

# **2018 APRIL ASSEMBLY MINUTES**

*Saturday and Sunday*

*January 14-15, 2018*

*Sheraton North Houston*

*15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd.*

*Houston, Texas 77032*

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

**AREA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY**  
**Sheraton North Houston**  
**15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd.**  
**Houston, Texas 77032**  
**Area Committee Meeting**  
**Saturday, April 14, 2018**

**Open of General Assembly – Kris H.**

- Opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- Welcomed all participants to the Area Committee Meeting.
- Reminder for the Area committee members to register to vote.
- Led the GSRs in attendance to the GSR Workshop being held next door.

**Preamble to the P & P Manual – Michelle H.**

- Encouraged the Area Committee to turn in flyers for announcements and ask the hospitality rooms if they can leave flyers out for members to take.
- Thanked everyone for showing up and serving.

## Area Committee Roll Call – Rick M.

Area Committee Roll Call April 2018			
Area Officers	Name	Comm	Assbly
Delegate	Ronald C	X	X
Alternate Delegate	Troy B	X	X
Chairperson	Kris H	X	X
Alternate Chairperson	Michelle H	X	X
Registrar	Rick M	X	X
Alternate Registrar	Kate E	X	X
Secretary	Open		
Alternate Secretary	Open		
Treasurer	Christina S	X	X
Alternate Treasurer	Ron S	X	X
Standing Committee Chairpersons	Name	Comm	Assbly
Archives	Mary Kay F		
Alternate Archives	OPEN		
CPC	Vern P	X	X
Alternate CPC	Cathy A		X
CFC	Christopher D		
Alternate CFC	Roy E	X	X
Finance	Evan K	X	X
Alternate Finance <i>(need personal e-mail)</i>	Open		
Grapevine	Melanie G		X
Alternate Grapevine	Kimberly L	X	X
IT	Kyna D	X	X
Alt. IT	Dan P		
La Vina	Ascension M	X	X
Alternate La Vina	OPEN		
Literature	Amy E	X	X
Alternate Literature	OPEN		
Multi-Lingual	OPEN		
Multi-Lingual Alt.	OPEN		
Newsletter	Annette C	X	X
Public Information (PI)	Edwin C	X	X
PI Alt. Chair	OPEN		
SCAP	Zasu M	X	X
SCAP Alt.	Paul M	X	X
TFC	Pam F	X	X
Alternate TFC	Sarah O		

<b>Convention Chairs</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Comm</b>	<b>Assbly</b>
SETA 2018 Convention Chairperson	Ronnie B		
SETA 2018 Conv. Co-Chairperson	John S	X	X
SETA 2019 Convention Chairperson	Veronica M	X	X
SETA 2019 Conv. Co-Chairperson	Danny G		
State Convention 2019 Chairperson	Deborah D		
<b>Liaisons to Intergroup</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Comm</b>	<b>Assbly</b>
Brazos Valley Intergroup	Robert H	X	X
Houston Intergroup	Kathleen T		X
Ninth District Intergroup	Lori H		X
Ninth District Intergroup Alternate	Open		
Oficina Intergroupa Hispana (D63,64,65)	OPEN		
Intergrupa Hispano Del SW (D66 &67)	Ramces C		
Intergrupa Hispano Del SW Alt (D66 &67)	OPEN		
<b>DCMs</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Comm</b>	<b>Assbly</b>
District 10 DCM	Tracy W		
District 10 Alt DCM	Olga J		
District 20 DCM	Rachel R		
District 20 Alt DCM	Jean P		
District 31 DCM	Tammy Z	X	X
District 31 Alt DCM	Patricia H		X
District 32 DCM	Brian D		X
District 32 Alt DCM	Adam F		X
District 33 DCM	Francia P	X	X
District 33 Alt DCM	Open		
District 40 DCM	Deborah G	X	X
District 40 Alt DCM	Cindy M	X	X
District 51 DCM	Connie R	X	X
District 51 Alt DCM	William A		
District 52 DCM	Diana S	X	X
District 52 Alt DCM	Meece T	X	X
District 60 DCM	Jann J		X
District 60 Alt DCM	Open		
District 62 DCM	Manual R		
District 62 Alt DCM <i>(need info)</i>	Alejandro		
District 63 DCM	Alicia M	X	X
District 63 Alt DCM	Jose P		
District 64 DCM	Armando H	X	
District 64 Alt DCM	Severiano M	X	X
District 65 DCM	Bernardino T	X	X
District 65 Alt DCM	Arnulfo C		X
District 66 DCM	Jesus Z	X	X
District 66 Alt DCM	Manual O	X	X
District 70 DCM	Cynthia B		X
District 70 Alt DCM	Brady G	X	X
District 81 DCM	Mitch O	X	X
District 81 Alt DCM	Catherine G		X
District 82 DCM	Jeanie B	X	X
District 82 Alt DCM	Sue M	X	X
District 90 DCM	Sal S	X	X
District 90 Alt DCM	Bela L	X	X

### **Secretary's Minutes from January Assembly—Corrie H.**

- Zaz M. requested that the roll call be added to the minutes.
- Minutes were approved as submitted.

### **Area Treasurer's Report – Christina S.**

Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 67 its been such an honor.

We have three items to discuss.

First tax documents have been sent to the CPA & check sent.

Second, the checkbook balance as of December 30, 2017, was \$59,453.35. From January 1 to March 30 deposits to the operating account have totaled \$12,888.87 and \$16,890.37 in checks have been cashed. This left us with an ending balance on March 30 of \$55,451.85.

The first box on page one of your Treasurer Report gives you a breakdown by quarter of our deposits in and checks cashed. Page 2 will give you even more detailed breakdown of all the funds in and expenses out of the operating account.

The next box is the Gratitude dinner fund breakdown. The opening balance as of December 30, 2017 was \$1,148.16. There have been \$600 in expenses but no deposits so far this year leaving us with a balance as of March 30 of \$548.16.

The last box is the Convention fund. There have been no deposits or withdrawals from the Convention fund so far this year. Leaving the opening and closing balance at \$12,214.

If we take the ending balance of \$55,451.85 and subtract the items already accounted for by the Area. Which are the Convention loss reserve of \$4,000, the Gratitude dinner fund of \$548.16, the Convention fund of \$12,214, the state convention reserve of \$1000, our Prudent Reserve of \$41,562.38 & \$215.70 for Assembly actions. This leaves the Area Assembly with Unrestricted Funds of -\$4,088.39.

On pages 3-7 you will see a list of each group whose contributions were received for 2018. If your group is not listed and should be please let me or the Alt-Treasurer, Ron S, know.

Any questions?

Lastly, we received an email this week addressed to the members of the Assembly regarding the Memoriam sent to GSO for past delegate Marvin W. The email was sent by his wife. We wanted to share her words with the Assembly.

*Dear Southeast Texas Area Assembly members -*

*This has weighed heavy on my heart and I feel like the right thing to do is to return to Area 67 the \$100 contribution that was sent after Marvin's passing. Marvin believed in the structure of our fellowship, that we worked our way down and not up, that there were no second class citizens and that the highest level any of us would reach is a sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous. With that in mind my heart says the practice of sending money in honor of our past delegates negates the structure and does not support the upside-down triangle that he was so fond of. I thought of the many, many wonderful members we have lost through the past twenty some odd years, Rudy V., Frank C., Tandy B. to name a few who with the spirit of love and sacrifice gave so much to our Area and to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Marvin firmly believed that we did service for fun and for free, that we learned humility by staying right sized and our job was to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic - I believe this money can be used for that purpose.*

*Thank you Area 67 for doing that but it is my honor to return it you ~*

*In gratitude,*

*Bonita W.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina S.  
Area 67 Panel 67 Treasurer

### **Area Delegate Report – Ron C.**

Hello my name is Ron and I am an Alcoholic.

I'm honored to be serving as Delegate for Area 67 Panel 67 Delegate. As I head into my final year as the current Delegate I am so grateful to have excellent Area servants serving with me but

also for having the best Alternate Delegate that any Delegate could ask for. I am thrilled to be going to New York City to represent Area 67.

### **General Service Conference Information**

The 68th GSC will be held April 22-28, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Times Square Hotel in New York City.

The theme for the 2018 General Service Conference: "A.A. — A Solution for All Generations."

The following are presentation/discussion topics for the 2018 General Service Conference:

- a. Today's Alcoholic: Inclusion, Not Exclusion
- b. Participation in All of A.A. — Is My Triangle Balanced?
- c. A.A. Technology: Where Innovation Meets the Traditions
- d. Attraction Not Promotion: A.A.'s Relation to the World
- e. Group Conscience: The Guiding Force

The following is the workshop topic for the 2018 General Service Conference:

"Getting the A.A. Message Out..."

Feel free to use both the theme and workshop topics for local AA presentations.

### **Area 67 Panel 67 Information**

Area 67 Group contributions to GSO were also up from 39.86% in 2016 to 40.87% in 2017 for the year. There are currently 690 listed groups in Area 67 with 282 groups contributing and total contributions were \$ 88,612.33 for this time period. So, keep up the good work.

### **General Service Office Information**

Gross sales were \$13,898,550 (or 1.08%) ahead of budget, contributions were \$8,409,452 (or 9.57%) ahead of budget and total operating expenses were \$16,012,547 (or .47%) less than budget. Net profit for the year-end was \$1,758,837 compared with a budgeted profit of \$397,798.

### **Archives**

One of the main projects in Archives over 2018 is to digitize Bill's personal correspondence and letters on a myriad of subjects such as, finances, criticism, the General Service Conference, publicity, and more. There are also collections of letters between Bill and Dr. Bob and other significant figures including Father Ed Dowling, Sister Ignatia, Rev. Sam Shoemaker and others. The project includes preserving the original documents and creating user copies for researchers.

The Southwest Regional Forum will be in Houston October 11-13, 2019 at the Sheraton North Houston. This is a great opportunity not only to get involved but to ask those questions that have been bothering you about the General Service Office. The last time the Regional forum was in Houston was in 1998. Remember the Forum only comes to our Area once every 22 years. Also, in 2019 the Texas State Convention will be held in Houston. There are still plenty of opportunities to serve on the State Convention Committee. Talk to past Delegate Deborah D for more information.

Area 67 is still in the running for hosting the 2030 International Convention. The site selection committee reopened the request for bid. There is currently a total of five cities (including Houston) presenting Saturday at the General Service Conference to the site Selection Committee. At that time three to four finalists will be chosen, and the General Service Board will recommend the final choice in November of 2018.

On February 20, 2018 the GSO sent a message concerning the restraining order or the publisher's copy of the Big Book:

"Today a stipulation was filed with the New York State Supreme Court by A.A.W.S. to voluntarily dismiss the case between Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. and the holder of the 1939 Printer's Copy Manuscript of Alcoholics Anonymous, our Big Book. This stipulation was submitted in conjunction with the parties agreeing to settle and mutually release each other from the litigation.

The parties have reached an agreement and believe this to be in their best interests. The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous has approved a settlement and mutual release agreement in order to avoid the further expense, inconvenience, and uncertainty of continuing litigation. As the result of the agreement, A.A.W.S. waives any claims to ownership of the Manuscript and will pay \$135,000 to reimburse a portion of the holder's out-of-pocket costs, expenses and legal fees associated with the action.

The Boards understand that some members of the Fellowship will have many further specific questions about this legal issue. The Boards will be prepared to discuss their decisions and actions in the near future. At this time, we ask that you direct any questions and comments about the settlement to the Public Information desk at the General Service Office, so that all inquiries can be captured and responded to appropriately."

*Trudging the Road*

*Ron C*

*Delegate, Panel 67 Area 67*

*Cell: 713-819-9014;*

*Email: delegate-67@aa-seta.org*

### **Alternate Delegate Report – Troy B.**

It is the most exciting time of the year for our Area as we prepare to send our Delegate to New York. I am excited to hear the dialogue around the selected agenda items. It always amazes me that I can never fully predict how any one item will be discussed; it goes to show you exactly why we have this process. We have to hear from everyone to be able to have a truly informed group conscience.

The Gratitude Dinner Committee will have their pass-off/kick-off meeting



this weekend at the Assembly. We are still in need of a co-host district (or two) so, please let me know if your district is interested in making the commitment.

Don't forget the 72st Annual Texas State Convention will be held June 22-24th, 2018 at the Westin DFW Airport in Irving, Texas. To register and for more information you can visit the website at <http://txaacconvention.org/>.

Also, the Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly will be held October 5-7th, 2018 at the Branson Hilton Hotel, in Branson, Missouri. To register and for more information you can follow this link <http://www.swraasa201.org>

Finally, I hope you will join me in praying for Ron C. as he prepares to represent us all in New York. Pray for his health, both physically and mentally and that he doesn't run out of chocolate!

*Best,*

*Troy Bush-DiDonato  
Alternate Delegate- Area 67  
Panel 67*

### **2018 SETA Convention Chair Final Report – John For Ronnie B.**

I would like to thank all the ones who served on the committee, also like to thank Area 67 for allowing me to serve as SETA Convention Chair. Thanks to all who participated in the convention with great speakers and workshops.

*Love and Service,  
Ronnie B.*

- Just over 900 attendees.
- Total Income (Budget) = \$16,800.00
- Total Income (Actual) = \$16,302.62
- Total Expenses (Budget) = \$14,700.00
- Total Expenses (Actual) = \$11,196.09
- Net Income (Budget) = \$2,10.00
- Net Income (Actual) = \$5,106.53

## **2019 SETA Convention Chair – Veronica M.**

Hello, everyone, my name is Veronica and I'm an alcoholic. I'm your 2019 SETA Convention chair. The convention will be held in Galveston at the Moody Gardens Hotel on Jan 18th, 19th, and 20th of 2019. The hotel is taking reservations so book your rooms early because they are going fast. Our committee chairs / co-chairs have met three times, most recently this evening about an hour ago. All our committees have been filled with some very dedicated, committed and passionate group of alcoholics! Our theme is from page 89 of the AA big book... where it reads, Carry this message to other alcoholics!

Our treasurer has received the \$3000.00 seed money and we will be opening an account this next Tuesday afternoon. Our committee chairs asked Paul M. If he would join our advisory board as he has plenty of experience and has been attending our meetings regularly, Paul has cheerfully accepted, so he and I will be meeting within the next two weeks to review our convention budget so that I may better help our committees with their budgeting ideas.

Bella our registration chair brought our convention banner to us today where it will be safely stored at my home until the convention. Thanks to Diane M. For helping me at today's registration table where we got 23 pre-registrations! Brady's name was pulled to receive one of the five books on our registration table. I am also happy to report that we have all our English speakers and we are also working closely with the multilingual committee to get out Spanish speakers within a month. In addition to the budgeted SETA hospitality room, District 81 has stepped up and volunteered to also host a hospitality room, which is already booked with Moody Gardens. Our SETA Hospitality room chair is Manny R., he is looking for any Districts and or Groups to provide food, snacks and drinks, please contact him if your District or group would like to donate or help.

In conclusion, I have met the webmaster alt, Joel G.

today and will be helping us create a webpage for the convention plus he will be assisting us with creating an on-line registration site as well!

If I haven't already said so, thank you so very much for the opportunity to serve our Area.

*Respectfully yours,  
Veronica M.*

## **Abbreviated Budget Presentation Workshop – Evan**

### **Area Committee Statement of Purpose – Kris H.**

#### **Sharing Session – Kris H.**

- **IT Committee – Kyna**
  - Can we launch a new website, or do we need to put an item on the agenda?
  - General Feedback – Third Concept – Right of Decision
  - New format not new content.
  - Suggestions for workshop to show demo of how it works and the new functionality.
  
- **Ad-Hoc Committee Request - Zasu**
  - Request for an additional Ad-hoc committee to be formed to address the feasibility of forming a standing committee for the service of conventions.
  - Previous convention information does not get passed down to the new committee or committee chair.
  
- **Statement of Purpose Discussion – Evan**
  - Referenced, “Area should approach new groups...” Evan does not feel that we reach out to new groups and connect them with the Area and the Fellowship at Large. Can we improve and make ourselves more useful to new groups?
  - Kris explained why we are now reading the Statement of Purpose and the ongoing efforts to focus on these items.
  - Diana S. expressed that it is the DCMs responsibility.

#### **Unfinished Business – Kris H.**

- Oficina Intergroupa Hispana D63,64,65
  - No one is planning to stand at this time.
- 2020 Convention Chair
- Budget & Finance Ad-hoc Update – Michelle H.
  - Committee is meeting twice a month for the duration.
  - Vern created a task spreadsheet.
  - Lost a committee member due to illness, please keep Julianne in your

prayers.

- Have gathered buckets of research.
- Looked into CFC and their separate bank accounts and how their processes work to get a clear understanding.
- Looking into all areas.
- Discussion.
- Job Description Ad-hoc Committee – Rick S.
  - Area Committee Members Job Description Update
- District 33 Motion – Francia P.
  - Motion was stated.
    - District 33 asked to be removed from the SETA Convention rotation.
    - Discussion.
    - The motion failed to find the support of the Area Committee.

#### **New Business – Kris H.**

- Open Positions to be filled on Sunday at Assembly.
- Michelle presented Melissa's Ad-hoc report for hotel bids. She is obtaining pricing for 2,3 and 4-year contracts. Gained a sense of the Area Committee for securing the Sheraton for 2019 and moving forward with the bid process going forward.
- Regional Forum Welcome Committee Chair – Melissa is willing to stand.
- Spanish Districts Motion – Veronica
  - Motion was stated.
    - Requested that the Area fund a hospitality room for them to host at the conventions.
    - Discussion.
    - The motion failed to find the support of the Area Committee.

#### **Area Committee Sharing Session – Kris H.**

- Request for Future Assembly Suggestions

#### **Announcements – Michelle H.**

## **Service Committee Reports – Committee Chairs**

### **IT Committee – Kyna D.**

The IT Committee has been working on several initiatives:

- Current inventory of SETA Equipment
- Updating service tags and records
- Update and Maintenance of SETA issue equipment
- Please contact myself or support if you need assistance with your equipment.
- New website / migration from old site to new site
- Looking to launch in July of 2018
- Seeking feedback from all members
- New and improved communications software for virtual meetings
- Will be switching to a new program, which will eliminate the lag in service.
- Better quality overall; more people able to join at one time without loss of quality
- Updating storage; how we initiate, maintain, and utilize stored data
- Saturday Assembly committee meeting covers this topic

*In Service,*

*Kyna D.*

*ITC-Web Chair*

### **CPC – Vern P. – This quarter the CPC Committee:**

**CPC Committee Purpose** – *“Members of C.P.C. committees inform professionals and future professionals 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.”* – reprinted from *Cooperation with the Professional Community Workbook, page 5, with permission from A.A. World Services, Inc.*

#### **This quarter the CPC Committee:**

- Received a response to our request for information from GSO on the proper use of e-mail for outreach to professionals, we'll be using those suggestions for any future electronic mailouts
- Received two requests from GSO to reach out to local professionals that had contacted GSO.

- The first one was a request to help start AA meetings in a low-cost treatment facility a Pastor was wishing to start the eastern downtown Houston area. We said we be happy to help him get AA meetings started in his facility once it was up and running ready to host meetings. We also gave him information on meetings in that area.
- The second one was a request for literature for an underfunded treatment center in a correctional facility. As CPC does not have any source of funds for such matters, this was referred to the CFC committee for them to take care of with their blue can fund, if they believed it was an appropriate request.
- Working with the PI Committee, we did a mock presentation at 4:30pm this afternoon in the Galveston room. It's a standard practice in the CPC committee that members first do a mock presentation in front of AA members, before doing a live one in front of professionals. Two of the presenters this afternoon had never done one, so this was great way to give them an opportunity to do one, while at the same time showing other AA members how this aspect of service is done.
- Elected Kathy A. as the CPC Committee's alternate Chairperson!  
Congratulations Kathy!

**We have plans to:**

- Working with the PI Committee, continue reach out to Districts to give presentations to them about PI & CPC service.
- Create a Spanish version of our public facing professionals page – we are currently thinking the new WordPress version of the SETA website may reduce the work needed for this.
- Contact local professional schools that train future healthcare, legal/correctional, human resources/employment professionals and offer A.A. presentations.
- At GSO's request, we plan to staff exhibits at two national conferences being held in Houston:
  - NADCP: National Association of Drug Court Professionals Conference, Houston Convention Center, May 30-June 2, 2018. We have a number slots still open we need to fill, please contact me if interested.
  - NAADAC: Association for Addiction Professionals October 5-9, 2018 at the Westin Galleria in Houston

**But we need your help:**

The possibilities to carry the message by reaching out to professionals is nearly

limitless. But we need people, lots of people. We need members, groups and districts to learn out to carry the message by being “Friendly with our Friends” as Bill liked to call it.

- So, grab a bookmark and try some of the suggested activities, better yet, try them with a friend or sponsee!
- Attend your District’s PI/CPC committee meetings
- If your District doesn’t have a committee, consider starting one, and standing for its chair position
- Attend the Area CPC meeting, any AA member can attend and be a committee member, you do not have to have an elected position to join in.

**So, Join us:**

We meet the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm at the Spring Branch Memorial Club, or you can join via GoToMeeting, meeting ID: 444 - 753 - 277 ( <https://global.gotomeeting.com/meeting/join/444753277> ).

For more information or to help, please contact us at [cpc@aa-seta.org](mailto:cpc@aa-seta.org)

In Service,

Vern P. – Chairperson, Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) Committee, SETA (Area 67)

**Grapevine Committee - Kimberly**

Opened with serenity prayer, past sign in sheet around.

Melanie opened with asking someone to read the joke of the month.

Followed by each of us saying what is going on in our district.

Ricardo- Dist. 52- told them that Dist. 81 had a GV workshop and they are considering doing one as well.

Nicole- Dist. 31- Kingwood is doing GV workshop in Sep. will send more info. to secretary with email as it comes available.

Teri D.- Dist. 82- [new dist. rep grapevine rep] Taylor Street

Members of homegroup collecting subscription forms thinking of putting on Library public bulletin board and at laundromats.

Kimberly will see if we can do writing work in October followed up with Michelle to find out that Oct. is way full, yet we can fit it in at July Assembly.

Questions about our rent and how to pay, got a contact to get with to find out contact.

*Thank you for the opportunity to serve,  
Kimberly*

The Grapevine/La Vina drawing winners are:

Eddie R. Dist. 31, Cleveland Camel Group picked - Language of the heart.

Rieno F. Dist. 40, Just the Black Print Group picked - The Homegroup.

Sean C. Dist. 32, Northwest Unity Group picked- Happy Joyous & Free.

Amy E. Dist 51/40 The God Meeting Group picked - 1yr. Subscription to Grapevine.

### **Intergroup – Kathleen T.**

Houston Intergroup will be facilitating a convention in June. The theme will be “55 years of miracles”. There will be 8 speaker talks and 2 workshops over the convention weekend. It will be held at the Westin Oaks in the Galleria on June 15, 16 and 17.

Intergroup needs accurate information about meetings and groups, so that this information can be shared with suffering and recovering alcoholics. It is urgent that your Intergroup is informed about changes to when and where meetings are held. If you are aware of a change to a scheduled meeting, temporary or otherwise, please contact Intergroup.

Each group in the greater Houston community may elect two Intergroup Delegates. Intergroup Delegates meet on the third Thursday evening of even months (except, December when they meet on the second Thursday). The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 19 at 8:00. Delegates carry information to Houston Intergroup about group needs and activities and carry information about Intergroup activities back to their group. The Bookstore is open the evenings of Delegate meetings, so this can be a good time to purchase literature and chips.

Service work opportunities by answering Houston Intergroup phones is called Night watch. Individual AA members can make a commitment to answer phones at night while Intergroup is closed. Groups can make a commitment to answer the Intergroup phones over a designated weekend. There are service work opportunities for groups in 2018. To make a Night watch commitment or get more information, call Houston Intergroup (713-686-6300) and ask for Keli, the Executive Secretary.



The newly re-designed newsletter for Houston Intergroup, called “The Link” is in e-mail form. It is already sent to SETA e-mail addresses. If you would like a copy sent to your personal e-mail, you can make the request via [www.aahouston.org](http://www.aahouston.org).

Houston Intergroup is busy working on revising and improving their website. They are working on it being easier to use and are hoping to launch the changes in the next several months.

Houston Intergroup has been funding Sign language interpreters for 1-2 meetings a week in the Houston Area. The need is great for AA friends and sponsors that they can talk with in their own language. If you are fluent in Sign language, prayerfully consider attending meetings with a Sign language interpreter and connecting with deaf alcoholics. Contact information is: Caryn D. 713-882-3448; [cdesanta1@gmail.com](mailto:cdesanta1@gmail.com).

**Intergupo Hispano – Manual A.**

**La Vina – Ascension M.**

**Multilingual – Arnoldo G.**

**TFC – Pam F.** - THE TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE IS OFF TO A GREAT START FOR 2018. PATRICK C. FROM THE TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES DESK AT GSO AND FORMER DELEGATE TO OUR AREA CAME AND GAVE AN ENLIGHTEN WORKSHOP ON ACESSIBILITIES FRIDAY, JAN 19 DURING THE SETA CONVENTION IN BEAUMONT.

THE GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE KINDLY GIFTED OUR COMMITTEE WITH 5 GRAPEVINE AND 1 LAVINA SUBSCRIPTION. WE WERE ABLE TO GIFT THOSE TO FACILITIES WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH RECENTLY AND THAT ALLOW THE LITERATURE IN THEIR FACILITY. THANK YOU, GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE.

I SPOKE AT THE KINGWOOD GROUP 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ON FEBRUARY 17. IT FOCUSED ON SOBRIETY AND SERVICE. I ALSO GAVE A TFC PRESENTATION TO DISTRICT 40 ON MARCH THE 13<sup>TH</sup>. IF ANY DISTRICT WOULD LIKE A TFC PRESENTATION, PLEASE CONTACT ME ANYTIME.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TFC/ACCESSIBILITIES WORKSHOP WE WILL HOST AT THE SETA ASSEMBLY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> FROM 3:30 – 4:30.

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS TO BUILD OUR BRIDGE THE GAP (BTG) DATA BASE. WE ARE ASKING OUR DISTRICTS TO GET THE WORD OUT TO THE GROUPS FOR NEW SIGN UPS FOR BTG AND TO ASK THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SIGNED UP IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS TO DO SO AGAIN AS THIS WILL UPDATE EXSISTING INFORMATION IN THE DATA BASE.

TODAY AT OUR AREA MEETING WE HAD A PRESENTATION ON OUR NEW TREATMENT FACILITY DATA BASE. IT IS UP AND RUNNING. WE ARE NOW ABLE TO ASSIST ANYONE IN OUR AREA LOOK FOR TREATMENT FACILITIES ALONG WITH SOME OTHER TREATMENT SETTINGS.

OUR ALT CHAIR SARAH O. GAVE AN ACCESSIBILITY TALK.

WE HELD A TFC ROUND TABLE DISCUSSING #10 – TREATMENT AND ACCESSIBILITIES ITEM D – DEVELOPING A PAMPHLET FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING. WE WERE UNDECIDED. AS A GROUP WE FELT WE NEEDED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT EXACTLY WOULD GO INTO THIS PAMPHLET. WE WILL GIVE OUR FEEDBACK TO RON C. SO HE WILL HAVE MORE INFORMATION AS HE GOES TO THE CONVENTION LATER THIS MONTH.

OUR PAMPHLET FOR THE QUARTER IS “HOW A.A. MEMBERS COOPERATE WITH PROFESSIONALS” P-29.

OUR NEXT GOTOMEETING IS MONDY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, AT 7PM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE TFC COMMITTEE CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER OR EMAIL ME AT [tfc-chair@aa-seta.org](mailto:tfc-chair@aa-seta.org).

*In Service to be of Service,*

*Pam Fraser  
Area 67 TFC Chair*

## **SCAP Committee**

The STATE CONVENTION ATTENDANCE PROMOTION, otherwise known as SCAP, committee meets at the Quarterly assemblies in the ballroom. There are six members on the committee at this time, with four district's (out of total 18 districts) participating with representation. Most business is conducted in-person, some via email & telephone when necessary. If you would like to be a SCAP member, or a district contact/rep, please see me this weekend. We are not a glum lot!

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Texas State Convention is scheduled 6/22-24/2018 at the Westin in Irving, TX. Speakers, fellowship, and a few surprises await you. Registrations are being taken by the SCAP committee at its table, with frequent drawings for reimbursement of registration. Special drawing held of all those registered through the committee at this Assembly for one room night reimbursed. Online registrations will have their drawing June 3; be sure to email your name and Confirmation # to [scap-chair@aa-seta.org](mailto:scap-chair@aa-seta.org) to enter. This year, there will be a SPECIAL DRAWING June 9 for one free hotel room for the Convention weekend, winner will be notified so print name & tel# legibly.

Like the past two years, there will be a *PHOTO OP* to capture for posterity those SETA members in attendance. The photos are on the display table. It also is the FIRST opportunity to win FREE Registration for the 2019 Texas State Convention to be held in Houston.

The committee welcomes ideas to further stimulate attendance and participation at the Texas State Convention. If your group or district would like a brief presentation, call to arrange. We are here to serve AND promote.

Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity.

Yours in Service,

Panel 67 SCAP Chair

### **CFC Committee – Roy serving as Alt-Chair for SETA CFC**

Chris D. working out of town and would really like to be here.

The SETA CFC Budget for 2019 was presented last month and seems like there was a few cuts in some of our category's.

Our Blue Can Fund is doing quite well. All money goes for literature to go into jails and prisons.

We got out more than 30 Blue Cans in 2017 and at least 6 this year.

Our Correspondence is coming around and we have managed to update our list of people that want to correspond, and we have SETA CFC correspondence/pre-release pamphlets available where you can fill out if you want to do correspondence or take back to your Districts or Groups or other committee meetings. You use the SETA CFC PO box to do this, so your address doesn't get put out all over the place. We get about 25 -30 letters each month.

The Delta Club, where we have had our monthly CFC meetings for a long time, has moved and the meeting space available, at the new Delta club is small. We voted to move to a new location and starting next month we will be at the District 66 location which is on 5645 Hillcroft #410 between 59 and Westpark. We will still meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm

except during regular Assembly months.

We are Also having a CFC workshop geared towards the Spanish members in District 63,64,65,66

It will be at District 66 on June 10<sup>th</sup>. There are some flyers here and we will be discussing things like 'Where you can go in' and correspondence/pre-release, as well as other service opportunities.

South East Texas Area Correctional Facilities Committee also held our annual spring training TDCJ Special Volunteer Training at Houston Intergroup Central Office Conference Center on 3/24/18. We had 61 people attending and it was good to see that most of them were AA. Usually we have a lot of people from the churches attending that.

I think this was because we didn't post it on the TDCJ website. We attempted to have a workshop/presentation at the end of this. Not many stayed but a couple came in just for the workshop, so we gave them some information and answered some questions and it looks like they will be participating in the new meeting we have at the Cleveland correctional facility on Fridays at 1 o'clock.

In fact, we have inside meetings every day somewhere in South East Texas Area. Most of them are pretty easy to get into. We have been working on establishing a list of contacts, or volunteer coordinators, for the past few years. These people are AA members who have a good working relationship with the facilities they go in. We go into over 30 facilities. So always looking for volunteers.

We are updating our Job descriptions and past and present Subcommittee Chairs are making suggestions and putting in their input and should be finished up with that soon.

We are having our annual SETA CFC conference September 21, 22, 23. It will be at the OMNI Westside where we have had it for the last couple of years. Actually, we were cancelled out last year because of hurricane Harvey. OMNI Westside is out on I-10 Wests We have flyers available.

We will be hosting 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Corrections Conference in 2019. November 1,2,3. We have received seed money and have established a bank

account. We have received seed money and have established a bank account and am currently negotiating with the DoubleTree across the street, as well as this Sheraton. Seems these hotels have the same people now. That's a good thing because these 2 hotels were the ones we used when we were putting together our bid back in November. We are going to be looking for lot of help from our other Area committees for workshops and presentations or just to have displays.

Just like all the other committees we are always looking for help. As I said earlier in report we have meetings going on every day but sometimes the volunteers can't make it and there might not be a meeting even though a meeting is scheduled.

So, thanks once again for allowing me to serve.

### **District Committee Member Reports – All DCMs.**

**District 10—Tracy W.**

**District 20 – Jean P.**

**District 31 – Tammy Z.**

Greetings from District 31! Our district meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 2 pm at the 494 Meeting Hall. We finally filled our long-standing open CFC position! Unfortunately, our Literature Chair moved so now we have an open committee position for Literature.

The year started out slow for district business, but it has quickly ramped up and taken off! I'm working on Area Committee presentations to our district this year. Archives kicked us off with a presentation in February. I've arranged the Houston Intergroup Liaison to present in May. I hope to schedule CPC in July, Grapevine in August and perhaps another one before the end of the year. We discussed GSC Agenda items in March, will finish updating our Policies & Procedures manual in April, and will host the Delegate's Report from the General Service Conference in June.

Our Alt DCM, Patty H, is in full swing with workshops. We have more

requests than we have time to facilitate, which is a great problem to have. The first one of 2018 was “How to Chair a Meeting” hosted by the Huntsville Group. We had good participation despite the horrendous traffic we had to go through to get there! Our next workshop will be May 5<sup>th</sup> on “Sponsorship” at the Serenity Group of the Woodlands.

The Kingwood Group celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The Open-Door Group celebrated their 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary also on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The 1502 Group in Conroe celebrated their 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. While the events are enjoyable, the food is always great. I’m fairly certain District 31 has the best BBQ cooks in the Area. Upcoming is the 25<sup>th</sup> Hour Group’s Annual Spring Fling April 27-29<sup>th</sup>.

Our district has discussed group inventories, and District 31 has had several groups participate in a Group Inventory over the last year or so. I’ve had the privilege of facilitating a few of them, and I find it exhilarating and disturbing all at the same time. I leave everyone thinking we need more meetings and workshops on the Traditions.

Lastly, we will be hosting the Area Assembly in July. We are excited to be able to participate in the Area Assembly by hosting. Now we just need to find someone to organize it.

As always, it’s an honor and a privilege to serve AA.

*In love and service,*

*Tammy Z*

*DCM, District 31*

**District 32 – Brian D.**

**District 33 – Francia P.**

**District 40 – Deborah G.**

Greetings from District 40!

In February, our Delegate, Ron C. did a presentation to inform the district about the upcoming 2018 General Service Conference and the agenda items. He also spoke about the Round Tables that will be happening at the April Area Assembly.

In March, our area TFC Chair, Pam F. came to present about what the treatment facilities committee does, especially with regards to service opportunities and Bridging the Gap program.

In April, we tried to focus on discussing 2 items from the 2018 GSC agenda. With regards to Literature Agenda Item D, *consider request for development of a pamphlet based on upon A. A.'s Three Legacies*, we agreed unanimously in favor of the pamphlet. With regards to Trustees Agenda Item E, *Review proposal to censure the General Service Board*, we were divided. The majority of our district disagreed with the censure. We handled this process with spirituality, humility and a firm display of the Traditions and Concepts in action.

Some ongoing business for our district...The creation of a district Policies & Procedures Manual. This will be the first one that District 40 has ever had. An ad-hoc committee was formed to explore the possibility of a District 40 website. More will be revealed as this committee continues their investigation.

We are excited for our 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Traditions Dinner which will be June 9<sup>th</sup>. It's going to be a dinner play called "In This Drama of Life" starring Ron and Troy, as well as, several of our GSRs! Flyers are available next to the registration tables. Join us for Food, Fun and Fellowship!!!

We welcome all visitors to our district meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Spring Branch Memorial Club starting at 7:15 PM. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. And so far, this year, we're still having Blondies instead of Brownies!

In Service,  
Deborah G.  
D40 DCM  
[dcm-40@aa-seta.org](mailto:dcm-40@aa-seta.org)

**District 51 – Connie**

Hello, my name is Connie and my Home Group is Caring & Sharing.

District 51 meets on the last Saturday of the month @ 11:00am at the Delta Club,

which has moved to its new location at 6401 Southwest Freeway, Suite #110. (We have a private entrance and parking in the back).

There are about 15-20 groups within our district with about four-six GSRs participating.

We have a new group called “P-11 Houston”. Their meetings are based on the P-11 Pamphlet, “The A.A. Member – Medications and Other Drugs.” They meet at the Delta Club on Sundays and Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, the district held a workshop in which we conducted mini-roundtables using a few General Service Conference agenda items. This was a great opportunity to present a SETA Assembly experience to those who might not normally attend our fabulous quarterly sober weekend retreat.

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Speakeasy group held a workshop which was very successful with another one in the works for May. In a year and a half, they have grown to 5 meetings a week.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the district will be presenting a three-part play “How To (Or Not To) Chair a Meeting”. We did this about 2 years ago with a lot of great participation and feedback. We had a lot of fun so we’re looking forward to doing this again. Currently, we are conducting a casting call. So, if y’all know of any actors, please send them my way. We will have our first discussion and rehearsal on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm at the Delta Club, right after the district meeting, with rehearsals through the month of May. Please let me know or show up if you are interested.

At our March meeting, we discussed the need to be more welcoming and cooperative with the “young people” of AA. As our up and coming generation of recovering alcoholics carrying the same message of A.A., we believe that they are critically important to this relay race of service and have also inherited this blessed duty of preserving our Three Legacies long after we are all gone. With that in mind, we were a bit dismayed over our Area’s position last year concerning them. We hope that our Area, Area 67, will revisit this topic to strive for inclusion and find a way to cooperate with this vital demographic of A.A.



members. Unity is so important.

We continue with our on-going service meeting; the Service Manual and Concepts Meeting is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00pm – 8:30pm. This is another great opportunity for members to get answers to service questions and learn more about how our organization works and why it's so important to participate at all levels to always keep the doors of A.A. open.

Every third Saturday, the Caring & Sharing group holds a 12 Step Workshop @ noon with food and fellowship afterwards. Feel free to bring a dish.

Within our district, we have two big events coming up later this month.

On Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> the Bellaire Club will be celebrating it's 37<sup>th</sup> Birthday of hosting A.A. meetings. There will be a speaker at Noon with Food and Fellowship from 1pm – 3pm.

On Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be celebrating the Delta Club's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BBQ. This coincides with the start of the Caring & Sharing group. Meetings will be going on all day and evening as usual. Speaker meeting will be at noon with food served from 1:15pm-2:15pm.

On June 9<sup>th</sup>, the Caring & Sharing group has coordinated with CPC & PI to hold a one-hour community presentation at 1:30pm at the Delta Club.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

### **District 52 – Diana S.**

This past year 2017 has had its ups and downs, but 2018 is looking very bright, as I visit different groups and make announcements concerning District 52, Area 67 and AA as a whole explaining the different service opportunities in AA there are many questions and concerns being asked, many don't have a clue what I'm talking about. Thank you God we now have our Job descriptions now P&P available and people who can explain these positions to them. I like saying keep it simple, we learn as we go that we are very delighted to have them at least try and

most of the positions are being filled and those involved are eager to learn. With these things set in place the next DCM will only have to make changes as the district want

Also, on March 3<sup>rd</sup> Meece' and I attended the meeting with Ron and other DCM's and Alts at the Spring Branch Club to discuss the Roundtable coming up this weekend it was great as usual Ron, keep up the good work. On March 10, I went to the workshop given by District 51 on what will be done at the Roundtable for those who have not been and for those who just wanted to come it was great, thanks Tammy and all who helped. Districts 51 and 52 will host our Delegates Report in the near future. One more thing Meece' and all of district 52 thanks for letting me be of service for our district.

With much love,  
DCM-52  
Diana S.

**District 63 – Alicia M.**

**District 64 – Armando H.**

**District 65 – Bernardino T.**

**District 66 – Jesus**

**District 70 – Cynthia B.**

**District 81 – Mitch O.**

Hello from District 81 and Happy Spring!

We meet the first Wednesday of every month at Kelly's in the lovey La Marque at 7:00p.m.

The PI/CPC Committee will be reprinting our District 81 directory soon. The committee did 5 presentations in our district and continue to distribute meeting schedules to the Galveston and Kemah Hotels as well as working with Groups that adopt racks.

The CFC committee takes weekly meetings into the Carol Young Facility, John Sealy Hospital and the Galveston County Jail. The CFC correspondence program is going strong. The C FC is in the planning process for a 'Get Acquainted

with 'CFC' event in April and a TDCJ orientation in May.

The TFC has been doing presentations to Area Treatment Facilities and just hosted a successful 'Bridging the Gap' workshop to introduce the TFC mission while creating a data base.

The GV committee recently hosted a writing workshop where 8 stories were written and sent into the Grapevine for possible publication consideration.

The Archives committee is in the planning stages to have an open House in late spring. This will be a four-hour event with speakers giving histories of their groups.

The F&B committee presented a fully funded budget. The F&B recently sent out than you letter to area groups for their contributions. The F&B is in the process of creating workshops "Where Spirituality and Finances Meet"

The Texas City Group recently celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.  
Upcoming events:

"The Spiritual Principles behind the Traditions" an interactive workshop and presenting a new skit "The AA Police"

The district voted on and approved hosting a Hospitality suite at the 2019 SETA Convention.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mitch O. DCM  
Catherine G. Alt DCM

## **District 82 – Jeanne**

Hello, my name is Jeanne and I am the DCM for district 82.

We meet the 1st Sunday @1:30 and we change our meeting locations quarterly to promote unity and participation.

We have had an increase in attendance to our meetings and happily report we have filled almost all of our service position!!! We met last week and voted to have a workshop on anonymity in August. We are shooting for the 2nd weekend but we are waiting for our host location to confirm the date.

The Angleton and Beginners group had their anniversary celebrations and they were well attend. Surfside had their annual fish fry.... We eat and fellowship a lot

down on the coast.

We have started the 1st CFC in district 82 and they are meeting monthly. Along with carrying the message into our local prisons after 19 years we have started taking the message into the Brazoria county jail!!!

We are looking forward to co-hosting this year's gratitude dinner. We are having our 1st meeting today .... Whoop Whoop!!!!

If you are in our district stop by and see us.

*Thank you,  
Jeanne*

**District 90 – Sal S.**

## **AREA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY**

**Sheraton North Houston  
15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd.**

**Houston, Texas 77032**

**Area Assembly**

**Sunday, April 15, 2018**

### **Open of General Assembly – Kris H.**

- Opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- Welcomed all participants to the Area Committee Meeting.
- Reminder for the Area committee members to register to vote.
- Led the GSRs in attendance to the GSR Workshop being held next door.

### **Preamble to the P & P Manual – Michelle H.**

- Encouraged the Area Committee to turn in flyers for announcements and ask the hospitality rooms if they can leave flyers out for members to take.
- Thanked everyone for showing up and serving.

### **Area Committee Roll Call – Rick M.**

- See page 3-4.

### **Secretary's Minutes from January Assembly—Corrie H.**

- Zaz M. requested that the roll call be added to the minutes.
- Minutes were approved as submitted.

### **Area Treasurer's Report – Christina S.**

Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 67 its been such an honor.

We have three items to discuss.

First tax documents have been sent to the CPA & check sent.

Second, the checkbook balance as of December 30, 2017, was \$59,453.35. From January 1 to March 30 deposits to the operating account have totaled \$12,888.87 and \$16,890.37 in checks have been cashed. This left us with

an ending balance on March 30 of \$55,451.85.

The first box on page one of your Treasurer Report gives you a breakdown by quarter of our deposits in and checks cashed. Page 2 will give you even more detailed breakdown of all the funds in and expenses out of the operating account.

The next box is the Gratitude dinner fund breakdown. The opening balance as of December 30, 2017 was \$1,148.16. There have been \$600 in expenses but no deposits so far this year leaving us with a balance as of March 30 of \$548.16.

The last box is the Convention fund. There have been no deposits or withdrawals from the Convention fund so far this year. Leaving the opening and closing balance at \$12,214.

If we take the ending balance of \$55,451.85 and subtract the items already accounted for by the Area. Which are the Convention loss reserve of \$4,000, the Gratitude dinner fund of \$548.16, the Convention fund of \$12,214, the state convention reserve of \$1000, our Prudent Reserve of \$41,562.38 & \$215.70 for Assembly actions. This leaves the Area Assembly with Unrestricted Funds of -\$4,088.39.

On pages 3-7 you will see a list of each group whose contributions were received for 2018. If your group is not listed and should be please let me or the Alt-Treasurer, Ron S, know.

Any questions?

Lastly, we received an email this week addressed to the members of the Assembly regarding the Memoriam sent to GSO for past delegate Marvin W. The email was sent by his wife. We wanted to share her words with the Assembly.

*Dear Southeast Texas Area Assembly members -*

*This has weighed heavy on my heart and I feel like the right thing to do is to return to Area 67 the \$100 contribution that was sent after Marvin's passing. Marvin believed in the structure of our fellowship, that we worked our way down and not up, that there*

*were no second class citizens and that the highest level any of us would reach is a sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous. With that in mind my heart says the practice of sending money in honor of our past delegates negates the structure and does not support the upside-down triangle that he was so fond of. I thought of the many, many wonderful members we have lost through the past twenty some odd years, Rudy V., Frank C., Tandy B. to name a few who with the spirit of love and sacrifice gave so much to our Area and to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Marvin firmly believed that we did service for fun and for free, that we learned humility by staying right sized and our job was to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic - I believe this money can be used for that purpose.*

*Thank you Area 67 for doing that but it is my honor to return it you ~*

*In gratitude,*

*Bonita W.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina S.

Area 67 Panel 67 Treasurer

### **Area Delegate Report – Ron C.**

Hello my name is Ron and I am an Alcoholic.

I'm honored to be serving as Delegate for Area 67 Panel 67 Delegate. As I head into my final year as the current Delegate I am so grateful to have excellent Area servants serving with me but also for having the best Alternate Delegate that any Delegate could ask for. I am thrilled to be going to New York City to represent Area 67.

#### **General Service Conference Information**

The 68th GSC will be held April 22-28, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Times Square Hotel in New York City.

The theme for the 2018 General Service Conference: "A.A. — A Solution for All Generations."

The following are presentation/discussion topics for the 2018 General Service Conference:

- a. Today's Alcoholic: Inclusion, Not Exclusion
- b. Participation in All of A.A. — Is My Triangle Balanced?
- c. A.A. Technology: Where Innovation Meets the Traditions
- d. Attraction Not Promotion: A.A.'s Relation to the World
- e. Group Conscience: The Guiding Force

The following is the workshop topic for the 2018 General Service Conference:

"Getting the A.A. Message Out..."

Feel free to use both the theme and workshop topics for local AA presentations.

### **Are a 67 Panel 67 Information**

Area 67 Group contributions to GSO were also up from 39.86% in 2016 to 40.87% in 2017 for the year. There are currently 690 listed groups in Area 67 with 282 groups contributing and total contributions were \$ 88,612.33 for this time period. So, keep up the good work.

### **General Service Office Information**

Gross sales were \$13,898,550 (or 1.08%) ahead of budget, contributions were \$8,409,452 (or 9.57%) ahead of budget and total operating expenses were \$16,012,547 (or .47%) less than budget. Net profit for the year-end was \$1,758,837 compared with a budgeted profit of \$397,798.

### **Archives**

One of the main projects in Archives over 2018 is to digitize Bill's personal correspondence and letters on a myriad of subjects such as, finances, criticism, the General Service Conference, publicity, and more. There are also collections of letters between Bill and Dr. Bob and other significant figures including Father Ed Dowling, Sister Ignatia, Rev. Sam Shoemaker and others. The project includes preserving the original documents and creating user copies for researchers.

The Southwest Regional Forum will be in Houston October 11-13, 2019 at the Sheraton North Houston. This is a great opportunity not only to get involved but to ask those questions that have been bothering you about the General Service Office. The last time the Regional forum was in Houston was in 1998. Remember the Forum only comes to our Area once every 22 years. Also, in 2019 the Texas State Convention will be held in Houston. There are still plenty of opportunities to serve on the State Convention Committee. Talk to past Delegate Deborah D for more information.

Area 67 is still in the running for hosting the 2030 International Convention. The site selection committee reopened the request for bid. There is currently a total of five cities (including Houston) presenting Saturday at the General Service Conference to the site Selection Committee. At that time three to four finalists will be chosen, and the General Service Board will recommend the final choice in November of 2018.

On February 20, 2018 the GSO sent a message concerning the restraining order or the publisher's copy of the Big Book:

"Today a stipulation was filed with the New York State Supreme Court by A.A.W.S. to voluntarily dismiss the case between Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. and the holder of the 1939 Printer's Copy Manuscript of Alcoholics Anonymous, our Big Book. This stipulation was submitted in conjunction with the parties agreeing to settle and mutually release each other from the litigation.

The parties have reached an agreement and believe this to be in their best interests. The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous has approved a settlement and mutual release agreement in order to avoid the further expense, inconvenience, and uncertainty of continuing



litigation. As the result of the agreement, A.A.W.S. waives any claims to ownership of the Manuscript and will pay \$135,000 to reimburse a portion of the holder's out-of-pocket costs, expenses and legal fees associated with the action.

The Boards understand that some members of the Fellowship will have many further specific questions about this legal issue. The Boards will be prepared to discuss their decisions and actions in the near future. At this time, we ask that you direct any questions and comments about the settlement to the Public Information desk at the General Service Office, so that all inquiries can be captured and responded to appropriately."

*Trudging the Road*

*Ron C*

*Delegate, Panel 67 Area 67*

*Cell: 713-819-9014;*

*Email: delegate-67@aa-seta.org*

### **Alternate Delegate Report – Troy B.**

It is the most exciting time of the year for our Area as we prepare to send our Delegate to New York. I am excited to hear the dialogue around the selected agenda items. It always amazes me that I can never fully predict how any one item will be discussed; it goes to show you exactly why we have this process. We have to hear from everyone to be able to have a truly informed group conscience.

The Gratitude Dinner Committee will have their pass-off/kick-off meeting this weekend at the Assembly. We are still in need of a co-host district (or two) so, please let me know if your district is interested in making the commitment.

Don't forget the 72st Annual Texas State Convention will be held June 22-24th, 2018 at the Westin DFW Airport in Irving, Texas. To register and for more information you can visit the website at <http://txaaconvention.org/>.

Also, the Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly will be held October 5-7th, 2018 at the Branson Hilton Hotel, in Branson, Missouri. To register and for more information you can follow this link <http://www.swraasa201.org>

Finally, I hope you will join me in praying for Ron C. as he prepares to represent us all in New York. Pray for his health, both physically and

mentally and that he doesn't run out of chocolate!

*Best,*

*Troy Bush-DiDonato*

*Alternate Delegate- Area 67*

*Panel 67*

### **2018 SETA Convention Chair Final Report – John For Ronnie B.**

I would like to thank all the ones who served on the committee, also like to thank Area 67 for allowing me to serve as SETA Convention Chair. Thanks to all who participated in the convention with great speakers and workshops.

*Love and Service,*

*Ronnie B.*

- Just over 900 attendees.
- Total Income (Budget) = \$16,800.00
- Total Income (Actual) = \$16,302.62
- Total Expenses (Budget) = \$14,700.00
- Total Expenses (Actual) = \$11,196.09
- Net Income (Budget) = \$2,10.00
- Net Income (Actual) = \$5,106.53

### **2019 SETA Convention Chair – Veronica M.**

- *See Page 10.*

### **New GSR Workshop – Toby**

### **Budget Presentation Workshop – Evan**

### **Roll Call (Voting) – Rick M.**

### **Unfinished Business – Kris H.**

- Oficina Intergroupa Hispana D63,64,65
  - No one is planning to stand at this time.
- 2020 Convention Chair – Ron S. elected by acclimation.

- Area Inventory Ad-hoc – Ron for John S.
  - Survey is now closed. 119 received. Will meet again in May. Will deliver report at July Assembly.

### **New Business – Kris H.**

- Elections:
  - Secretary – Corrie H.
  - Alternate Secretary – Brad H.
  - Multi-Lingual Chair – No one stood.
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Group Intergroup – Lori Harvey stepped up from alternate.
  - Archive Chair – Mary Kay had to step down. Eddie stood and was elected by acclamation. He will step down as GSR at the group level.

### **BREAK**

- District 33 Motion – Francia P.
  - Motion was stated.
    - District 33 asked to be removed from the SETA Convention rotation.
    - Discussion.
    - The motion failed to find the support of the Area Assembly.
- Spanish Districts Motion – Bernardino (Edwin Translating)
  - Motion was stated.
    - Requested that the Area fund a hospitality room for them to host at the conventions.
    - Discussion.
    - The motion failed to find the support of the Area Assembly.

### **BREAK**

- Round Table Reports – Ron
- Floor Action – Betsy G. made a motion to send Ron to the GSC informed and not instructed. Zaz M. with a second and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Area Committee Sharing Session – Kris H.**

- Request for Future Assembly Suggestions

### **Announcements – Michelle H.**

### **Close Meeting – Kris H.**