normally be able to make the meeting the opportunity to log in and be a part of what we’re doing (thanks to the IT Committee for making this happen).

Our main focus the last quarter has been on Parole & Probation professionals. We conducted a presentation at Harris County Probation in November and are staffing an information booth tonight through Tuesday at the American Parole and Probation Association’s Annual Conference at the Hilton Americas in Houston. We have ongoing projects working on reaching out to nursing schools, training hospitals, the military, and child protective services.

As always 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 present either way!

***Archives –**

NONE

***Grapevine –**

NONE

***Literature –**

NONE

***Public Information –**

NONE

***Houston Hispanic Intergroup Office –**

NONE

***SETA Liaison To Intergroup –**

NONE

***SW Houston Intergroup –**

NONE

WORKSHOPS/AD-HOC COMMITTEES REPORTS

Ad-Hoc Committee on Cooperation not Afflation

Hi Family, I am Harold and I am a alcoholic.

Back in May 2013 I received a loving invite to Chair a Ad-Hoc Committee on "Cooperation not Afflation" and the distribution of Flyers, from Ron our Chair. We held our 1st meeting on August 3, 2013. At this time I want to introduce the Committee, Rick M, Jim K, Gus H, Betsy G and the one person who keep wonderful notes was our Recorder Michelle H.

The first ad-hoc committee meeting utilized the Go-To-Meeting resource available through the Area. After some troubleshooting from Betsy everyone was able to hear/see one another clearly. It was determined that we as a committee would continue to use this resource as our primary means of meeting as a cost efficient, Realistic option due to the geographical location of all members.

We discussed the term Afflation in great links. Our 6th Tradition holds a very strong definition of Afflation. Our Preamble also addresses Afflation.

We discussed flyers distribution at the SETA Assembly and Conventions. This Committee will make a proposal to the Area Committee to consider adding a section to the Policies & Procedures Manual. This proposal will read like this.

Any verbal announcements, flyers or displays that are not of the Area, General Service Structure of AA or Intergroup/Central Offices within the boundaries of SETA 67 will not be permitted.

In closing, thank You Ron for allowing me to Chair this Committee.

A complete set of Minutes will be available, just email me (my address is on the Area roster) and a set is yours.

Yours in Services

Harold F P. Jr

***New GSR Orientation –**

NONE

***ADVANCED GSR –**

NONE

DISTRICT REPORTS

***District 31 –**

Happy New Year to all!! I hope this report finds you rested and ready to hit the ground running as we move immediately into some rather major service projects that we committed ourselves last year to undertake. These will be fantastic opportunities for enhancing the progress we've already made toward unity within our District—which, as you may recall, was our overarching goal for the year of service in 2013. I would like to use this occasion to review the many things we accomplished in 2013 toward realization of that overarching goal:

1. We gathered information, created a format, printed and distributed our District 31 Meeting Directory.
2. We participated in and attended almost all of the Group anniversaries and Round Robin events in District 31 (“We” here means “many of us in the district who are not members of the groups hosting these events”).
3. We hosted a hospitality room, with tremendous success, at the TX State Convention held in Houston in June.
4. We solicited names and created a list of available AA speakers in District 31 with their sobriety dates.
5. We participated in the planning and facilitation of workshops at Shadydale (on Sponsorship in July) and at Atascocita (on Chairing Effective Meetings in October).
6. We awarded and paid for four Grapevine subscriptions (two at each event).
7. The Early Birds Group of Kingwood hosted a talk and discussion about Service in AA that was motivated by my report of some of the things I learned at the Southwest Regional 8. Forum in Oklahoma City.
9. We provided Big Books to two of the local treatment facility meetings.

10. We assisted in the establishment of two new groups in our District: Back to Basics (in Trinity) and the WOW Group (in Weldon).
11. We paid for a 14-week run of a PSA spot at a local movieplex theater.
12. We provided desserts and service at the annual SETA Gratitude Dinner.

We did all of this plus a few things that I'm sure are just not immediately coming to mind in the face of some rather obvious decreases in the amount of contributions made by our groups in calendar year 2013. We have now had to dip into our prudent reserve, but we already knew that we would have to do this. So, I think it safe to say that we are almost back to our right size in the District. And remember, we approached everything with the idea of reestablishing unity (in the face of a perceived disunity at the beginning) in mind. What we are going to need to do from here, however, is to redouble our efforts at soliciting participation (both in terms of increased attendance at District events and in terms of financial self-support).

For the sake of further progress toward a unified District that will be attractive to those for whom AA service has not appeared attractive in the past, our anticipated District Inventory seems like something that should take place sooner rather than later. We should certainly get a sense of the District on this.

And so we grow.
Yours in love and service,
West G., DCM 31

***District 51 –**

1. Amy started the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer
2. Introductions:
Amy, Coach, Randy R, Matt, Tom K, Vernon L, Ronald, Tammy, Alex, Tyrek and Zach.
3. Amy asks for volunteers to present one Tradition & one Concept for January.
 - a. Concept 1 presented by Coach
 - b. Tradition 1 by Tom K
 - c. Coach gave brief description of the importance of Concepts & Traditions for benefit members attending first district meeting.
4. Secretary's report:

There is a host committee or location committee already established. This committee led by Melisa (Alternate Delegate), entirely separate from the Area Assembly. The onus is on this committee to find a suitable location for the 2014 Gratitude Dinner. However any and all input will be greatly appreciated. Amy (Alternate DCM) or assigned representative may be required to take part in this committee.

5. Treasurers Report: Coach

“\$2,043.22 + \$22.00 cash in envelope to be deposited”

6. GSR Reports:

- Tammy, Caring & Sharing Group. Started a new book titled "Drop the Rock" Tuesday night's 6:30pm at Delta Club. Meetings well attended. New chairperson beginning in January. Members go to dinner after the meeting. 4 group members celebrated birthdays in the month of December
- Matt, Bellaire Club 12x12. Making announcements regarding SETA Conference, meetings well attended and group seems to be growing. Birthday Night Friday December 27, 2013 celebrants included three one year, one ten year and one twenty-eight years of continuous sobriety.
- Alex Caring & Sharing Group presented an awesome Christmas play, standing room only at the show, over 20 people had to be turned away. Birthday overwarming success, everyone had fun. Some people made breakthroughs in their recovery.
- Greg Open Door Group, spirit of rotating starting in January. We will attempt to have a chair person and leader for each meeting. Group inventory in the planning stages for the upcoming year. Looking for ways to get more people involved with the group conscience. Also looking to plain group events for the spring and summer months.

7. Question: Amy asked how to get more people involved in group conscience?

Answers: Guilt & Shame them, come up with controversial idea to vote on, offer opportunities to serve e.g. Grapevine rep etc... sponsorship, sponsor people who attend the same group, talk about traditions and pass our A.A pamphlet the group p.96, collect email address and make announcements.

Old Business

Group visits: Amy went to the Genesis Groups Monday night book study and was not well received. She asks if they would like to become part of A.A. service structure e.g. GSR? Chairperson stated "it is ok to ask, however they don't have a GSR and probably never will. Randy H suggested a different approach. 1. Go to one meeting for month and participate in the meeting. If we have anything that interests them, maybe they will ask the questions. 2. Adopt a meeting campaign. Randy H, & Tom K volunteered to participate in the visitation committee. Amy will provide a list of target groups.

New Business

- Summer workshop will be pushed back for future date.
- Please consider topics and bring them to the next meeting
- Amy suggested sponsorship.

- Randy H, will recruit Monica & Sandy to help with the production
- Confirmed that Amy will Chair and Randy R will be the cochairman; Location of Gratitude dinner to be determined.
- Volunteers for Gratitude Dinner Committee as follows: Tom K, Tammy, Alex, Matt, Greg N and Zach. Committee will meet once a month after Dist. Meeting

Announcements

- Area Assembly 10,11 & 12 of January
- Delta Club hosting New Year's Eve Party followed by a 12:00 am meeting.
- Delta sponsoring workshop for 3rd weekend of January.
- Bellaire Club sponsoring New Year's Candle Light Meeting 12:00am
- Food will be served

8. Passed the basket

9. Closed with Responsibility Statement...

***District 70 –**

D – 70 has several new GSR's this quarter, our secretary commented "isn't it exciting".

We have a couple of new groups that just started meetings. One is the ORT group on I-10 that meets on Monday evenings and the other Light of Christ Cathy's Angels that meets in La Porte on Wednesday evenings.

We were fortunate to have hosted the Gratitude dinner this quarter a success for all largely thru the efforts of Melissa R. and Sheyanne F.

Our district is starting to use the D-70 web site and hope to expand this in 2014, the SETA webmaster supplied us with a new map of our location and we are posting minutes now.

We still plan to hold a job fair type workshop next year if time and volunteers permit.

D – 70 also volunteered to host, along with D – 60 the July 2014 assembly.
Thank you Sylvester.

Ray Roberson
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 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 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 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 the usual first Sunday scheduled date. Please join us.

CORRECTIONS (to October 2013 Minutes)

NONE

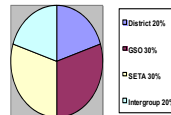
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FROM: SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA ASSEMBLY
 TO: GROUP TREASURER

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
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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 \$ _____

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