## AREA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY Sheraton North Houston 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd. Houston, Texas 77032 <u>Area Committee Meeting</u> Saturday July 11, 2015

## **I. Open – Troy B –** opened the meeting with at 8:30am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

## **II. Preamble – Kris H –** read the preamble to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual

**III. Minutes** – **Jim K** – Jim presented the April 2015 minutes. Jim asked that all area committee members and standing chairs please submit their reports by email to <u>secretary@aa-seta.org</u>. Jim mentions we are still in need of an alternate secretary. Troy asks if there are any corrections or changes to the April Area Committee Minutes. None are given.

**IV. Treasurer's Report – Dave P** – Dave mentions that we had a operating beginning balance of **\$75,480.60**. Deposits were made totaling \$18,509.01. Checks were written totaling \$30,522.60, giving a net change of \$4,247.69. Leaving a total bank balance of **\$71,232.91**.

V. Roll Call – Brad H – (Please see attached) Brad takes the roll call of the Area Committee.

### VI. Delegate's Report – Melissa R.--

Good morning Everyone My name is Melissa R. and I am serving as Area 67, Panel 65 Delegate. I want to welcome the new trusted servants – I'm happy you're here! It's a privilege for me to be here this weekend. A lot has happened since we last met in April and I look forward to sharing my experiences and hearing about yours.

I want to take a moment here and thank our Alternate Delegate, Ronald C. He is doing a great job, serving our Area, helping me and being a wonderful example of serving our Fellowship.

My main role is to inform you about what's going on in Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole and in turn, to be your voice, the collective voice of Area 67's group conscience at the General Service Conference. You provided me with that collective voice last April in preparation for the Conference and now it's my turn to reciprocate - to bring you the results of that Conference.

I've had the opportunity to do that already in several Districts – and I want to thank the DCMs, MCDs and the Alternates of those Districts. Without exception, you have made me feel not only welcome – but very special! You've touched my heart with the time, the planning, the obvious effort you put in to making my Report-Back meeting special. Without a doubt, the best part of my job, the highlight of my service, is visiting with you.

Ron and I have presented the GSC Report to (10) Districts to date. During Patrick's term, District 40 and 52 got together to hold a joint Meeting and I want to report that this year, not only has D-40 and D-52 continued the practice, but they've been joined by others: D-31 and D-32 teamed up and held their Report-Back Meeting on the lake in Willis. And in three weeks, Ron and I will visit Districts 10 and 20, for their joint "report-back" at the Houston Council. Not only does this kind of teamwork allow members of other districts to get together, get to know each other, and serve together - it also frees up some weekends for Ron and me!

At the April DCM Sharing Session, the DCMs voted to move the Sharing Session from Saturday to Sunday morning; that will go into effect this weekend. I also requested a larger meeting room and Kris, our Alternate Chair, graciously gave me my pick. So tomorrow morning, we'll meet in the Austin Room at 7AM.

I look forward to presenting the 65th General Conference Report to the SETA Assembly after lunch today. And I plan to visit some of the Service Committee Meetings later this afternoon – in particular, Treatment, my Conference Committee assignment, to share what I learned in New York.

I want to thank you all for your input and your feedback; that's what makes this Fellowship work. And thank you especially, for the opportunity to serve.

In joyful service, Melissa R Delegate, Area 67, Panel 65

**VII.** Alternate Delegate's Report – Ron C— Good Morning my name is Ron C. and I am an Alcoholic. I also have the honor of serving as Alternate Delegate Panel 65 Area 67.

I have been extremely busy since the last Assembly. In June I accompanied Melissa as she presented eight General Service Conference Report to ten Districts. I would like to thank the Districts for having us and it has definitely given me a better understanding of the General Service Conference and the dedication of the GSRs and the District Committee Members at our District level. Melissa has done an excellent job in communicating not only the Agenda items but also the spirit of the General Service Conference.

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# VIII. Unfinished Business

**A. Open Position – Alt. Secretary – Troy B. -** Troy mentions that the Alt. Secretary position is still open and asks the area committee if anyone is willing to stand. Troy, seeing no one volunteer, tables the request until the Assembly meeting on Sunday.

**B.** 2016 Budget Proposal – Troy B. – Troy asks if there are any questions concerning the 2016 Budget Proposal. None being asked Troy moves on. He mentions there will be a quick workshop later today, and the budget will be voted on tomorrow.

#### IX. New Business

- A. Finance Committee Motion Regional Forum Travel Funds Troy mentions that we do have a motion on the floor that came out of the finance committee on the regional forum travel funds. The motion reads as follows: "Because the Regional Pool was overlooked in preparing the SETA budget for 2015, and because we have sufficient unrestricted on hand to fully fund the regional pool for the Regional Forum for 2015, the Finance Committee recommends that, in addition to the delegate, alt. delegate and Area Chairperson (who are already funded), we provide sufficient funds to pay for two additional current Area Officers or Committee Chairpersons, selected randomly, to attend the 2015 Regional Forum in an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00, which is \$600.00 per person." Troy asks if there are any questions? None are asked.
- **B.** Ad Hoc Committee Motion- Cooperation vs. Affiliation Proposal- Troy mentions that the proposal is available on the table, and that there will be a workshop on this proposal later today, and a vote on the motion tomorrow.
- **C.** Ad Hoc Committee on revisions to the SETA 67 Convention Policies and Procedures- Troy mentions that in April an ad hoc committee was created to look at several items David A. brought to the floor that need to be addressed. David A. has agreed to serve on this ad hoc and they will be looking at the Guidelines for the SETA Convention, and places in the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual that are addressing the SETA Convention.

#### D. Troy asks the floor if there is any more new business?

**Kim R. Alt. Treasurer** addresses the Area Committee. He is retiring and moving to Maine, and therefore no longer able to serve out his term as Alt. Treasurer. Troy mentions that if anyone is willing to serve as Alt Treasurer to please see Dave P. the current Treasurer

**Barbara C. SCAP Chair** Can no longer serve as SCAP Chair and steps out of the position. Troy mentions to please see him if you are willing to take her place as our SCAP Chair.

- XII Announcements Kris H.—Kris mentions that CFC is meeting in a different room today. The 2016 SETA Convention Committee is meeting at noon today. He mentions that he still needs SETA Assembly host districts.
- XIII Close Troy B Troy closes the Area Committee meeting with the Responsibility Statement at 9:30am.

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**I. Open – Troy B** – Opened the meeting at 9:45am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, then asks the new GSR's to stand up and be recognized. Troy then asks for any past delegates to stand up and be recognized. Deborah D. and Betsy G., stand up for recognition.

**II. Tradition 12 – Buddy Alt. DCM, District 31 –** "We of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance, it reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities. We are actually to practice a genuine humility. To this end our great blessings may never spoil us, and that we shall forever live in thoughtful contemplation of him who presides over us all." Buddy mentions that in the 12 & 12 it says that we are to give up our personnel desires for the common good. Buddy goes on and gives us a presentation on the history and importance of Tradition 12.

# **III. District Committee Member Reports**

(Please see section titled **REPORTS**)

**IV. 2016 Area 67 Proposed Budget Q & A- Gary S.**—He explains the budgeting process for the various committees, and gives a background on the procedures used. He goes on to say that this a question and answer workshop. There is an explanation of the unrestricted funds. A lot of back and forth occurs on how the Area 67 Convention funds are accounted for. Kris H our former treasurer, and Dave P. our currently serving treasurer get involved in answering the questions submitted from the floor. Troy mentions the 2016 Budget will be voted on tomorrow.

**V. Ad Hoc Committee Report on 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy Voting—Electronic Voting Demo Update—Deborah D.—** A PowerPoint demo is given to the assembly on electronic voting, and how it could make our current voting procedures more efficient. The demo is complete with the new equipment necessary for electronic voting.

- VI. Concept 4—Andie H.—DCM District 31—She gives a brief report on Concept 4. "Throughout our conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation", taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge."
- VII. General Service Conference Report Melissa R. Area 67 Delegate Our GSC Panel 65 Delegate gives her report to the SETA Assembly on her experiences in New York as our Delegate to the 65<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference.
- **VIII. Cooperation vs. Affiliation Proposal Workshop –Gus H., Past Delegate**—In this workshop Gus explains the history of this proposal and why the Ad Hoc committee recommends a revision of the SETA Policies & Procedures Manual. The motion is to be voted on tomorrow.

- **IX. Ad Hoc Assembly Weekend Scheduling Final Report—Patrick C., Past Delegate**—Patrick asks the question: Are we structuring our Area 67 Assemblies to make the most efficient use of our time together? The ad hoc committee was created to look at this issue that came out of our Area 67 inventory. The members of the ad hoc take turns sharing their experience, strength, and hope on this question.
- X. SETA Standing Service Committee Reports (Please see section titled REPORTS)

#### AREA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY Sheraton North Houston 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd. Houston, Texas 77032 <u>Area Assembly Meeting</u> Sunday July 12, 2015

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II. Preamble – Kris H – read the preamble to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual

**III.** Roll Call – Brad H – takes the roll call of area committee voting members who are present at the assembly.

**IV. Minutes** – **Jim K** – Jim presented the April 2015 minutes. Jim asked that all area committee members and standing chairs please submit their reports by email to <u>secretary@aa-seta.org</u>. Troy asks for any corrections to the April Minutes, hearing none, the April 2015 minutes stand approved as presented to the SETA Assembly.

V. **Treasurer's Report – Dave P** – Dave mentions that we had a operating beginning balance of **\$75,480.60**. Deposits were made totaling \$18,509.01. Checks were written totaling \$30,522.60, giving a net change of \$4,247.69. Leaving a total bank balance of **\$71,232.91**. The Treasurer's report stands approved as presented to the SETA Assembly.

**VI. Delegate's Report – Melissa R.-**- Good morning Everyone. My name is Melissa R. and I am serving as Area 67, Panel 65 Delegate. I want to welcome the new trusted servants – I'm happy you're here! I got to share a lot of information with you yesterday, by presenting the General Service Conference Report. But it's hard to squeeze eight days of information and experiences into one hour.

By the way - what did you think about The GSC Highlights newsletter? Do you like it? GSRs: Do you think it will help you with your own Report-Back to your Group? Please let me know – I value your feedback.

I've ordered the 2014 Membership Survey pamphlets as well as others – particularly ones that have been revised; I'll have these available at the October Assembly; however, some of the statistics from the Survey are shown on the front page of The GSC Highlights.

For more statistics: Box 459 Summer Issue has published the Annual Estimate of Groups and Members, This is dated as of January 1, 2015. World-wide membership is shown to be a little over 2 million, which is the estimate we've seen for a while.

#### **GSC** Inventory

As mentioned briefly in my report yesterday, the 3-year GSC Inventory was completed this year. The final results will be published in booklet form and made available later this Fall. However, some of the major topics have surfaced early. One topic is Working Together and Increasing Trust. Among the suggestions to make this a reality relates to the GSC Agenda Item Selection Process and ways to make full participation in this process possible. Other major topics that were revealed are Engaging the Fellowship, Carrying the Message in a Diverse and Changing Society, and Improving Communication.

International Convention Update: How many attended the International Convention? I don't have an official count of the attendance yet, but preliminary rumors are putting this Convention over San Diego for the highest attendance. This was my second IC and it was an experience. I had the honor of sitting on a Panel and sharing on how AA came to the SW Region. Patrick C and Troy B also participated on panels at the Convention. Either Ron or I will keep you informed as the information comes in.

**GSC** Conference Presentations

There are some things that I want to share with you from presentations that were given at the Conference. One of these was presented by Bob W., who is our Trustee-At-Large. These Trustees travel internationally and their focus is in helping other countries establish their own General Service Offices and in getting the Big Book translated into more languages. Bob reported some interesting facts that I would like to share with you. He talked about meeting recovering alcoholics from Iran and the lengths they have to go to in order to seek sobriety through the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Because the Iranian government associates A.A. with America and because the government views A.A. as a form of religion – which is in direct conflict with the government-sponsored Moslem religion, they aren't allowed to rent space to hold meetings. Therefore, they must meet underground or in open spaces where the temperatures can fluctuate from 100+ degrees in the summer to freezing in the winter. A.A. is so unwelcome in Iran that these members call themselves the "Nameless Sober" instead of Alcoholics Anonymous. And in spite of all that, they have grown to over 12,000 members in (300) groups and they've managed to translate the Big Book into Farsi.

Another presentation I'd like to touch on was given by the outgoing NE Regional Trustee – Gary L; who spoke about the challenges to our Fellowship's principles. Among the points he made were the following: Singleness of Purpose: with the spread of social media;

Diversity of Membership: our membership does not yet reflect Society as a whole;

Diversity in Service: Trusted Servants are even further removed than in the diversity of membership;

Size of Membership: the average age is increasing and growth is stagnant;

Decline of Print: trend towards electronic transmission is replacing print; I-Stuff is taking it from the eye to the ear; Technology Polarization: the risk of creating two Fellowships: those with access and those without; International: How do we interact and help other countries develop A.A. without compromising our principals? Litigation: how do we deal with litigation without violating our traditions?

Gary noted that our (36) principles have held us in good stead for 80 years; but questioned as to whether they are enough to carry us into the future. And he closed with a quote by Bill Wilson from Responsibility is our Theme: "Let us never fear needed change".

In love and service, Melissa R., Delegate, Panel 65, SETA 67

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**VIII.** Roll Call for Voting – Brad H. – Using our voting members number system, Brad takes the roll call of all the voting members of the assembly that are present. 113 voting members are present at the assembly.

# IX. Unfinished Business

## **1. Convention Updates**

**2016 SETA Convention – Mary M. –** She mentions that it is a privilege and an honor to be the SETA Convention Chair for 2016. District 33 is the host committee for 2016. We are holding are committee meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 3:00 pm at the Brazos Club in Bryan Texas. The convention dates are January 15th-17th at Moody Gardens in Galveston Texas. The room rate is \$117.00 per night. Hospitality rooms are \$375.00 per night, and they come with a one bedroom suite. We are currently working on the speakers. We will be needing lots of volunteers, so if you would like to be involved, please let me know.

**2017 SETA Convention – Julian L.**—Gives a brief report on the progress of the 2017 SETA Convention Committee.

2. Vote on 2016 SETA Budget Proposal—Troy B.—He mentions that everyone has been given a copy of the 2016 SETA proposed budget that has come out of the direction of the area finance committee. All the GSR's have had a chance to take the proposed budget back to their respective groups. He then asks if there are any questions on the budget before we vote. No one steps up to question the budget, so Troy then asks the assembly, "All in favor of passing the 2016 Budget?" There is a show of hands. "Any opposed?" No one raises their hand. "The 2016 SETA Budget passes unanimously."

#### X. New Business

**1. Finance Committee – Motion—Regional Forum Travel—Troy—**The motion coming out of the finance committee is read by Troy, "*Because the Regional Forum was overlooked in preparing the SETA Budget for 2015, and because we have sufficient unrestricted funds on hand to fully fund the regional pool for the Regional Forum for 2015, the Finance Committee recommends that, in addition to the delegate, alt. delegate and Area Chairperson (who are already funded), we provide sufficient funds to pay for two additional current Area Officers or Committee Chairpersons, selected randomly, to attend the 2015 Regional Forum in an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00, which is \$600.00 per person.* The motion is seconded and a show of hands is asked for. Troy asks if any are opposed? No one raises a hand and the **motion passes unanimously.** 

Betsy G. gives a brief description of the names out of the hat process used to select who gets funded for Regional Forum Travel. The procedure is put into action, and the selectees are the Archives Committee, and the CPC Committee.

**2. The Cooperation vs. Affiliation proposal –Troy**—The Ad Hoc committee that has put out this proposal, has tabled the proposal until the October Assembly to gives the GSRs more time to discuss the proposal with the groups.

**3. Filling Newly Opened Positions—Troy**—Two trusted servants have stepped out of their positions. The Alt Treasurer, and the SCAP Chairperson. Zaz M. has been asked to step into the SCAP Chair position. Troy has asked Kyle B. to step into the Alt. Treasurer position. Troy mentions there will be an election for these positions in October.

**4. Agenda Item Selection Process—Melissa R.—**Just a heads up to the Assembly that the GSO has requested her to bring this matter up to the trusted servants of Area 67. She will be informing us over the next couple of months and will have this on October's Agenda.

**Xi. Announcements—Kris—**Next Assembly will be hosted by District 90 and District 62. There is only one assembly left for hosting next year. There are more opportunities left to hear the Delegate's GSC Report. Kris goes on to make several more announcements concerning events and service opportunities locally and in our region.

**XII. Close Assembly – Troy- -** The July 2015 SETA Assembly closes at 11:45am with the A.A. Responsibility Statement.

# **REPORTS**

## SETA STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

## CPC Committee Chair Report to the Area Assembly – July 11, 2015

CPC Committee Purpose: Members of CPC Committees inform professionals and future professional about A.A. – what we are, where we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do. They attempt to establish better communication between A.A.'s and professionals, and to find simple, effective ways of cooperating without affiliating. – Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee Workbook – page 5.

It has been a busy quarter for the CPC Committee. We have staffed exhibits at two events, the Public Risk Management Association Convention at Geo. R. Brown Convention Center and the Family Recovery Resource Expo and Symposium – Houston. Both were great opportunities to inform professionals how AA can be a resource for their organizations.

Our mail campaign to probation departments yielded positive results, with probation departments in four different counties requesting and receiving information about AA and meeting schedules. Mailings to additional counties in Area 67 are planned.

The joint PI/CPC phone is now in operation. The number is: 713- 834-3880. We have received two messages on it which lets us know that the number is showing up in online searches.

Construction of a SETA CPC webpage is underway. This will help professionals looking for information in Area 67 get in contact with our committee.

We will be visiting more District Committee meetings to encourage more participation in CPC work throughout the area.

The SETA CPC Committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Council on Alcohol and Drugs – Houston, 303 Jackson Hill, Houston, TX. We also utilize GoToMeeting for those not wishing to travel to the council. Please join us.

In service,

Rick M. – SETA CPC Committee Chair

## **Information Technology**

## IT Chair: Marshall W.

IT Committee meetings are held Monthly:

4th Saturday of the month from 10 am to 12 pm at the

Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock, Suite 378, Room C Houston, TX 77055

Unless Spring Branch has a scheduling conflict then we will reschedule the meeting for a different Saturday that month.

The IT committee also meets at the SETA Assemblies Saturday at 4:30.

We recently decided to read a Tradition and a Concept and briefly discuss them at the beginning of our meetings. Area Committee and SETA Assembly April 11-12, 2015 Page 10

IT Committee				
Chair	Marshall W.			
Alt. Chair	Waco M.			
Secretary	(open)			
Postmaster	Kyna D.			
Alt. Postmaster	(open)			
Webmaster	Jeff H.			
Alt. Webmaster	<mark>(open)</mark>			
Support	Waco M.			
Alt. Support	<mark>(open)</mark>			
Review	Betsy G.			
Finance	Betsy G.			

## Website

- A link to the Bay Area Club was on the SETA website in conflict with the 6th Tradition. The Link was immediately removed. A big thank you to the person that brought this to our attention. Members of the Area are our eyes and ears for the Website. When you see an issue please report it to us and we will address your concerns.
- The 3rd Legacy Ad-hoc committee requested IT support in streamlining the SETA officer and chair candidate voting tracking process and suggested a spreadsheet 'voting slate' to manage active and inactive candidates. Our Webmaster provided the spreadsheet the ad-hoc committee.
- The SETA Contact page was enhanced with required fields. Submissions must now include text in the Message field and a properly formatted email address in the Email field. If accessing via desktop PC, additional information should appear when hovering your cursor over each field.

### SETA e-mail

- On April 16, the Gossimer Hosting Dashboard went down. A support ticket was submitted and we received a
  response the following day that this was due to the fact that our Email Hosting had changed. As well as the cost of
  the Hosting Service.
- Prior to April 17, 2015, we had been billed annually at a rate of \$39.99. We currently have 130 email accounts. The new billing, referred to as the Enterprise Email Hosting Plan, is at a rate of \$0.47 per email account, monthly. The current invoice is billed at \$61.10 per month for 129 accounts.
- The SETA Secretary reported that he could not get his webmail account to work. The Gossimer account expired. The monthly \$61 payment was made and service was restored within a day.
- The IT committee decided to return to our old 1and1 email host as it is already paid for as part of our current web host service with 1and1. We are paying the Gossimer monthly fee until migration is completed. Customers will use the same email address and mail will go through Webmail1and1.com. Their User ID will remain the same and default passwords will be provided. The migration of email hosting from Gossimer to 1and1 will change the look and feel of the webmail page.
- Webmail migration Gossimer to 1and1 has been started. During this transition period we will continue with Gossimer on a monthly basis.
- A payment was made to Gossimer for one (2) additional months on May 14, 2015 and on June 15, 2015. The next payment will be due on July 15, 2015 and will be paid on Monday, July 13, 2015.
- There were many automated email messages broadcast to SETA customers pertaining to subscription renewals to SETA group mail lists as a result of the above migration efforts.

#### IT Support

- 10 Cable lock devices were purchased and will be distributed at the July Assembly (This weekend) to those with IT equipment. Purchase for these devices totaled \$62. Assembly members possessing IT equipment are expected to lock their equipment when at Area Assemblies or Public places.
- Our committee supported setting up one of the GSR workshops at the April Assembly with one lap top, one screen, and one projector.
- When requesting IT equipment please give us ample time and a clear understanding of your needs so that we may facilitate your request fully and efficiently.

- The area archivist requested IT support in troubleshooting a projector that they are having technical issues with. The repair were completed at cost of \$178.61 and is ready for return to the Archives committee.
- Asset tagging efforts continue. Lap tops and screen projectors are being tagged at each opportunity.
- A Computer Equipment Custody Agreement for SETA assets was put together by the IT committee. We have started to implement these agreements at the July Assembly.

General

- An invoice for IT Committees Hot Spot was received and paid in full. Also, the Hot Spot will soon change from 4G to 4G LTE – no additional cost is expected.
- 4 copies of Adobe Acrobat Pro (~\$45 each) were purchased.
- At a recent District 40 monthly meeting, The IT committee provided a presentation of the SETA IT Committee, their processes and general website overview it was well received by all attendees. Marshall hopes to continue similar presentations at other district meetings.
- The CPC committee graciously donated their old display board to the IT committee. We are working on setting up the display to use at Area Assemblies and other events.
- We completed a request to set up a GoToMeeting for the Ad Hoc committee on assembly voting procedures. Utilization of GoToMeeting continues to increase with more SETA committees getting on board.

Respectfully Submitted Marshall W.

## SETA Archives Committee Report to the Area Assembly:

#### Repository; 221 N. Sam Houston Pkwy E., Suite 215, Houston, Texas 77055

Issued to: Jim K., SETA Secretary

Issued by: Charles Hamel, Committee Chairman

Date: July 11, 2015

Presented to the Area Assembly (7:00 PM):

The Archives Committee meets at 10:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month for a business meeting and work session. We are seeking new people to be active on the committee. We have "open" positions for Alternate Chair and Secretary/Alt. Secretary.

I am the new Chair for the Archives Committee. My name is Charles Hamel and I look forward to being a part of this assembly and serving SETA as well as Archives. I will be serving for the next two years. You may contact myself or the Archivist, Sarah D., with your requests

Our committee will welcome the opportunity to attend your District or Group meetings. Information regarding our committee is available on the SETA webpage at aa-seta.org under Standing Committees. If you are interested in visiting the repository or attending a committee meeting, please let us know.

We have recently completed an Archives Trivia display board (which can be viewed at the back of the room). We are also preparing to send out one page emails monthly with information of historical interest about our fellowship. Our objective will be to promote awareness and appreciation of our history. We will be contacting the Districts for the emails of those members, who are interested in receiving our monthly flyer that will be simply titled: "Messages".

Our committee extends an on-going invitation to all its Districts, Groups and AA members to contact us regarding any photographs, documents and memorabilia you believe would be of interest to SETA. We will be glad to get with you about any item you believe might add to our Area's body of archived knowledge.

## Literature Committee Report to July 2015 Assembly

Chair: Kathleen T. Alt Chair: Vacant

Literature published by A.A. World Services is an important resource for suffering and recovering alcoholics. Our literature alongside, one-on-one sharing and group meetings is how we share our experience, strength and hope.

General Service Conference-approved literature reflects the group conscience of the Fellowship of A.A. Conference approved literature includes the Big Book, Daily Reflections, the Twelve and Twelve and As Bill Sees It. It also includes a wide variety of other books and pamphlets that can teach us so much about our fellowship and program. By participating in our Area's Literature Committee, we are encouraging AA members to learn more about AA, its history and principals through reading and discussing a wide variety of AA literature.

Our committee is sponsoring an AA Book Club. The Book Club meets the first Saturday of the month at Houston Intergroup at 4:30. Our current book selection is "Pass It On". Our up-coming selection will be "Experience, Strength and Hope", beginning in September. Please refer to the Literature section of www.aa-seta.org for chapters that will be discussed at each month's the upcoming meeting. We also discuss a pamphlet at each meeting; refer to the same webpage for our upcoming selection.

**Public Information Committee –Kate E. -** We are in the process of developing a website to increase our visibility to the public. This will give us more opportunities to help the still suffering alcoholic. One of our committee members presented some preliminary ideas at our meeting today. It sparked a lively and interesting discussion. This will be a main focus of our meetings over the next few months so please come and get involved. We will also be working on our 'Adopt a High School' Project.

The PI committee will be participating in a health fair on July 25th.

I encourage all of you to visit the aa.org web site and view the new animated PSA called 'Doors'

Our meetings are on the 3rd Monday of the Month (next meeting August 17th) at 7:15 at the Council on Alcoholism or via 'Go To Meeting' Format (specifics can be found at the PI website on aa-seta.org)

Thanks for the opportunity to be of service Kate E Area 67 PI Chair pi-chair@aa-seta.org **Grapevine – Harold C. -** We have had an active quarter. Aug. 8 we were asked to participate in a service workshop at the Kingwood Group. I think it went well. We also attended the District 40 Meeting. I had a small presentation as to what the Grapevine is and what the group GVR's duties are. We attended the "New Day Group" in Galvaston where Martha P., Zaz M, Paul M and myself participated in a Grapevine Writing Workshop. It was well received and there was some letter writing going on. Grapevine released a new book in September titled" Forming True Partnerships".

Our Committee meets the third Thursday of the month at the Delta Club at 7pm. We have a meeting at Assembly Saturday at 4:30, as well.

Respectfully submitted, Harold C. SETA GVR Chair

### SETA DISTRICT REPORTS

#### District 90 – AB -DCM

Greetings & Saludos, Area 67:

District 90 would like to thank our Delegate Melissa R. and Alt. Delegate Ron C. for the wonderful presentation of the General Service Conference.

May's GSR meeting was well attended. We had a presentation on Anonymity on Line given by District 90's Webmaster, Frederick.

District 90 2015 Convention (Aug. 14-16, 2015). We welcome you.

District 90 Gratitude Dinner (November 7, 2015). Visit our website for details. www.aadistrict90.org.

Grateful servants, AB, DCM Sal S., Alt. DCM

Greetings & Saludos, Area 67:

Dist. 90 would like to thank Area 67 and all those who attended the Dist. 90 convention. We had over 800 in attendance. The committee did a fabulous job. Next year's convention chair will be Tom S. from St. Francis group, and alt. chair will be Bella from West End group.

Dist. 90 Traditions workshop will be Sept. 12, 2015.

District 90 Gratitude Dinner (November 7, 2015). Flyers available at the registration counter. Hope to see you there. This is our way of saying "Thanks." All proceeds will be sent to GSO.

Visit our website for other upcoming events in Dist. 90. www.aadistrict90.org.

Grateful servants,

AB, DCM Sal S., Alt. DCM

# District 52-Dana G. DCM

DCM Report – July 2015

This past quarter has seen continued change in our district. District 52 has had some committee members recently resign due to other obligations and we are actively seeking to fill our service positions for Literature and Grapevine. Our CFC and CPC/PI Committees continue to show strong growth with active Chairs who are encouraging participation from our GSRs and groups.

Our district is also continuing to challenge itself in the upcoming months. We have committed to hosting a district workshop that we hope to present to the area in the fall. Along with support of my alternate, Diana S., we are also committed to working with D90 to co-host the October Assembly. More details with follow shortly. We are still early in the planning stages.

District 52 would like to graciously thank District 40 for hosting the Delegate Report on June 27, 2015 with Melissa R. District 52 was able to co-host again this year with District 40 and we had a few GSRs and other members attend the event. Overall, there was a very good turnout and both districts did a great job hosting. There was wonderful food and fellowship. District 52 is looking forward to being the host district next year and I extend a sincere thank you to Michelle H. for her continued support and guidance.

District 52 is looking forward to the next few months and continued growth as we help carry the message.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana G. D52 DCM

#### District 40—Michelle H. DCM

District 40 has been busy this past quarter. We currently had our Traditions Dinner, thank you to everyone who joined us and thanks to Patrick for an excellent presentation. We also had Melissa and Ron join us combined with District 52 for the Delegate's Report. We thank them both for coming out. We are taking July off from extra activities and will hopefully resume having our Area Committees visit our district meeting in August. We have several open positions and opportunities to serve at the District Level and would like everyone to pass on the word. Tell them we have cookies! We are shifting our focus to getting ready for the Gratitude Dinner and look forward to seeing all of you there.

Corrie H. Area 67 District 40 Alternate DCM

#### District 81 – Melody W. - DCM

It is an exciting time to a member of District 81 (D81). We currently have 11 active committees working diligently to insure the message is reaching the still suffering alcoholic.

Our CFC committee continues to take a meeting into the Carol Young unit. The group turned one and the unit members are grateful to have a meeting.

PI/CPC continues to insure all literature racks are stocked at doctors offices, schools, etc. in our district. Several presentations have been done in both D81 &82 letting the colleges and judges know what AA does and doesn't do.

TFC has been working on a presentation booklet that anyone can pick up and present on what AA does and doesn't do. TFC has consistently done at least 3 presentations a month with some treatment facilities asking for monthly presentations.

The Grapevine committee is purchasing several gift certificates for the district to distribute. This is to get excitement out there about our meeting in print.

Our Finance and Budget Committee in conjunction with our current treasurer is doing an internal review of the finances for 2013 and 2014.

Archives is working with the GSRs to obtain group history, past Group Conscience agendas and minutes and any flyers for events helping to preserve D81 history.

Myself and the DCM continue to visit groups to let them know what the District is doing and find out what we can do to serve them better.

Can there be more? Why yes there can! The District is excited to have confirmed the reservation of a hospitality suite for the 2016 SETA Convention. D81 has also voted to host the July 2016 Area Assembly and will be putting on another Traditions and Concepts workshop in the fall of 2016.

Respectfully Submitted, Christina S. ALT\_DCM D81

## District 82- Marty W.-DCM

The Wonderful Life Giving District 82 has 19 Groups and 100 meetings a week. I recently visited the Sargent Group and the Sweeney Group and thanked them for their continued support of GSO. I visited the Women's group in Lake Jackson Texas. They Had a New Treasurer and I was able to give her information about where to send Contributions .I realized after listening to other DCM reports ,I needed to encourage Groups to get a Group Representative if they that didn't have one.

GSRs reported to our District meeting that Female attendance has increased. We have had one meeting closure in Brazoria Texas.

Overall attendance has increased with industry development in our area. We are very excited about Our Delegate Melissa R. and Ron coming to Surfside, to share her GSC Report on August 2, we are going to have a HOT Dog Party at 2pm with all the fixings ,hope you can Join Us.

In Service Marty W. District 82 DCM

# **OTHER REPORTS**

#### Brazos Valley Intergroup Report For The July SETA Assembly.

The Brazos Valley Intergroup has been trying to update all group information and meeting times, and verifying if groups are still meeting. We have also been updating the meeting schedule as well as the BVIG website. Maintaining stocks of chips and literature in the BVIG store,

In Love and Service, Becky R.

SETA COMMITTEE ROLL CALL				July 11 &12 2015			
POSITION	NAME	Sat	Sun	ALTERNATE	Sat	Sun	
Delegate-panel 63	Melissa R.	x	x	Ron C.	x	x	
Area Chairperson	Troy B.	x	x	Kris H.	x	x	
Area Registrar	Brad H	x	x	Darrell G	x		
Area Secretary	Jim K.	x	x				
Area Treasurer	Dave P.	x	x	Kim R.	x	x	
Area Archives Chair	Charles H.	x	x				
Area CPC Chair	Rick M.						
Area CFC Chair	Richard D.	x	x	Chris D.		x	
Area Finance Chair	Gary S.	x	x	1			
Area Grapevine Chair	Harold C.	x	x				
Area Web-IT Chair	Marshall W.	x	x	Waco M.	x	x	
Area LaVina Chair	Louis P.					-	
Area Literature Chair	Kathleen T.	x	x				
Area Multilingual Chair	Miguel O.	x	x	Lee H	x		
Area Newsletter Chair	Anna D.	x	x				
Area PI Chair	Kate E.	x	x				
Area SCAP Chair	Barbara C.		Construction				
Area TFC Chair	Melanie M.	x	x	Ginner in the second second			
DCM District 10	Mike A.	X	Х	Tracy W.			
DCM District 20	Charity D.	x		Rachel R.		-Germania da serie de serie	
DCM District 31	Andie H.	x	x	Buddy M.	x	х	
DCM District 32	Ginny M.		x	Brian D.			
DCM District 33	Bill W.	x	x	Francia C.			
DCM District 40	Michelle H.	x	x	Corrie H.	x	x	
DCM District 51	Amy E.	1	x	Randy H.			
DCM District 52	Dana G.			Diana S.	x	x	
DCM District 60	Jesse F.						
DCM District 62	Augustin C.			Manuel D.		-	
DCM District 63	Edwin C.		x	Alicia M.	x	x	
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DCM District 65	Dimas S.	x	x	Bernardino T.	x	x	
DCM District 66	Arnaldo G.	x	x	Andres P.			
DCM District 70	Ron S.		x				
DCM District 81	Melody W.			Christina E.	x	x	
DCM District 82	Marty W.	x	x				
DCM District 90	A.B.B.	x	x	Sal S.	x	x	
Brazos Valley Intergroup	Becky R.	x	x				
Houston Intergroup	Tom K.	x	x	1			
Ninth District Intergroup	Ron K.		x	Amy F.		-	
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SETA 2015 Convention Chair-	David A.	x		Kim R.	x	x	

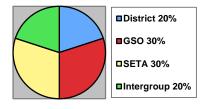
#### FROM: SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA ASSEMBLY To: GROUP TREASURER

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

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

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

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



Intergroup Addresses

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

Houston Intergroup	Brazos Valley Intergroup	9th District Intergroup	Spanish Intergroup S w
4140 Directors Row	837 Harvey Mitchell	6640 Eastex Fwy. 149A	5412 Birdwood Road, B
Suite D-E	Parkway Bryan, TX 77807	#149-A PO Box 21279	Houston, TX 77096
Houston, TX 77092	Bryan, TX 77807	Beaumont, TX 77708	713-661-6833 Email: intergrupo@aahouston hispano.org hispano.org

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: TO:	Group INTERGROUP (addresses listed above)		
FROM:	Group GSO, P. O. Box 459, Grand Central Station	_ Service No	
FROM:	Group	_ Service No	Amount \$
TO:	SETA, P. O. Box 130433, Houston, Texas	77219	
FROM:	Group	_ Service No	_ Amount \$
TO: informatior	District # (See SETA Website: ח.)	www.aa-seta/org/district and go to t	he District's page for address