

# Southeast Texas Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous



## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Assembly Minutes

Saturday & Sunday  
January 19-20, 2019

Moody Gardens Hotel  
7 Hope Blvd.  
Galveston, TX 77554

***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 Committee Meeting  
Saturday, January 19, 2019

**Open of General Assembly – Rick M.**

- Opened meeting with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
- Welcomed everyone to Panel 69
- Remind all members to register to vote in the back of the room

**Preamble to SETA Policies and Procedures Manual – Christina S.**

- Read the Preamble to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual

**Area Committee Roll Call – Tammy Z.**

- 38 Area Committee Members in attendance
- See Pages 20-21 for table of Area Committee Roll Call

**Introduce Guest(s) – Rick M.**

- Yolanda F. – Southwest Regional Trustee
- Jeff W. – GSO Representative

**Secretary's Minutes – Deborah B.**

- October Area Committee Minutes were accepted as submitted with corrections

**Treasurer's Report – Ron S.**

- Operating Fund as of 12/30/17 is \$59,453.35. Deposits to and checks written gave us a Net Change of \$11,358.27. Which gave us a Balance Ending on 12/31/18 of \$70,811.62.
- First box is a Quarterly breakdown which gets us to the \$70,811.62.
- The next box is our Gratitude Dinner Fund breakdown as of 12/31/18 is \$1,989.00.
- Last box is our Convention Fund which shows an ending balance as of 12/31/18 is \$17,320.53.
- The Ending Balance as of 12/31/18 is \$70,811.62. Convention Loss Revenue is \$4,000; Gratitude Dinner Fund is \$1,989; Convention Fund is \$15,000; State Convention Loss Reserve is \$3,000; Prudent Reserve is \$41,562.38; When all of it is subtracted our Unrestricted Funds is \$5,260.24.
- Second page of report shows a detailed breakdown of all expenses and third through final pages show group contributions.
- Working on changing the signature cards in the next couple of weeks with those that need to be added and opening a debit card account for the hotels.

**Delegate Report – Troy B-D.**

- Gratitude Dinner Concerns:
  - Decreased participation the last few years.
  - Difficulty getting districts to commit to the dinner.
  - Tried to keep expenses down but they are still a few hundred bucks from the districts hosting and co-hosting.
  - Getting push back from groups and districts about how we spend money and asking for additional funds for a dinner seems awkward.
- A sense of the Area showed that the majority were in favor of ending it.

- A motion will be submitted to the April Assembly

I am really honored to have been elected to serve as the Southeast Texas Area Delegate for the 69<sup>th</sup> Panel of the General Service Conference. I am also grateful that our Area's Past Delegates continue to suit up and show up. I know that they will continue to share their experience, strength and hope with me. I am also very excited to be serving with our Area's Officers and DCMs. I have high hopes for this rotation.

I want to welcome back our Southwest Regional Trustee Yolanda F. as she begins her final few months of service. I want to welcome the General Service Office representative, Jeff W., to Southeast Texas. We hope you both are made to feel at home and leave this weekend full of the spirit of A.A.

This year's theme for the General Service Conference is "Our Big Book- 80 years, 71 Languages". I have been assigned to the Finance Committee. I know that my primary responsibility is to be a conduit of communications both up and down the triangle. I keep reminding myself this so that I don't get to worried about being on the Finance Committee.

I want to wrap-up my work as the Alternate Delegate and share on last year's Gratitude Dinner. The event was hosted by Districts 70 and 82 and co-hosted by Districts 32 and 40. We had approximately 186 participants for the chili-cook off. I was grateful for those that were able to attend but believe that our Area needs to take a serious look at this event. It is my opinion that the Gratitude Dinner no longer serves its original purpose, to thank our groups for their support. I also believe that the event is not well enough attended to continue to ask for our groups and districts to contribute each year. This concern is made greater when I hear group and district members complain about our use of group contributions. I would like to get a sense of the Area as to viability of this event. Our current fund for the event stands at \$1,989.00.

I want to share that the Grapevine Editor, Amy B., has resigned and the Grapevine Board is actively pursuing a replacement for that position. I believe that Amy will be hard to replace. Under her direction our meeting in print was able to make a profit and over the last few years has expanded publications as well as a digital presence.

The board is also working on a meeting director application. I believe that we will be hearing much more about this app over the next year as many of our central offices and intergroups are concerned about this decision.

That is all I have to share this weekend, please keep coming back as more will be revealed.

In Service,  
Troy B-D.  
Area 67 Southeast Texas Delegate  
Panel 69

### **Alternate Delegate Report – Kris H.**

I look forward to following Troy around for the next couple of years. We are gonna have some fun. Rick complimented my organizational skills, but I must tell you that without my wife and Betsy G. helping a whole lot, I would never be categorized as organized.

Although my focus is going to change with this new position, I still have a vision for our Area, and I hope to work behind the scenes to bring our Area into this millennium. I'd like to see us leverage our IT and Archives assets into a more cloud-based resource that any of us can use, at any time, to help guide us in our decision making.

I've got to tell you that we have a lot of big things going on in 2019 in our little corner of Texas. First, Houston will be the host city for the 73<sup>rd</sup> TEXAS STATE CONVENTION-June 7-9, 2019 at The Westin Galleria Houston, 5060 West Alabama Street, Houston, TX 77056. You may register online at <https://txaaconvention.org/> or you can find Deborah d. at SWRDA, and she will gladly take your registration via the "Square" using your credit card.

Area 67 will also host this year's Forum October 11-13, at Sheraton IAH 15700 JFK Blvd. Houston, Texas 77032. The venue is actually where we've been meeting for our at least the last decade for Assembly weekends. Melissa Redd is the host committee chair, so she will have any other information you may need about the event.

Here's a big shout out to our folks carrying the message behind the walls: Area 67's CFC Committee won the bid for the 2019 National Corrections Conference November 1-3, at Doubletree at the Intercontinental, 15747 John F Kennedy Blvd, Houston, TX 77032. Check out the webpage: [www.nationalcorrectionsconference.org](http://www.nationalcorrectionsconference.org). Woohoo!

In love and service,  
Kris H. Alternate Delegate  
Panel 69, Area 67 Southeast Texas

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

Good Morning Assembly,  
I'm Veronica and I'm an alcoholic. I hope that you are enjoying the convention so far. There are more than 770 entered registrations; we are presently still working on entering the rest which are quite a few. Today, we hope and expect to fill the ballroom with standing room only. We have 2 hospitality rooms opened between our speaker meetings which are located on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor. We do still have a full and fabulous line-up for the remainder of the weekend, including live entertainment tonight. No major hiccups so far, but please keep us all in y our prayers.

### **2019 Texas State Convention Update – Deborah D.**

We are very excited to be hosting this convention as it only comes around every six years. The convention rotates through six cities Dallas Fort Worth Austin San Antonio Midland and Houston. The date is June 7-9 it's going to be held at the Westin Galleria Houston. We have flyers for you to pick up and take back to your groups. This convention is as big as ours with maybe a few more people.

We need your help, because the convention is held in Houston our biggest challenge always is meeting our room block. There are only few hotels that can accommodate this amount of people. Our room block is 550. San Antonio had a very successful convention in the end they did not make their room block, they did but people booked extra rooms early and then cancelled at the last minute. Please if you reserve rooms and end up not needing them please cancel in plenty of time for others to use the room block rate.

All of our committee positions are filled but as you know we can always have volunteers. I would like to thank our committee for their hard work we have been meeting for almost a year and our convention is in 5 months.

My hope in April is to report that we have made our room block and they opened up more rooms.

Please let me know if you would like to help.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Yours in Love and service,  
Deborah D.  
Chair

## **Unfinished Business**

### Open Positions

- 2020 Convention Chair
- SCAP Chair
- Oficina Intergroupa Hispana (D63,64, 65) Liaison
- Brazos Valley Intergroup

### Disaster Relief Plan – Peter C.

- Rick M. stated that this is not an Area plan
- An Intergroup ad-hoc committee was formed to come up with a disaster plan for getting meetings into shelters
- Intergroup board agreed to fund \$1000 for literature and book packages that could be taken to shelters with meetings and have agreed to distribute them when needed
- Intergroup can handle the communication since they have 24-hour phone lines, but they don't have the geographical organization that SETA has
- The DCM's and Alt. DCM's could help with getting someone within the vicinity of the shelter(s) to speak with the shelter manager about bringing a meeting in
- Asking to have SETA and Intergroup cooperate during disasters to get meetings to shelter

## **New Business**

### **Area Inventory Ad Hoc Committee Update – Paul M., Kathleen T., Pam F.**

#### *Service – Paul M*

Inventory Ad Hoc on Service meeting via email  
We touched base at the Area Convention to submit input  
We consolidated Inventory questions and feedback on service  
We have listed possible suggested actions for the Area to

Generally looking at:

- suggested changes to Quarterly Assembly Agenda
- suggested changes to Area Committee meeting
- Changes to GSR Workshops and GSR interaction with Service Committees

Need a few more people to who are willing to participate on A Service Ad Hoc

Possible suggested changes by April Assembly

Thank you for the opportunity to serve  
Paul

#### *Listening – Pam F.*

Hi I'm Pam F. a member of the 2017 ad hoc area inventory committee.  
As a result of that ad hoc committee we are breaking into smaller ad hoc groups.  
The one I'll be chairing is under the "listening" category.  
As the listening inventory ad hoc committee, we will be reviewing responses to those questions in the listening category and coming up with suggestions for the area to consider.

We will be looking at things like:

- Who are voting members?
- Do non-voting members have a voice in discussions?
- Under and over participation of past delegates?

- Are motions clearly stated as written?
- We will find a time to have zoom meetings as well as meetings during SETA.

If you would like to be a part of the listening inventory ad hoc committee, please let me know.

Thank you

#### *Agenda/Facilities – Kathleen T.*

The Agenda/Facilities Ad Hoc Committee is examining how we can better utilize our time and facilities, in fulfilling our mission to be of service to the Groups and Districts of our Area.

When we spend our time on unnecessary repetition or formalities, we have not been spending our time on whatever would better help relieve the suffering of alcoholics in and out of our fellowship. We can do a better job in conducting workshops that would enhance our service work. We can better utilize our time and make our assemblies more attractive to those who are new to area service.

The Committee will also be looking at how we may be able to provide a more comfortable and accessible facility for our area assemblies. The Agenda/Facilities committee held its first meeting the day prior to the Assembly, 1/19/19. The committee welcomes all suggestions.

#### **Motion for 2018 Hotel Lodging Expense Accounting – Vern P.**

- **Motion:** I move that a full, accurate, and complete report of 2018 lodging expenses, itemized by budget holder and any other needed budget categories, including refunds from Hotel(s), and accuracy verified with 2018 budget holders, be created and shared with the area at the next area assembly. Should the treasurer not believe they can accomplish this, then this motion shall be fulfilled by the Finance Committee or an Ad-Hoc committee, and the treasurer shall participate in such committee to assist in generating the report. Should the report indicate that overpayment to a Hotel(s) or others be revealed then the treasurer or appropriate committee shall develop an action plan to recover the area's funds.

**Intent:** To provide the groups, districts, and member of the Area with an accurate report of lodging expenses, re-imburements, and potential overpayments to hotel(s) or others.

**Background:** In 2018 the Sheraton N. Houston began requiring that hotel rooms paid in advance. This created a budgetary expense reporting problem in that the treasurer would allocate lodging expenses against each budget holders' budget, even when the budget holder was not utilizing lodging as they were local to the Sheraton and did not need or want a hotel room. The treasurer did allow that if she was notified in advance in e-mail by a given deadline that a budget holder would not need the hotel room, then she would not log it as an expense against that budget holders budget.

However, in practice, this did not happen, in the case of this budget holder, the treasurer was notified a hotel room would not be needed for the April or July assemblies, yet, there was a lodging expense for those assemblies logged in the budget expense summary sent by the treasurer on 9/24. Additionally, in talking with two other Houston based budget holders, who did not use hotel rooms, they were unaware of this arrangement, and so had not notified the treasurer of their not using lodging funds via e-mail, thus, per the treasurers stated practice, they would still have had lodging expenses allocated against their budgets despite never having actually realized such an expense.

This leads to several problems:

- 1) Reporting of expenses that did not actually occur against a budget holders' budget
  - 2) Potential missing money – where did the money go that was reported as an expense?
    - a. Was the hotel overpaid for rooms never booked or used?
    - b. Did something else happen to the money?
- Area Committee was able to reach substantial unanimity; will present to Area Assembly on Sunday, January 20, 2019

**Announcements** – Christina S.

**Close Meeting** – Unity Declaration

Area Assembly Meeting  
Sunday, January 20, 2019

**Open of General Assembly – Rick M.**

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- Thanks to all for the opportunity to serve the area

**Preamble to SETA Policies and Procedures Manual – Christina S.**

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**Area Committee Roll Call – Tammy Z.**

- 49 Area Committee Members in attendance
- See Pages 20-21 for table of Area Committee Roll Call

**Recognize New GSRs, Past Delegates & Guest(s) – Rick M.**

- All GSRs, Past Delegates and Guests introduced themselves
- Welcomed and thanked for their service
- All Standing Committee Chairs and Liaisons introduced themselves

**Secretary's Minutes – Deborah B.**

- October Area Committee Minutes were accepted as submitted with corrections

**Treasurer's Report – Ron S.**

- See Saturday, January 19, 2019 Report
- Accepted as presented

**Delegate Report – Troy B-D.**

- See Saturday, January 19, 2019 Report

**Alternate Delegate Report – Kris H.**

- See Saturday, January 19, 2019 Report

**2019 SETA Convention Update – Veronica M.**

- See Saturday, January 19, 2019 Report
- Final registration count will be given at April Assembly, but as of Sunday, the count is 1,440 registrations
- We hope to present a Financial Report in April that will show we were able to stay within our initial proposed budget.

**2019 Texas State Convention Update – Deborah D.**



- See Saturday, January 19, 2019 Report

### **SWRAASA Reginal Pool Attendees Reports – Christina S. & Vern P.**

- Ron & Troy presented on Humility and Seventh Tradition
- Shared experience with Bringing Dark Groups Back to Service - Great discussion and ideas, one of which was calling them Silent Groups instead of Dark Groups
- Packed full of so many topics: Grapevine was facilitated by Jeanie from District 82; Area Chair workshop gave new ideas for venues about where to hold assemblies; doesn't necessarily need to be at hotel; other areas are holding them at schools or community centers
- Treasury workshop was good; talked about stuff that our area is already doing such as using QuickBooks, having multiple signers on the account and a finance committee
- Vern facilitated a workshop on Trustees and Service Structure; Didn't feel he was qualified enough to give the workshop and should have said no; Ron C. showed up to help field some tough questions; he learned that it is appropriate to not always say yes if not qualified to do it justice
- Went to a workshop that focused on LGBTQ meetings and was surprised after 70 years since we approved the Traditions that groups are still having problems with application of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition

### **Disaster Response Plan (Update) – Peter C.**

- See Saturday, January 19, 2019 Report

### **New GSR Workshop Report – Peter C.**

- **Open Meeting with the Serenity Prayer**
- **Introductions:** Approx. 50 people in attendance. New GSR's, experienced GSR's & Spanish RSG's-Paul M Panel 53, Mike D. Panel 49 & Yolanda F. SWR Trustee
- Paul reviewed SETA Handouts (note only made 25 but could have used twice that) Regional & Area maps, General Service Conference & Area 67 Structures, Conference Procedures, Acronyms/Terms & Group Change Form.
- **Review of Pamphlets**
  - Mike D., Paul M., & Yolanda F. shared on GSR May be the most Important Job in A.A.- connection to AA as a whole
  - Paul did an overview of the pamphlets-
    - The A.A. Group
    - What is an AA Group?
    - Difference between Open and Closed Meetings
    - The Home Group
    - The Seventh Tradition
    - What is an informed Group Conscience?
    - What is The Spirit of Rotation?
    - AA Group Inventory
    - What AA Does Not Do
- Mike D. touched on-Twelve Traditions Illustrated
- Concepts Illustrated –Yolanda, Paul & Mike touched on Concepts 1, 2, 4 & 9<sup>th</sup>: Responsibility, Delegation, Right of Decision, and Leadership
- Paul touched on aa-seta.org check GSR page, Seta Chair page for agendas & voting info, subscribe page-sign up for seta-announce@aa-seta.org & upcoming Regional Forum
- Questions and Answers
- Topics asked about: Group change form, more handouts, more in-depth GSR Wksp's and possible GSR buddies at Assemblies
- Close the meeting with: **A Declaration of Unity** - This we owe to A.A.'s future; to place our Common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity Depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

**Roll Call for Voting – Tammy Z.**

- 91 voting members in attendance

**Unfinished Business**

**Open Positions**

- 2020 Convention Chair – Danny G. stood for and was voted in
- SCAP Chair – Melanie M. stood for and was voted in
- Oficina Intergroupa Hispana (D63,64, 65) Liaison – Edwin C. stood for and was voted in
- Brazos Valley Intergroup – Robert H. did not serve a full term prior to this rotation; willing to stand again and was voted in

**New Business**

**Area Inventory AD Hoc Committee Update – Paul M., Kathleen T., Pam F.**

- See Saturday, January 19, 2019 Report

**Motion for 2018 Hotel Lodging Expense Accounting – Vern P.**

- See Saturday, January 19, 2019 Report
- Motion passes

**Announcements – Christina S.**

**Close Meeting – Unity Declaration**

## **Service Committee Reports**

### **Archives – Eddie R.**

No report submitted

### **CPC – Dave L.**

No report submitted

### **CFC – Roy E.**

We had our first meeting for 2019 on January 16th at the District 66 location which is on 5645 Hillcroft #410 between 59 and Westpark. We still meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm except during regular Assembly months.

Most of our positions have been filled except for Grapevine and IT chair

We really looking for an IT chair which will be responsible for posting meeting minutes and treasurers reports and updating all of the contact information

Please contact Roy - corrections chair if interested in this. Don't have to have an extensive IT background

Our Blue Can Fund brought in \$56,412.57 for the year of 2018. This up a little bit from the year 2017 which brought in \$54,207. All of this money as well as the other \$22 - 25 k that the other past intergroup CF committee has raised all goes for AA conference approved literature that goes into Jails and Prisons in the South East Texas Area and beyond.

Our Correspondence is coming around and our list for willing correspondence people continues to grow and we have over 100 people willing to write letters and quite a few people willing to do prerelease or Bridging the Gap as is known by other areas. So far in the first couple of weeks in the new year we have received 8 letters. 4 of them literature request. The corrections desk continues to send us members that are fixing to get out and coming to our area and we try and get them hooked up with a temporary contact or someone that will help them get to their first meeting when they get out.

Did a CFC presentation at the West Spring group and got a couple of more people to write letters.

Going to try and have a TDCJ volunteer training in District 81 at the Clear Creek Club and this should be around the month of May and when we get a confirmed date, we will post it in SETA announce. May have speaker and CFC presentation there

SETA CFC will be hosting 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Corrections Conference in 2019. November 1,2,3. Will be at the Double Tree over by the Sheraton where we have our Area Assembly. We are working on our workshop panel agenda and am asking for other area committee support especially Archive, Grapevine and Treatment Facilities committees. We will be having an Archives Display room and possibility of needing panelist to speak on their committee work, especially how it relates to corrections work.

And finally, always looking for volunteers especially in Navasota at the Pack units on Sundays and the Estelle Unit in Huntsville on Mondays and then there is meetings going on every other day and if you are an approved volunteer, we will get you in somewhere. Good place for your group or as Tradition 5 says "a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose - that of carrying the message to the alcoholic that still suffers."

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Roy E.

**Finance** – Michelle H.

No report submitted

**Grapevine** – Kimberly L.

No report submitted

**IT** – Stephenie O.

No report submitted

**La Viña** – Alicia M.

- District 62, La Viña committee has an open position for chair
- District 63 chair Elias L. they have \$ 295.00 literature cash, treasure cash \$174.00, subscriptions they have 124 and \$ 28.00 cash to purchase more subscriptions
- District 64 La Viña committee has an open position for chair, in treasure \$104.00, also 154 subscriptions and \$ 4.00 in cash for subscriptions
- District 65 chair Jose G. they have \$ 951.00 in cash for literature, in cash treasure \$ 115.00 they also have 69 subscriptions.
- District 66 they are selling raffle ticket for packages with La Viña literature, the cost of that package is \$ 133.00 each one. La Vina committee chair is Narda

With Love and Service,  
Alicia M.

**Literature** – Jackie S.

The Area Literature Committee met Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> via ZOOM from 8:30 to 9:30 PM. We voted to continue meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the same time in the evening. We started the new term off with discussing the Who, What, When, Where and How's of raising awareness for A.A. Conference-Approved literature, audiovisual and other special items as described in the Literature Chair's job description in the Area P & P. As a committee, we can all do this together! And try to have fun too! For the SETA Convention Literature Display table, I bought several new / updated pamphlets, a few books, the new Anonymity Poster and candy! As discussed during our meeting, I am prepared to give away a few Anonymity Posters to Literature Committee members to take back to their home groups or Districts to help raise awareness. So far so good, I am looking forward to the rest of this term.

Love and Tolerance,  
Jackie S.  
Area Literature Chair

**Multi-Lingual** – Armando H.

No report submitted

**Newsletter** – Annette C.

No report submitted

**PI** – Amy E.

No report since committee did not meet prior to assembly.

**SCAP - OPEN**  
No report submitted

**TFC – Sarah O.**  
No report submitted

**Brazos Valley Intergroup - OPEN**  
No report submitted

**Houston Intergroup – Evan K.**  
The Houston Intergroup Board of Directors welcomes Lester B. as its new chairperson. Book sales continue to decline by 6% annually. On January 17th, the board discussed and approved a budget of \$242,700 for operating expenses for 2019. The bookstore completed its year-end inventory which resulted in a \$3,290 loss due to shrinkage. Intergroup continues to have trouble with its web hosting service that prevents uploading board minutes & financial statements since May 2018. The office received a contribution of \$300 from Alcoholics Anonymous District 40 Area 67.

**9<sup>th</sup> District Intergroup – Lori H.**  
No report submitted

**Oficina Intergroupa Hispana (D63, 64, 65) - OPEN**  
No report submitted

**Intergroupa Hispano Del SW (D66 & 67) – Andres P.**  
This intergroup consist of a service board and five auxiliary committees, PI, Twelve step, Literature, editorial and archives, and events and festivities. We also have a webpage- [www.intergrupohispanohouston.us](http://www.intergrupohispanohouston.us)  
At the moment the PI committee is working with El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala consulates. We meet every Saturday from 6-8 PM and we visit groups every Friday. We have 14-18 RIs in our meetings. At the moment there are a total of 28 groups in our intergroup. We would also like to invite you to our 4<sup>th</sup> Hispanic Forum of Texas which will be held on March 8-10, 2019. At hotel La Quinta Inn & Suites, 4431 Horizon Hill Blvd., San Antonio, Texas 7822

## District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

**District 10** – Tracy W.  
No report submitted

**District 20** – Jakalyn R.

- **In 2019, attendance increase:** In the past few years, we have had a decrease in attendance at the district meetings, which ranged from 4 to 8 people. Jackalyn ask those attending to support a goal of having 30 members attending District 20 this year. We have the possibility of having 30 plus from Lambda alone. We were very pleased to have 14 people for our first meeting.
- **Concepts and participation:** As you read through this report, you will see many places where participation and focusing on service are emphasized. In our district meetings, we are going to study the Concepts. We have a list of individuals who have volunteered to lead a concept for the next six months, and we will ask for more volunteers to finish out the year as we get into April and May. A copy of the Concept for the month will be emailed out before the meeting.  
As an introduction to Concept I at the first meeting, Jackalyn R. shared that people often miss the full nature of service because they don't discuss the Concepts in AA often, and she asked for volunteers to read, identify one or two ideas that are important to them, and be prepared to discuss each concept at the meeting.
- **Liaison Positions:** We already are increasing the number of filled Liaison positions. As we get Dark groups to send GSRs or members of these groups get interested in the district then we can increase the number of Liaisons from District 20.
- **Dark Groups:** Robert C. has provided an updated list of the Dark Groups in our District. Since we want to increase participation and attendance, Jackalyn asked each person to volunteer to visit and talk with one Dark Group a month about having a GSR to District 20.  
District 20 developed an informative GSR flyer that was used at the Houston Roundup District 20 table, which generated interest from three or four potential GSRs. Several people from other cities requested copies of the handout for their own use.  
Joe D., the Secretary, will email copies of the GSR fliers to the roster of District 20. A copy of the dark list group was circulated at the meeting, and several attendees committed to visit meetings.
- **Responsibility Pledge:** Jackalyn R. proposed that District Meetings begin with the Serenity Prayer and end with the Responsibility Pledge. The attendees agreed to accept this proposal.
- **2019 SETA Conference:** George S. requested that the District approve funds for him and Jackalyn R. to attend the 2019 SETA conference at Moody Gardens in Galveston, requesting registration fees, mileage costs and room costs. This motion was approved.
- **Policies and Procedures:** Jackalyn R. noted that the District 20 Policies and Procedures have become outdated. Jackalyn, George S., Robert C., and Joe D. will review and make recommendations to update the policies and procedures, which will be brought to the District in a future meeting for approval. The Policies and Procedures have not been updated since 2012.
- **Pamphlet/Literature Review:** Jackalyn asked if the group would be interested in having an opportunity to review AA pamphlets as a group, with the goal of providing GSRs with information to take back to their meetings. She suggested it might be a powerful way of carrying the message back to individual meetings. Allen B. volunteered to facilitate this for the District. George S. moved to accept Allen as literature liaison, to authorize him to purchase and bring pamphlets to the meeting for February for all of us to read for March, and to reimburse Allen's costs in doing so. The expectation is that this will be a test case for future months. Sharon H. seconded the motion, which passed. Allen agreed to provide a budget to see what it would cost to continue the pamphlet review through the end of the year.
- **Robert's Rules of Order:** Jackalyn presented a simplified chart of Robert's Rules of Order, which was previously reviewed by Betsy G. and others. The idea is to present some simple aspects of Robert's Rules to help us to learn how to use them in meetings. Her hope is that people will read and begin practicing these simple guidelines and see how they can be helpful in streamlining meetings. She asked

for the opportunity for them to be used for three or four months to see how it goes and intends to have the chart mailed out with the agenda each month.

Robert C. – Requested that we have extra copies of the chart at meetings as well. This idea was supported, and copies will be provided at each meeting.

- **Brain Storming Session:** At this point, the group engaged in a brain storming session for potential activities, events and workshop ideas to take place over the coming year.
- **District 20 Barbeque:** A Spring barbecue was approved last year. George S. will present potential dates during next month's meeting.
- **GSR Sharing Session/ "Ask it Basket"** Jackalyn noted that other districts have a practice where GSR's can anonymously present problems that may have arisen during meetings, such as difficulty with getting GSR attendance, dealing with group conscience issues, and the like. She polled the group to see if there was interest in adding that to our agenda.  
Rich noted his district used to do that at the ends of meetings and had an "ask it basket" that people could use to ask questions anonymously if they so desired for sensitive issues. Jackalyn said she intended to include time for something similar on future agendas. We will include 10 or 20 minutes to GSR discussion, with an "Ask it Basket" available for more sensitive issues that someone might want to raise anonymously
- **Enthusiasm:** District 20 has a group of new officers that are ready to expand the knowledge and experience of AA in the District 20 meetings. Jackalyn asked the attendees to name at the end of our first meeting how they felt about the meeting. These were the words expressed: They felt excited, encouraged, hopeful, and thought the meeting was very productive.

### **District 31 – Patty H.**

Greetings from District 31!

I am Patty H., the new District 31 DCM, and I very excited about service in our district. District 31 has over 40 groups and we are located in the northeast corner of the Southeast Texas area 67. We meet the third Sunday of every month at 2pm-4pm at the 494 meeting hall in Porter, Tx.

Since last assembly in October, we have been very busy. November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had a wonderfully successful Founders' day with over 70 in attendance. Thanks to our then Archives chair Darryl W. November 11<sup>th</sup> our district supplied the drinks for the Gratitude dinner. AND based on my calculations, we had enough coffee, sodas, and water for the next 4 years!! Soooo, I learned not to use formulas from the internet.

In December, we had a fantastic and fun District meeting with a delicious pot luck dinner and a hilarious AA Jeopardy game! District 31 knows how to party!

We had our first district meeting this year on January 13, it was early to accommodate our members that wanted to be here at the SETA Convention this weekend. We had over 35 people in attendance, which included 17 GSRs and Alt GSRs present. Our new alternate DCM is Cheryl M. and she has great plans for Fantastic workshops this year! I am so very grateful to have such wonderful and service minded colleagues in District 31. All of our service and committee positions have been filled! We continue to absolutely love AA Trivia and CHOCOLATE! If you have any really good AA trivia, please let me know.

We have continued to produce our own GSR handbook that has provided our GSRs with important and encouraging information. If you're interested in our handbook, I would be happy to show it to you!

Our goals include to have a service manual review, 4 workshops this year, and to visit all our groups during the next two years with information, literature, and our vision of service and dedication as we support our groups in any way we can.

I am EXCITED and so very grateful for this opportunity to be of Service.

In Loving Service,  
Patty H.  
DCM District 31

**District 32** – Brian D.  
No report submitted

**District 33** – OPEN  
No report submitted

**District 40** – Cindy M.  
No report submitted

**District 51** – Steven W.

Hello, my name is Steven and the DCM for District 51. District 51 meets on the last Saturday of the month @ 11:00am at the Delta Club.

The “P-11 Houston” meeting began last year. Their meeting is based on the P-11 Pamphlet, “The A.A. Member – Medications and Other Drugs.” They meet at the Delta Club on Sundays at 6:30pm. If you have experience with these types of meetings and are interested in helping out, just show up to the meeting.

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

In July of 2018, the district helped in bringing A.A. meetings into an adolescent treatment facility in SW Houston. Every Wednesday @ 6:30pm, holding a ladies’ and a gentlemen’s meeting. This has been a FANTASTIC experience! For some of these young men and women (ages 13-17) this has been their first exposure to A.A. It has been a great honor to be involved with this. These kids are at a really tough and pivotal place in their lives and we have this unique opportunity to be a positive turning force. Many have taken Big Books and have made arrangements with family to attend local A.A. meetings upon discharge. Having said that, we have a vital on-going need for volunteers to keep this going. I would highly recommend attending at least once.

We continue with our regular service meeting. The Service Manual and Concepts Meeting is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00pm – 8:30pm at the Delta Club. 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.

In our last few district meetings, our discussion has turned to the involvement of young people both in our district and Area 67. It has not escaped my attention that most in attendance at assemblies are either using walkers or just a few short weeks ahead of it. Certainly, an argument for assisted living. In all seriousness there is little doubt that young people can and should play a vital role in AA and its future. As we see our average age increase and A.A. membership stagnate, we certainly want to embrace this vital arm of membership. At District 51 we have a new GSR from the young people's group held at the Bellaire Club on Fridays at 10:00pm Candlelight. On the 8th of this month, we held an ad hoc meeting discussing how our district and Area 67 could better serve young people. In attendance were 3 members of the HACYPAA (Heartland of America) bid committee, Ron our past delegate and officers of the district. We were impressed as to how much the young people in attendance appreciated that the district was willing to help them out in any way we could. This dedicated group of young A.A. members are currently working to bring the regional YPAA Convention to Houston next year and our district plans to provide them with a letter of support. They will also be holding a speaker meeting and Spades Tournament at the Delta Club on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 8:00pm.



We are currently working on a more expansive motion to replace the one that recently failed allowing TXSCYPAA to advertise at assemblies. We ask that if there are any groups or districts that would like to join District 51 in this effort, please let us know. Pray for us.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve

## **District 52 – Meece' T.**

### New Business

#### Goals for 2019

- Division of group data for visits
- Pamphlet of the month
- Open positions Treasurer/TFC/PI and CPC

The first committee meeting was energetic and full of promise. Incoming chairs and new GSR's were eager to continue to build the district by visiting each group within the District. Our goal is to explore Go-to-Meetings for the outlying groups and to extend the District resources to each group we serve. Our mission statement if there were one...." How may we serve you?"

### Old Business

- GSR History of the group(s) for presentation at the District and submission to Archives

### Action Items

- Secure group data information from Area Registrar
- Review budget prepare for vote in February
- Invite someone to the next District meeting
- Incorporate the spirit of "Unity" not only at the District meeting but in our groups, at work and home.

### Pamphlet of the month

Group voted to incorporate the pamphlet of the month, Lisa, current literature chair introduced "The AA Member – Medications and Other Drugs" P-11. She chose this particular pamphlet because it covered "Depression," something we all may deal with post-holidays.

In Love and Service,  
Meece' (Meeka) T.  
District 52 DCM

## **District 60 – Jann J.**

No report submitted

## **District 62 – Manuel R.**

No report submitted

## **District 63 – Jose P.**

Area 67 members and trusted servants receive greetings from district 63

District 63 has 8 registered groups and 5 of them are active at the district meeting, we still visit groups with no GSR.

We work with 2 committees, La Vina and CFC.

District meeting take place every Saturday from 6 and on, Thursday s when Area Assemblies or Hispanic events, we read 30 minutes the service manual every meeting.

We also visit groups every Tuesday.

We are currently working with the Hispanic National Convention and also with the Texas Hispanic Assemblies.

We have some service open position to be filled in.

Last year we had a CFC workshop in district 63 and we discuss about to have the Daily Reflections in a bigger size, we want to send this as an agenda item to GCS, thru our delegate this year.

MCD Jose P.

Alt. MCD Aurelio D.

### **District 64 – Severiano M.**

Our District has 16 groups within our District with 15 GSR's.

We have 3 active committees which consist of Correctional Committee, Literature Committee and La Vina and they each had their first meetings. These committees meet every Tuesday every 2 weeks. The committee members also go out to different meetings along with the district members.

Our District 64 meets every eight days on Saturdays at 6:00 PM, we change our meetings to Thursdays when there is an event (assemblies or conventions). We actively participate in all our events, Hispanic assemblies and Hispanic conventions as well as all events in our area. We participate with all the groups in our district and with other groups when invited.

We are working with the Asamblea Estatal de San Antonio (Hispanic Stat Assembly in San Antonio) which will be held in May 24, 25 and 26, 2019.

We hope to work better with Area 67 and with our Delegate and all area service members. We thank you for your support and giving us this time to relay our district report.

In Service,

Severiano M., DCM

Arturo B., Alt. DCM

### **District 65 – Arnulfo C.**

Hi, all trusted servant area 67, receive greeting from district 65 and hoping you all been enjoining 24 hours sobriety.

The district 65 has 18 groups but only 16 shows up at the district meeting, we get together every Saturday from 6 and on, we switch the district meeting to Thursday when we have area Assemblies or Hispanic events on weekends.

We visit district 65 groups every Thursday.

District 65 members CFC open a meeting every Tuesday from 7:30 to 8:30 at the Harris county jail.

La Vina committee encourage literature and subscriptions, this committee gather with all Spanish la vina committees from Houston the last Thursday of each month at 8 pm., we also gather with all la vina committees from South Texas and the La Vina Permanent Committee South Texas the first Sunday of each month.

The district 65 Literature committee encourage groups to purchase literature.

Love in service

DCM Arnulfo C.

Alt DCM Jose F.

### **District 66 – Manuel O.**

No report submitted

**District 70 – Brady G.**

On Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, District 70 started another year with their new officers and GSRs, both new and those returning from last year. Good enthusiasm from all. We discussed the coming year and put forth a list of possible workshops to be put on by the district. We will finalize the details in up-coming meetings. We are looking forward to a good year and participation for the workshops.

Thank you  
Brady G.  
DCM District 70

**District 81 – Catherine G.**

District 81 meets at the fine dining establishment of Kelly's in La Marque on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00. Our January attendance was 39, which included 6 visitors.

Mike and I met in December with our newly elected officers to discuss areas in our district where we could improve. And how each position could help in these areas such as: 1. Silent groups, 2. Blurred boundaries, 3. Group histories. We agreed to meet every other month after our district meeting to evaluate our progress.

Mike and I will be meeting with our committee chairs in February to discuss their individual goals and how we can support their development.

The only open committee chair is our Newsletter; however, this position is expected to be filled at our next meeting in February.

F & B worked on and presented a "fully funded" budget which was voted on and passed.

District 81 has begun the process of Topics for our annual district workshop.

We have 7 "Club Reporters" here at SETA for our Newsletter.

Greg G., our district archives chair, created the history of Galveston AA meetings for our Archives room here at SETA.

District 81 is hosting a Hospitality Room 916 here at SETA and we hope you stop by and enjoy.

Our district would like a representative from area to come to our district meeting to discuss "fully funding" our Delegate.

Catherine G. – DCM  
Mike P. – Alt. DCM

**District 82 – Jeanne B.**

No report submitted

**District 90 – Bella L.**

No report submitted

Area Committee Roll Call Jan 2019			
Position	Name	Committee	Assembly
<b>Area Officers</b>			
Delegate	Troy B-D.	X	X
Alternate Delegate	Kris H.	X	X
Chairperson	Rick M.	X	X
Alternate Chairperson	Christina S.	X	X
Registrar	Tammy Z.	X	X
Alternate Registrar	Corrie H.		
Secretary	Deborah B.	X	X
Alternate Secretary	Pam F.	X	X
Treasurer	Ron S.	X	X
Alternate Treasurer	Cynthia B.	X	X
<b>Standing Committee Chairpersons</b>			
Archives	Eddie R.		X
Alternate Archives	Joel G.	X	X
CPC	David L.	X	
Alternate CPC	Rosemary J.		X
CFC	Roy E.	X	X
Alternate CFC	Roland R.		X
Finance	Michelle H.	X	X
Alternate Finance			
Grapevine	Kimberly L.	X	X
Alternate Grapevine	Nicole L.		X
IT	Stephenie O.		X
Alternate IT			
La Vina	Alicia M.	X	X
Alternate La Vina			
Literature	Jackie S.	X	X
Alternate Literature	Elizabeth G.	X	X
Multi-Lingual	Armando H.	X	X
Alternate Multi-Lingual			
Newsletter	Annette C.	X	X
Public Information (PI)	Amy E.	X	X
Alternate PI	Sonya O.		X
SCAP			
Alternate SCAP			
TFC	Sarah O.	X	X
Alternate TFC			
<b>Convention Chairs</b>			
2019 Convention Chair	Veronica M.	X	X
2019 Convention Co-Chair	Danny G.		X
2020 Convention Chair			
2020 Convention Co-Chair			
State Convention 2019	Deborah D.	X	X
<b>Liaisons to Intergroup</b>			
Brazos Valley Intergroup	Robert H.		
Houston Intergroup	Evan K.		X
Ninth District Intergroup	Lori H.		
Ninth District Intergroup Alternate			
Oficina Intergroupa Hispana (D63,64,65)			
Intergrupa Hispano Del SW (D66 &67)	Andres P.	X	X
Intergrupa Hispano Del SW Alternate (D66 &67)			
<b>DCMs</b>			
District 10 DCM			

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Position	Name	Committee	Assembly
District 10 Alt DCM			
District 20 DCM	Jackalyn R.	X	X
District 20 Alt DCM	George S.		
District 31 DCM	Patricia H.	X	X
District 31 Alt DCM	Cheryl M.	X	X
District 32 DCM	Rick L.	X	X
District 32 Alt DCM	Kim B.		
District 33 DCM	Tony W.		X
District 33 Alt DCM			
District 40 DCM	Cindy M.	X	X
District 40 Alt DCM	Reino F.		
District 51 DCM	Steven W.	X	X
District 51 Alt DCM			
District 52 DCM	Meece T.	X	X
District 52 Alt DCM	Richard G.		
District 60 DCM	Deborah M.		X
District 60 Alt DCM			
District 62 DCM	Manuel R.		
District 62 Alt DCM			
District 63 DCM			
District 63 Alt DCM	Jose P.		
District 64 DCM	Severiano M.		X
District 64 Alt DCM	Arturo B.		
District 65 DCM	Arnulfo C.	X	X
District 65 Alt DCM			
District 66 DCM	Manual O.		X
District 66 Alt DCM	Abraham A.		
District 70 DCM	Brady G.	X	X
District 70 Alt DCM	Byron T.		X
District 81 DCM	Catherine G.	X	X
District 81 Alt DCM	Mike P.	X	X
District 82 DCM	Jeanne B.	X	X
District 82 Alt DCM	Theresa (Teri) V.		
District 90 DCM	Bella L.	X	X
District 90 Alt DCM	Art G.	X	X