

South East Texas Area Assembly

of Alcoholics Anonymous

P.O. Box 130433

Houston, Texas 77219-0433

October Assembly

Saturday and Sunday

October 4 & 5, 2014

Sheraton North Houston Hotel

15700 JFK Blvd.

Houston, Texas

281-442-5100

AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA

Saturday October 4, 2014

**8:00 AM Registration Opens
Lobby**

District 82

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 AM

.....**B.....R.....E.....A.....K.....**.....

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**10:00 AM Open General Assembly: Tradition 10 District 82
Ballroom**

Third Legacy Voting Workshop

Support for GSC Agenda Item – Spanish Translation of 75th Anniversary Big Book

11:00 AM District Committee Member Reports

12:00 PM

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**1:00 PM Open Afternoon Session Concept 10 District 82
Ballroom**

Funding Translator’s Hotel nights at Assemblies Workshop

Voting Privileged for LCMs Workshop

1:45 PM Service Job Fair (second Floor rooms will be used)

**4:00 PM Alt. Delegate Travel Reimbursement Workshop
Ballroom**

4:30 PM SETA SERVICE COMMITTEES:

**Archives.....Embassy
Newsletter.....Forum**

GVR.....El Paso

**CPC.....Galveston
PI.....Galveston**

LaVina.....San Antonio

**CFC.....Houston
SCAP.....Ballroom**

Literature.....Ballroom

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

5:45 PM
D.....I.....N.....N.....E.....R.....

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 October 5, 2014

7:00 A AA Meeting

8:30 AM Open Meeting – Prayer
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Chairperson – Ron

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

Area Assembly Minutes
Melanie M

Secretary –

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer – Kris H

**Delegate Report
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Delegate - Patrick

Alternate Delegate's Report

Al Del - Melissa R

**2015 SETA Convention Update
David**

2015 Conv. Chair -

**2016 SETA Convention Update
Mary**

2016 Conv. Chair -

Reports from Saturday's Workshops

GSR Workshops

GSR Ask it Basket

Roll Call for VOTING

Registrar

Unfinished Business

Election of Literature Chairperson

Ad Hoc Committee on Election Procedures

New Business

GSC Agenda Item - Spanish Translation of 75th Anniversary Big Book

Funding Translator Friday Night Hotel at Assembly

Voting Privilege for LCMs of District 65

Alt- Delegate Travel Reimbursement

Elections

**Regional Trustee Nomination, Delegate, Alt Delegate, Chairperson, Alternate
Chairperson, Secretary, Alternate Secretary, Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer,
Registrar, Alternate Registrar and All Standing Committee Chairpersons**

Announcements –

Alt. Chair

3:30 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

Saturday July 12, 2014

Area Committee Meeting

8:30a Ron opens

8:30a Preamble by Troy

Treasurer's Report by Kris

Fully Funded a Delegate

Gratitude Dinner Funds are fully funded

Archives Repository rent paid thru September

Roll Call Linda C.

Regional Trustee Membership Survey Will get disclosed to the general public

Delegate's Report - Patrick C. - see Sunday Assembly

Alt. Delegate's Report - Melissa R. - See Sunday Assembly

2015 SETA Convention Update - David A. - See Sunday Assembly

Unfinished business - Voting items for Sunday

Translators needed for SWAARSA Workshops

Announcements - Troy See attached flyers

Closed meeting at 9:25a

Sunday July 13, 2014

Area Assembly

8:35a

Chair Ron C. – Open Assembly with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Alt. Chair Troy B. – Read Preamble to P&P

Roll Call postponed waiting for Linda C.

Chair Ron C. – Recognize new & visiting members

Visitors: Clayton – SW Regional Trustee

Registrar Linda C. – Roll Call

Secretary Melanie – Minutes.....amends/plan of action

Treasurer - Kris

\$78,269.84

We have spent more than we have brought in.

*Received several checks from as far back as 2006 that were just sent from post office from various groups.

\$2,220 is the actual affected amount with regards to this situation.

Delegate Patrick C. – Delegate Report

Area Committee and Area Assembly Meetings

July 12th & 13th 2014

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 April Area Assembly!

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 2nd quarter of 2014.

- Attended the 64th General Service Conference in New York April 27th thru May 3rd
- Participated in District 51 Service Job Fair
- Prepared my Delegate Report about my experience at the Conference.

- Visited several District Meetings and have presented my GSC Delegate Report.
- Enjoyed a fantastic time at the 68th Texas State Convention in Ft. Worth. Heard some wonderful speakers.
- Attended and participated in the D66 La Vina Committee meeting.
- Received many wonderful calls, emails, and questions, keep them coming.

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.

Area Committee Report – July 12, 2014

The Importance of Communication As I mentioned, I have attended and participated in my second General Service Conference as your Delegate representative. The Districts I have reported to already have helped to shape what I will present today and I thank them. There are several more Districts to visit after this assembly and Melissa and I are enjoying each and every meeting.

Today when I present my report to you about what occurred at the 64th General Service Conference, the true test will be what you all do with this information. I encourage everyone who is here today to take something from the report and pass it on to another A.A. member who is not able to attend such as your home group members, your sponsees, and even your sponsor.

I want to say to each of our General Service Representatives (GSRs) I understand you have a tough and important job. You might have to be a little creative in your approach. Talk with other GSRs this weekend. Ask them how they are planning on tackling this service responsibility with their group members. We will provide you handouts today and post some on the SETA Area Website at the Delegate page. The tools will be yours to use.

At the end of my presentation this afternoon, you will have the opportunity to ask questions. When I attend your district meeting you will have the same opportunity. Melissa has been capturing the questions that have been asked at each district meeting and we are working to answer each one, if I cannot do it on the spot. This document will be one of the items I post on the Delegate page.

Finally, I am very happy that we have our Southwest Regional Trustee, Clayton V., visiting our Area Assembly this weekend. I have seen Clayton in action and service at our Southwest Regional events and at the General Service Conference. I want each of you to know that he has and is serving us all very well. I look forward to what he will share with us. I know you all will not have any problem making him feel welcome. It is part of your nature. But, don't let him get away without asking him questions you might

have regarding serving as a Class B Regional Trustee and on the A.A. Grapevine Board.

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

- Talk about the items we have out on the table.

Thank you for your service.

Area Assembly Report – July 13, 2014

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

The G.S.O. 2014 Budget Highlights: I shared extensively about our current financial picture in my Delegate Report on the General Service Conference yesterday afternoon. I will post the Delegate Experience, Finance and other information on the Area Website under the Delegate's page. I would like to share some updated information I received from reading the summer 2014 edition of the Box 459 Newsletter.

The G.S.O. anticipates an excess of revenue over expense of \$295,444. The A.A.W.S. Board did recommend a general price adjustment in literature prices for around October 2014.

Contributions revenue has shown positive movement for several years. 2013 showed an increase in contributions over 2012 of \$348,000.

Grapevine, Inc. anticipates a net profit in 2014 of approximately \$95,422. La Vina projects a net cost of \$141,575 to be funded by the General Service Board's, General Fund in 2014.

Estimates of Groups and Members as of January 1, 2014:

The General Service Office does not keep membership records, this information is based on reports given by groups listed with G.S.O. and does not represent an actual count of those who consider themselves A.A. members.

For U.S. and Canada the total number of groups is: 115,358 up from 2013 which was estimated at 114,642.

For U.S. and Canada the total number of members is: 2,138,421 up from 2013 which was estimated at 2,131,549.

Opening for to Class A (Non-Alcoholic) Trustees: Following the 2015 General Service Conference there will be openings for two Class A (nonalcoholic) trustees. The trustees' Nominating Committee asks that trustees, delegates and directors submit any

names they deem appropriate as candidates for Class A trustees. Class A trustees are chosen from a variety of professional backgrounds, including doctors, lawyers, clergy, social workers and educators. In seeking applications for all vacancies in Alcoholics Anonymous, the Fellowship is committed to creating a large applicant file of qualified persons, which reflects the inclusiveness and diversity of A.A. itself. Please submit your candidate's business or professional résumé to the secretary, trustees' Nominating Committee, General Service Office, by July 25, 2014.

Opening for to Class B Trustees: Two new Class B Regional Trustees are going to be nominated during the 2015 General Service Conference. One of them will be from our Southwest Region. The next trustee from the Southwest Region will follow Clayton. Past Delegates, please be praying to your higher power and asking for guidance in standing as our nominee. We will be voting in a candidate from our Area in October.

Reminder about 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.

2015 International Convention Information: Registration forms for the 2015 International Convention, in Atlanta, Georgia, July 2-5, will be mailed around the world in August. You can get your form from your G.S.R., your area structure, your local intergroup/central office, from your G.S.O., and, of course, on G.S.O.'s A.A. website, www.aa.org. You may also register online starting September 3. The preregistration fee is \$100 USD; after May 12, 2015, registration will be \$110.00 USD. Your registration badge entitles you to attend all Convention events, including the Thursday night Party in the Park, the Stadium meetings on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in the Georgia Dome, and all of the marathons, panels, workshops, and topic, special interest and other meetings at the Georgia World Congress Center and nearby hotels.

Clayton, I would like to thank you for attending our Area Assembly and thank you for your service to the fellowship of A.A.

Thank you SETA 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

Alt. Delegate Melissa R. – Alternate Delegate Report

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 those who are attending an Area Assembly for the first time – you chose an exciting weekend! I hope you will take advantage of all the activities scheduled for this weekend – I believe you'll find it enjoyable and informative.

This is an important assembly for those who've been here too. The July Assembly in the second year of a term is a good time to start thinking about what you would like to do for your next service position! Later today, we'll present a workshop designed to provide information and answer questions about some of the Area service positions. I heard years ago, probably at a July Assembly just like this, that we don't "rotate out" - we "rotate on". That phrase stuck with me and I believe it with all my heart. So I hope that you (and you know who you are) will also take advantage of the information available at the Service Job Workshop.

So, as Patrick mentioned, he and I have made many District visits where Patrick has presented his GSC Report. In addition to those meetings, I participated in the District 51 Service Job Fair, attended Gratitude Dinner Committee Meetings and the Texas State Convention in Fort Worth last month.

2014 Gratitude Dinner Update:

As you know, District 51 is the host district for this year's Gratitude Dinner. District 40 is the co-host district and District 66 is the 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.

Flyers are available this weekend – thanks to District 40 and Deborah G. Please take them and distribute to your Groups. The theme is "*Life will take on new meaning*" from page 89 of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. The main course is Tex-Mex. DCMs and MCDs: we're ready to sign you up!

Amy E is the Chairperson for this year's Gratitude Dinner Committee. Co-chairs are Randy R and Tammy T. One of them will be here throughout the weekend, ready to record your District's participation at this year's Dinner. And I'll be here all weekend, if you can't find one of them.

Our last meeting was a lot of fun – we discussed the program, looked at ways to lessen down-time and brainstormed for ideas and activities to liven it up a little this year. You'll have to come to see what we have planned. The committee meets at noon on the last Saturday of each month at the Delta Club.

I want to mention here, that the Gratitude Dinner is one of only two Area events in Area 67; it's 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)

Area 57 (SWTA) is the Host Area for SWRAASA this year. **How many of you have attended SWRAASA?**

SWRAASA is a bi-annual event hosted on a rotating basis, by the (11) Areas in the (7) states that make up the Southwest Region. This event is a kind of training weekend for A.A. service positions. It's made up of Workshops with short presentations by facilitators who have held the service position, with plenty of time for attendees to ask

and answer questions, and share experience, strength & hope with newly elected Trusted Servants. Workshops on the Traditions & presentations on the Concepts are on the agenda as well.

As I mentioned last April, each Alternate Delegate in the Southwest Region selected three workshop topics when we were at SWRDA last March. We then select qualified members from our Area to present those workshop topics at SWRAASA. So, an update on Area 67 presenters at SWRAASA: Ron C will present the Workshop on Area Chair; Kris H will present the Treasurer's Workshop and Paul M will present Traditions 9 and 10, co-facilitated by his lovely wife, Zaz M. Patrick will present a topic along with the other Delegates of the Southwest Region and our Southwest Regional Trustee, Clayton V will be there, so you'll have another opportunity to see him then.

SWRAASA will be held in Corpus Christi at the Omni Bayfront Hotel on the weekend of October 10-12. Flyers are on the Delegate Table – please take some and post them at your Groups. You can also find them on the Events Page of the SETA website – aa-seta.org. Just a side-note: rooms are filling up fast, so make your reservation soon!

2015 Regional Forum:

Mark your calendars for the 2015 Southwest Regional Forum. “Save the Date” flyers are on the Delegate's table. It's hosted by Area 38 and will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. More information to come on this later.

Please let me know how I can be of service to you, your groups, districts and committees. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve Area 67. Thank you.

Melissa Redd

Alternate Delegate, SETA 67, Panel 63

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David A. – 2015 Convention Update (PP presentation)

Registration is underway for the SETA 2015 Convention to be held at the Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston on January 16-18th 2015. You can register on line at setaconvention.org or by mail. Flyers for the Convention are on the table outside. The theme of the Convention will be “The Three Legacies, Recovery, Unity and Service.”

The SETA Convention Committee could use your help. We need volunteers to hosts the Speakers, Chairpersons for the Marathon Meetings, First Timers, Literature Table and Greeters. If you would like to volunteer to be on one of these committees please [contact me by email](#) via the SETA Convention webmail.

District 40 and the Spanish Districts have stepped up [two of the five](#) hospitality rooms. We have openings for three more 3 more hospitality rooms. The rooms are \$375 per

night and if your district would like to host a one of these rooms then please contact me before making the reservation with the hotel.

If you would like to volunteer to be on one of these committees or host a hospitality room please send me an email via the SETA Convention webmail conv-galveston-chair@aa-seta.org or call me at (713) 283-2038.

Sincerely yours in Service,

David A.

SETA 2015 Convention Chair

Reports from Saturday Workshops:

Deborah D. (recorder) – Beginning GSR workshop

GSR Workshop

July 2014 Assembly

Leaders: John and Ricardo C.

Translator Lucky Z.

Recorder Deborah D

Attendance ~60

This workshop was a combination of Beginners and Advance GSR's. This is a new format that we are fine tuning, patience is appreciated as we improve our process. Once the format is finalized we will post on the aa-seta.org GSR website.

Opened with the Serenity Prayer.

John and Ricardo took turns discussing various topics such as:

- GSR is one of the most important job in AA, once you have worked the steps, it's time to be in service.
- What is a GSR?
- What are the responsibilities for the position you have accepted?
- The importance of reading and understanding the Service Manual especially the section on GSR.
- The importance of elections and the spirit of rotation, once you learn the job it's time to teach your alternate. You are now ready to stand for DCM.
- Let the GSO (General Service Office) know about your group, this gets your name in the national meeting directory.
- Process of our Third Legacy for electing the trusted servants.
- Concepts 3, 4, and 5: Right of Decision, Participate and Appeal.
- Everyone is equal no big shots. No service position is more important than another. The group is the most important.
- Tradition 7 and the Birthday Envelope, we are self-supporting, we don't depend on rich people to pay our bills.
- SETA Summary of Assembly Procedures and www.aa-seta.org

Questions were asked and feedback was requested on this new combined Spanish/English format was very positive. The GSR's stated it gives them time to think about what was said while the translator speaks.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Deborah D., Recorder.

Alt. Chair Troy B. – GSR Ask It Basket

2016 Convention Report sent through text from Betsy (read by Betsy G.) - Report from Mary Moffett:

I am working with the Hilton to have the Convention here in Bryan/College Station. Just waiting for them to get back to me on a price.

Registrar Linda C. – Voting Roll Call

167 present at Assembly. 90 voting.

Unfinished Business:

ELECTIONS: No one stood for Literature Chair

La Vina: Sariano voted in by acclamation

No action on Ad Hoc Committee on Election Procedures

2015 budget passed unanimously

New Business:

Fund translators to SWRAASA not to exceed \$350 (held workshop on it Sat. 7/12/14

Question about mileage reimbursement rate

Motion passed unanimously.

Other new business: Finance has brought forth a motion to fund 4 additional Area officers/Committee chairs (randomly chosen) to attend SWAARSA in 2014 not to exceed \$2,500.

Betsy G. provided background on this issue.

Jackie asked question about will current or incoming panel be sent considering that elections will take place before SWAARSA. Betsy stated that current panel is to be funded.

Minority opinion: Dean – feels we should send new panel not current panel.

No vote change. Motion passed. Proposal funded.

4 names need to be picked now to be funded by Area to attend next SWAARSA. (CFC James K., CPC Daniel S., IT Marshall W., Finance Gary S.)

Alt. Chair Troy B. – **Announcements** & thanked Dist. 70.

Close Meeting at 11a with Responsibility Statement.

Area Committee Reports:

2016 Convention Report -

Report from Mary Moffett:

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Newsletter -

January - No report

Greetings SETA, The newsletter committee is still in need of committee members. Until then, the area is stuck with the committee in my head.

There are many areas of service available from assisting in mailing to encouraging group, district and committee contributions. The newsletter committee will meet at the same time as other committee meetings - around 4:30 in the Forum Room. Please contact news-chair@aa-seta.org.

In discussion with other area members, the newsletter has not been physically mailed out since July 2013. I have had feedback in both directions of moving the newsletter to electronic and continuing to send out printed copies. I am looking for feedback here. I'm looking to see how many are interested in receiving printed copies.

In the April and July assemblies last year, I collected names for members who were interested in the newsletter and what their preference was. I am hoping to do this again. Please email 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.

Finally, in October, we will be electing new SETA committee chairs. If your interested in the newsletter, please attend the October Assembly and I will be glad to provide guidance to the new committee members.

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

Your grateful chair,
Brad H.

Grapevine -

The Area Grapevine Committee continues to “grow on the vine” as we welcome three new GvRs. Martha P. will represent the Texas City “518” Group and Kristina F. joins us from Rule 62 Group in Brookshire. District 52 recently elected Sarah H. to Chair their Grapevine Committee.

The SETA 67 Grapevine Committee cooperated with District 20 in their Spring Fling Workshop themed “Writing and Recording for the Grapevine”. Months of planning went into this first-time Committee effort but DCM, Ford S, and Cole D. (Alt. DCM) eased us into the process by attending every monthly Committee meeting. Each service entity knew their responsibility and contribution to this successful workshop. We were honored to have our Alt. Delegate, Melissa R., and past Area Delegate, Deborah D., present. Out of 20 attendees, we were able to forward sixteen written articles to the Grapevine, upload three photos for “If These Walls Could Talk” and sold one subscription to our “meeting in print”. We held a random raffle drawing awarding the popular Grapevine book, *Language of the Heart*.

District 81 has invited the Committee to Galveston on September 19-21 for their “Traditions and Concepts Weekend on the Beach” at the Victorian Condo Hotel & Conference Center. We shall man a table with free Grapevine copies and subscription forms, display, and books for sale. Again; we will offer the well-received Grape Guessing Contest with a book giveaway.

July 31 is the deadline for entering the Grapevine Cover Contest. Go to www.aagrapevine.org for your chance to win a set of GV books. It is a quick and simple process. *Daily Quotes* is the latest book published by GV and there will be copies for sale at the October assembly. It is a collection of the messages sent to your electronic devices for the first 365 days after inception of the quotes.

Don't forget we meet on the 3rd Thursday at the Delta Club at 7:30. Otherwise, please join us at the SETA assembly on Saturday afternoon at 4:30.

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

Archieves

Hi, I am Jayson Jones and I am a real, recovered alcoholic. I am currently serving as your Southeast Texas Area AA Archives Committee Chair.

In May of this year, the Southeast Texas Area AA Archives Committee participated in an Archives presentation which included the Southwest Texas Area, the Northeast Texas Area, the Northeast Texas Area combined district 6 and Oklahoma City Archives. It was displayed in two large rooms at the Dallas Gathering of Eagles Conference. AA historians Arthur Sheehan and Gail LaCroix remarked that this is one of the largest and best single presentations of AA history in one single location. We were privileged to be a part of that.

We are currently in the process of working on several projects which we hope to present at the SETA conference in January. One of those projects is reproducing the Larry Jewell or Houston Pamphlet which has generated interest at previous presentation of Archives. Another piece is putting together a detailed history of how AA evolved in Houston, Texas. A history book, which includes correspondence between Larry Jewell and the General Service office, is being put together. We hope that it will be available for display in January for the SETA conference.

We want to continue to make know that our Archives committee is willing to come to your group and provide history displays and do AA history presentations for various amounts of time intervals. We can do 30, 60 and 90 minute presentations on topics such as the predecessors of AA, the beginnings of AA, history of AA in Texas, and history of AA in Houston. Please feel free to contact me on my cell if you are interested. My cell is 281-435-0227.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you, and have a blast doing it! --
Jayson Jones

SW Intergroup

Hello fellow members of the area, I wish you 24hours of sobriety. I thank god for sharing this time with you. In the Intergroup of the SouthWest is working with 6 committees which we are motivating. The revenue of the office is \$4823.90 from the groups. Intergroups of the state in Texas are going to having the second Hispanic Forum which will take place during March 27,28,29 in the city of Austin in 2015. The name of the Forum is A. A. 12 Steps of Hope. We are counting on your presence. Thanks, Salmon L. Liaison

Brazos Valley Intergroup

The Brazos Valley Intergroup continues to thrive and sell literature to more and more groups in District 33. Additional groups are now contributing to BVIG as part of the 7th Tradition. We take literature to two conferences in the Brazos Valley and have for the last four years. The BVIG is basically run by two married couples who love doing this service work for the district.

Sadly, Carol Fountain who did all of the ordering for us passed away quite unexpectedly a week ago. She was a driving force in the Intergroup and represented us well with a big smile and wonderful sense of humor. She was a good friend to many people and will be dearly missed.

Becky Rice

IT - See scanned typed report

CPC

April - 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.

July - Thanks for allowing me to serve Area 67 as your Cooperation with the Professional Community committee chairperson. I can't say enough about the hard work and dedication of our committee members. Since the last assembly in April we've continued to focus on our outreach to nursing schools, training hospitals, the military and child protective services. We will be working on a mailing to these groups of professionals at our upcoming meeting and will hopefully have the opportunity to introduce/better acquaint them to the AA program as a resource for the alcoholics that they encounter. We also recently staffed an information booth at a local Houston Recovery Initiative symposium. 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 join us.

Literature - Attendees: Pete M.

Discussed the following items:

The updates of AAWS approved literature

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

Reviewed the Chairperson's job description.

Suggested ideas concerning District Literature sales and meetings

Suggested that they reach out to find candidate to stand for the position

Status update on e-books and pamphlets

Respectively

Pete M

SCAP - See scanned handwritten report

I am so sorry. I turned in my report and did not have it saved on my computer SOOOOO
I don't have a electronic report.

Francia C

SCAP Chair

Houston Intergroup - See scanned handwritten report

CFC- See scanned typed report

District Reports:

10 - On Memorial Day, District 10 hosted a panel discussion workshop on Surrender to Win -- A Pathway to Freedom. Each group selected representatives to serve on the panel and there were ten in all. Each panel member shared for about 5 minutes and, in between, members in attendance read excerpts from our literature about the topic. District 10 provided kolaches and donuts and the Welcome Home Group offered its meeting space. 84 people attended, representing 12 home groups.

District 10 has two new groups and looks forward to continuing its efforts to reach the alcoholic who still suffers.

Yours in service,

Katherine M.
DCM 10

20 - District 20 continues to explore ways to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. We completed our April 26, 2014 Grapevine workshop held in coordination with the SETA Grapevine committee. We had 20 attendees writing and recording their stories for submission to the Grapevine. Photographs were also submitted for the Grapevine "If These Rooms Could Talk" of meeting spaces in our Area. We are exploring ways to distribute AA literature to organizations in our District. Our next workshop will be conducted in the fall on archives and another in late October staying sober and surviving the Holidays. Several District 20 members are planning the trip to Corpus Christi to attend SWRRSSA in October. We've received word that a new group has formed in our district which we will reach out to get them involved in District and SETA service positions. District 20 has volunteered to help with deserts at the 2014 Gratitude Dinner in November. Larry L, one of our GSR's is the co-chair of the CFC Conference on Sept. 12, 13 and 14. District 20 is funding 4 Lavina subscriptions for the SETA CFC committee. District 20 continues its traditional first Saturday Speaker Meeting following the District meeting each month except July.

31 - April - We have been busy in District 31. We held our annual District 31 Oldtimers Day in February this year for a change. We also convened a wonderful all day long Traditions Conference in Willis that was a huge success. We initiated a practice that we hope to continue of the DCM delivering invited talks to share his service story with various groups. Part of the plan was to convey some of the most significant nuggets

gleaned from the SW Regional Forum and SWRAASA and another part of the plan was to encourage participation in the AA Service Structure. We are looking forward to our District Inventory in May, an upcoming visit from our Delegate to share his experiences at the General Service Conference, convening another workshop in August in Huntsville, and, of course, co-hosting this April SETA Assembly with District 90.

In love and service,
West G., DCM-31

July - Among the things we've been up to in District 31 since we last met are—

- that we completed our District Inventory which turned out to have been a remarkably positive experience for the unity of our district. We will be voting to take action (or, perhaps, not to take action) on some of the recommendations that emerged, e.g., a change to our district meeting script to include a policy on how to handle disruptions during the meeting.
- that we invited Patrick C., Delegate, to deliver one of the early versions of his GSC report at our June District Meeting [we wanted to be the maiden voyage, but alas we were number 2!!! Sadface.]
- that we're helping the Blue Doors Group in Huntsville organize their Sponsorship Workshop to be held on August 9, 2014. You're all invited to attend.

Come see us!!!

40 - January - None due to Convention

April - District 40 held a GSR workshop in March and we had more fun than should be legally allowed! Our resident past Delegate, Betsy G, led the attendees in a service based version of Truth or Dare, and boy do we have some accomplished liars! We laughed until our sides hurt, and learned a few things in the process. Several who attended, came to the District GSR meeting for their very first time this month, which is a great payoff. It seems that if you can SHOW people that service can be fun, it works better than just telling them.

We look forward to our annual Traditions Dinner on June 7, 6:00 pm at St. Christopher's on Blalock, in Spring Branch, and are continuing our work as Co-Host District, assisting in the preparations for this year's Gratitude Dinner. Come see us anytime, visitors always welcome at our monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm at the Bear Creek Community Center on Patterson Road off Highway 6.
Jes K.
District 40 DCM

July - District 40 held its 28th Annual Traditions Dinner in June with Betsy G. as presenter. We had a festive Cajun theme and the attendance was up this year. As one member commented to me, "I saw Betsy at the Traditions Dinner 14 years ago, and her

talk was more technical, book related. This time, it was Betsy the Storyteller, and it was a delight.” So if you plan a Traditions based service event, give them a story and a smile. We might hear “Principles over Personalities” a lot, but it never hurts to have a good personality, too!

We also had a Joint District 52-District 40 Delegate Report, hosted by District 52, and I have to admit, District 52 overwhelmed us with their District support. We were sorely outnumbered, but honestly, it was gratifying to see District 52 step up and give us a goal to strive for next year as we alternate hosting the Delegate presentation for our Districts.

We continue preparations and commitments for our role as Co-Host for the Gratitude Dinner, which you will hear about during this Assembly. Our regular GSR second Tuesday meeting is at the Bear Creek Community Center at 7:00 pm, and our attendance and GSR participation continues steady. Thank you.

Jes K.

D40 DCM

51 - District 51 is a small district with 14-15 member groups. At this time 4 groups regularly participate in District activities. A recurring theme for our district is “how to improve participation.” Currently there are two groups from the Bellaire Club (Open Door and 12&12) who participate, and two groups from the Delta Club (Caring and Sharing and the Blue Card Group). The Blue Card Group is new, beginning within the last year.

The last weekend of May the District presented a Service Job Fair in which our Area Delegate, Patrick C., and Alternate Delegate, Melissa R. participated. It was well attended. In September of this year we will present a skit based on the Doctor’s Opinion.

The District is the host for the Gratitude Dinner this year. The co-host is District 40. District 66 is the associated Spanish speaking district. The dinner will be held November 16 at the VFW Post on Foley Street in the Spring Branch Area.

52 - See scanned typed report

62 - 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 Committes, 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

64 - See scanned typed report

70 - This past quarter has had its ups and downs. We have a couple of groups coming up on their first anniversary's which is great! We also lost a group with an active GSR so that was a downer.

Northshore group held their annual workshop last month. Their theme was "AA in 2014", it was well attended everyone had a great time.

District 70 is hoping to hold a job fair by early Sept., we had to change people working on this so it did not get planned as we had hoped.

We are looking forward to our visit from Patrick and Melissa, Sunday July 20th.

Ray Roberson

DCM – 70

82 - There are a few noteworthy items from District 82 this quarter. First of all, the Brockman Road Group is returning to their five day a week meeting schedule. The seven day a schedule did not work out. The Eye Opener Meeting on the other hand has added an additional meeting to their schedule. This meeting now takes place at 6:00 AM on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Attendance has been steady and provides a convenient meeting for shift workers and early risers. The Alvin Taylor Street Group is continuing to plan the celebration of its 48th anniversary on October 17th. A flyer will be available soon.

The District Committee changes its meeting location every six months and beginning with the July meeting, we will be meeting at the Alvin Taylor Street Club. This will be the location for the balance of 2014. Our meetings start at 3:00 PM on the first Sunday of the month. As we near the end of this rotation, we are beginning to plan for our district's elections, which will be held at our September 7th meeting.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our annual Unity Day celebration this year. A chairperson for the event could not found. This event usually takes place on the second Saturday of August.

We are looking forward to hearing Patrick's Delegate report when he and Melissa attend our August committee meeting. We are also looking forward to participating in the Gratitude Dinner again this year.

In service,

Rick Mueller
DCM 82

Workshops:

SETA Ad Hoc Committee on Job Descriptions (from April Assembly)

Please accept this documentation as the summary report for the ad hoc committee created to update the SETA Job Descriptions. The committee reported the following changes and additions at the Saturday workshop and the assembly voted to approve the updated descriptions on Sunday.

ADDITIONS:

Under the Duties and Responsibilities section:

These additions were suggested by current position holders

Alternate Area Chairperson- Ensures all announcements and flyers given or presented at Assembly are SETA approved.

Alternate Delegate- Inform the Area of all Regional events, i.e. Regional Forums, SWRAASA and any special Forums held within the Southwest Region; promote events and encourage Area members to attend.

Visit all districts each year and assist, if requested, in the maintenance of Spiritual health.

Promote the Grapevine, La Viña and conference approved literature within the Area.

Area Delegate- Learn and understand the collective conscience of the Area Assembly regarding the Final Agenda Items for the annual meeting of the General Service Conference by:

- o Plan and facilitate the Area Assembly Roundtables Workshop in April.
- o Obtain and review all provided feedback.

Encourage GSRs to inform groups and individuals about the Grapevine, La Vina and conference approved literature within the Area.

Work closely with committee members and officers, sharing experience throughout the year. After GSRs and committee members have reported on the conference, learn from these AAs how groups and members have reacted.

Area Finance Committee Chairperson- By the April quarterly assembly, ensure that the Finance Committee review the prior year's year end financial statements for the Area and determine if unrestricted funds are available to fully fund the delegate for the prior year.

Area Literature Chairperson- Create or update a binder for the incoming Chairperson to help with rotation of position

Area Secretary/Alternate Secretary- Provide the Multi-Lingual Committee with English Reports, to be translated into Spanish, immediately after an Area Assembly.

Forward a Draft of the Minutes to the Area Chair for approval.

Provide the Registrar with an electronic draft version of the minutes (marked as a draft, with all last names removed) to be emailed to those Area Members who have elected to

receive minutes digitally. This electronic mailing must be received by those members no later than (30) days prior to the upcoming Assembly.

Additions recommended by the ad-hoc committee due to inconsistencies or as a result of reviewing the motions that were passed in previous years.

To All Qualifying Positions-

Responsibilities for using SETA computer equipment:

Where computer equipment is needed and provided for a SETA service position, that User's Job Description should outline the responsibility for computer use and maintenance.

1. All Information Technology equipment should always be stored in a manner that does not expose same to extreme ambient or damaging conditions.
2. The assigned user should store and use the equipment during his/her term. If there is a vacancy in the position the alternate takes possession until the position is filled. Unused equipment should be referred back to the Area Committee for disposition.
3. In order to preserve and secure SETA's data, the assigned user should use SETA equipment for Area business when supplied. Use of personal equipment is discouraged.
4. All data relating to Area business should be stored on the SETA-provided equipment.
5. Transfer of SETA equipment to the new user should take place as soon as practicable after elections and completion of assigned tasks.

Data from all SETA equipment should be backed up on to currently available backup media supplied by SETA, such as another computer, flash drive or optical disk. Backed up data should also be kept at an alternate site. Backup media should be passed to the successor at the end of the term.

To All Qualifying Positions-

Turn in annual budget and attend budget meeting.

To All Qualifying Positions-

It is a responsibility of the Service Committee Chairpersons to write the committee's protocol guidelines for Participation and Voice and Vote at its Service Committee meetings. Such guidelines are to be posted on the committee's web page of the Area's Website, as well as posted at site and time of meeting. This also needs to be added to each committee position.

Under the Position Qualifications section:

*These additions are recommended by current position holders & by the ad-hoc committee using the following as background information. The Policies and Procedures

Manual is the governing instrument on service and sobriety requirements and it does not include any requirement for sobriety or area service for committee chairs. This was something that the 2012 Ad Hoc Committee added but it was never approved. See the 2010 version posted on the web.*

Area Alternate Delegate- A minimum of six years of continuous sobriety and four years Southeast Texas Area Assembly service.

Area Delegate- Have sufficient time to devote to AA to fulfill the duties.

Area Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee Chairperson- The Chairperson of the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee should have a considerable continuous period of sobriety.

Area Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) Chairperson- The Chairperson of the Correctional Facilities Committee should have a considerable continuous period of sobriety.

Area Finance Committee Chairperson- The Finance Committee Chairperson should have the past experience of serving as a member of the finance Committee.

Area Grapevine/La Vina Committee Chairperson- The Chairperson of the Grapevine/La Vina Committee should have a considerable continuous period of sobriety.

Area Information Technology Committee Chairperson- The Chairperson of the Information Technology Committee should have a considerable continuous period of sobriety.

SETA Liaison to Area Intergroups- The Liaison to Area Intergroups should have a considerable continuous period of sobriety.

Area Literature Committee Chairperson- The Chairperson of the Literature Committee should have three years continuous sobriety, and some general service experience.

Area Public Information (PI) Committee Chairperson- The Chairperson of the Public Information Committee should have a considerable continuous period of sobriety.

State Convention Attendance Promotion Chairperson (SCAP)- The Chairperson of the SCAP Committee should have a considerable continuous period of sobriety.

Area Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC) Chairperson- The Chairperson of the Treatment Facilities Committee should have a considerable continuous period of sobriety.

Under the Positions Descriptions section:

These additions were suggested by current position holders

Area Delegate- Though the highpoint is the General Service Conference meeting, the delegate's job goes on year-round and involves all aspects of the Conference Structure

Changes:

SETA Liaison to Area Intergroups-

The ad-hoc committee recommends removing this note at the bottom of the job description page because every service position holds a right of participation and right of decision and this comment excludes that.

Note: The Liaison to Intergroup needs to remember that his or her job is strictly to share factual information and never to interject his or her personal opinion.

***AGENDA ITEMS** - Spanish Translation of commemorative edition of the Big Book

Motion: District 64 moves that the commemorative edition of the Big Book of AA celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Alcoholic Anonymous Big Book be published in Spanish

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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. 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.)