# Southeast Texas Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous



# **1st Quarter Assembly Minutes**

Saturday & Sunday January 22-23, 2022

Houston City Place Marriott Springwoods Village 1200 Lake Plaza Dr. Spring, TX 77389

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 22, 2022

## **Open of General Assembly** – Christina S.

- Opened meeting with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
- Welcomed new DCM's

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

• Read the Preamble to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual

## Area Committee Roll Call – Kathleen T.

• See Pages 19-20 for table of Area Committee Roll Call

## Secretary's Minutes – Meece' T.

October Area Committee Minutes were accepted as submitted

Treasurer's Report – Reino F.

# Job Description Presentation - Pam F.

## **Unfinished Business**

**Open Positions** 

- La Vina Committee Chair
- Oficina Intergroupa Hispana (D63,64,65)
- Intergrupa Hispano Del SW (D66 & 67)

## New Business

## Open Position:

Brazos Valley Intergroup (Bryant/College Station)

# Motion to extend Hybrid Area Assemblies - Ron S.

<u>Committee Purpose</u>: This committee prepares the budget for the following fiscal year. This is done with the Budget Committee comprised of the Area treasure, Finance Chair and any assembly member requiring funding for approved Area service work. Also, we study and review the needs of the Assembly as a whole, as they relate to income and expense, with an aim to

insure a healthy, but practical Area financial status that honors the intent of the Seventh Tradition of self- support.

<u>Purpose of this motion</u>: The Area Finance Committee has been charged with the preparation and presentation of this motion by the Area Chair. The motion is to determine, if in fact, the Area Assembly should continue Hybrid Assemblies throughout 2022 (April/July and October).

Background: The Fellowship has relied upon Audio Visual technology (Zoom) since the start of the Pandemic, approximately early April 2020. Without this technology it would have been almost impossible to conduct meetings and the business of Southeast Texas Area 67. The current state of this pandemic changes daily and with this in mind, the Finance Committee presents this motion in accordance with <u>Concept IX</u>: "Now we come to the all-important attribute of vision. Vision is, I think, the ability to make good estimates, both for the immediate and for the more distant future. Some might feel this sort of striving to be a sort of heresy, because we A.A.'s are constantly telling ourselves, "One Day at a time." But that valuable principle really refers to our mental and emotional lives and means chiefly that we are not foolishly to repine over the past nor wishfully to daydream about the future...Vision is therefore the very essence of prudence, an essential virtue if ever there was one. Of course we shall often miscalculate the future in whole or in part, but that is better than to refuse to think at all. The making of estimates has several aspects. We look to the past and present experience to see what we think it means. From this we derive a tentative ide. r policy. Looking first at the nearby future, we ask how our idea or policy might work. Then we ask how our policies or ideas might apply under the several differing conditions that could arise in the longer future. (AA Service manual p 38-39)

With that being so stated please consider the following:

- Cost of each Assembly prior to additional fees \$5,012.48
- The purpose of Hybrid Assemblies; Inclusiveness during Pandemic, "To us, The Real of Spirit is Broad, roomy, all inclusive; never exclusive or forbidding to those who earnestly seek.: (BBp 46)
- This motion ONLY covers the Hotel's additional Audio-Visual component for the Hybrid Assemblies.
- Use of additional unrestricted funds remaining in Budget
- Cost of cancellations (see cancellation requirements below)

The estimate of the additional cost per Assembly, for the sake of clarity and transparency:

## Quote # 3449-3186

**SETA Assembly** - Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Houston Intercontinental Airport 15747 John F Kennedy Blvd Houston, T*X* 77032 Tel: TBD

Equipment Rental/Operator Labor Setup Charges Ext. Price \$1,502.00 + \$420 (setup/breakdown)

## SUBTOTAL

Service Charge \$1,922.00 + \$410.88

### Total Estimate \$2,332.88/Assembly

<u>EVENT CANCELLATION</u>. If Customer cancels the Event or the provision of audiovisual equipment, labor, or services by Encore 30 days or more before the first day of the Event, no cancellation charges will apply, except for any expenses actually incurred or services actually rendered by Encore, which will be payable by Customer.

Motion: The Finance Committee motions that \$7,500 in unrestricted funds be used to cover the Audio-Visual costs for three Hybrid Assemblies in 2022. Rounded up for unforeseen cost: \$2,500.00/Assembly = \$7,5000/Year

# The Committee voted FOR this motion by majority vote.

# Motion for additional printing of minutes:

The funding for providing hard copies of the Area Secretary minutes were reduced in the budget meeting in 2020 to mitigate the loss in printing copies that were not being used. The thought process of the Budget Committee was to cut cost so that we may fully fund our Delegate.

During the July Assembly, many members of the fellowship expressed concern that there were no copies available during the assembly. The Area Secretary provided a minimal amount of copies (30) during the October Assembly and the cost exceeded the budgeted amount for the year, which was \$100 for the entire year of 2021.

This motion is a request to increase the funding for copies for 2022 **AND** to request the difference between the amount funded for 2021 and the amount actually paid for additional copies.

Budgeted \$100.00/2021

Actual Cost \$213.25/Oct Assembly

Difference \$113.25/2021

The amount requested for 2022 will be an additional \$700.00 calculated below:

Budgeted \$100.00

Actual Cost \$200/Assembly (\$800.00)

Difference \$700.00

# The Committee voted FOR this motion by majority vote.

Announcements – Christina S.

**Close Meeting** – Unity Declaration

# **Area Assembly Meeting**

# Sunday, January 20, 2019

# **Open of General Assembly** – Christina S.

• Opened meeting with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

# Preamble to SETA Policies and Procedures Manual – Bella L.

• Read the Preamble to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual

# Area Committee Roll Call – Kathleen T.

- 77 Voting Area Committee Members in attendance
- See Pages 19-20 for table of Area Committee Roll Call

# Recognize New GSRs, Past Delegates & Guest(s) - Christina S.

• All GSRs, Past Delegates and Guests

# Secretary's Minutes – Meece' T.

October Area Committee Minutes were accepted as submitted

# Treasurer's Report - Reino F.

• Accepted as presented

# Delegate Report – Kris H.

It's hard to believe that we are already more than halfway through this rotation. As Grapevine-La Vina conference committee chair, I'm set to leave for Brooklyn on Wednesday to attend the Grapevine Board meeting on Thursday, followed by attendance in as many of the other trustee committee meetings as I can fit in during the January Board weekend. I will return Monday afternoon following the General Service Board meeting. Back in October, the trustees' committees, A.A.W.S. Board and Grapevine Board reviewed and discussed a total of 178 submissions and agreed to forward 15 to the 72nd G.S.C. The EDW plan will be finalized during the January 2022 General Service Board weekend. In total, the preliminary agenda has 81 items, most of which begin with the words "Review progress report...". I anticipate that the Final List of Agenda items with committee assignments will be available very soon after the Board weekend with the full background in both English and Spanish available in early March. I will forward the list of items as soon as I receive them. I will coordinate with IT what will be the best, most secure way to provide digital access to the background pdf files.

It was great to have Josh here this weekend, as we were able to hold a video conference with the entire 72nd Grapevine La Vina conference committee now that the Panel 72's have rotated in. He went through our preliminary agenda, which has four items. Just as a heads up, one of them is to discuss the wide-ranging impact that the Preamble change has had on our A.A Fellowship. The background for this item will contain a letter from the Grapevine Board Chair explaining the rationale for this item along with a detailed timeline and history of the resulting advisory action last year. Based on a slide that we were shown during Committee Chair Orientation on Friday morning, I don't anticipate that our committee will receive any of the EDW items, but that could change.

Once again, I will try to compile a google form for each of the 15 new items and will also include a form for the Preamble item. Given that this year, the April Assembly may possibly be a hybrid, I will try to make sure that both in-person and virtual roundtables are accommodated.

I have been forwarding all of the news type communications that I receive from GSO and Grapevine via SETA Announce, and I apologize for any duplication that might occur in your inbox if you are already receiving those directly-the delete button does have therapeutic properties. One of the most notable ones has to do with the ongoing supply chain shortage and its effect on Big Book availability. I was asked to stress that "we are doing all we can to alleviate disruptions, but all of this is well beyond our control. We have contracted with various printers, purchased months of paper stock in advance, etc. but the world just isn't functioning well right now and AA is in fact part of the world. Send folks to Intergroup and Central Offices if you can as they may have warehouse stock. More will be revealed as the situation unfolds."

As always, feel free to reach out if you have questions or concerns, and I will try to help. I encourage everyone to make sure they are on the seta-announce email list. Subscribe from the aa-seta.org website (left column near the bottom of the page).

In service, Kris H. P71/A67 Southeast Texas

# Alternate Delegate Report - Rick M

Good morning, everyone, my name is Rick M., and I am an alcoholic. I am very grateful to be serving as your Alternate Delegate for Panel 71. Thank you for your trust and for allowing me this opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. This past year has been interesting in many ways and certainly flew by with record speed. It has been a year of learning and adapting to even more unexpected developments than we did in 2020.

It is my responsibility to keep you informed of regional events. This year's regional event will be the Southwest Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (SWRAASA). It will take place October 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> in Tulsa OK, which is the weekend following our election Assembly. Some of you may be wondering what is this weird sounding thing called SWRAASA? Well, SWRAASA is a fantastic opportunity to learn about service in AA, AA history and AA's 12 Traditions. If later this year you find yourself elected to a position you didn't expect to hold, SWRAASA is a perfect opportunity to hear shared experience from other trusted servants who held that position. There will be workshops for each position in AA from GSR all the way down the triangle to Delegate. There are also workshops for all the service committees, so you will have the opportunity to investigate which of AA's committees suits your fancy. SWRAASA is a lot of fun and very interesting and I urge each of you to make an effort to attend if at all possible. Watch your e-mail for a seta-announce notification with the details on how to register and the hotel details.

In love and service, Rick M. Alternate Delegate A67/P71

New GSR Workshop Report – No Report

# Unfinished Business

# **Open Positions**

- La Vina Committee Chair
- Oficina Intergroupa Hispana (D63,64,65); Dina S. stood and was voted in
- Intergroupa Hispano Del SW (D66 and 67)

# New Business

**Open Position**– Brazos Valley Intergroup

# Motion to extend Hybrid Area Assemblies – Ron S.

• Motion passed unanimously

Motion for Additional Printing of Minutes - Withdrawn Announcements – Bella L.

**Close Meeting** – Responsibility Statement

# **Service Committee Reports**

## Archives – Mike D.

- Archives gave a presentation at District 70 on 11/10/21. The hope was to encourage the District and its Groups to get involved with their history. This activity led to the planning of doing the same for each District and their Groups in the Area in 2022. Sarah D. is working on the email to each District's DCM & Alt. DCM to coordinate the best time to give the presentation. This email will also be translated to send to the Spanish speaking Districts.
- District 40's Archives Representative, Mike B., has reached out to Tony A. to do the translation for the email, and possibly some display and digital items.
- A digital piece, "AA History in Houston", will be one of the first projects to add Spanish subtitles to. Thank you to Eddie R. for the use of this piece, especially recently at District 40. Thank you to Sarah D. and Arthur S, for the history of this piece.

For all the groups, virtual or in person, which are new; please reach out to us with your group history.

For the older groups, please reach out to us for an old timers talk. These are always great for newer AA members to get to know our earlier times.

On a side note: Does anyone here know Barbara G. (Greene)? May have moved to Austin last October. She used to be involved in CFC work. We need to get a hold of her if anyone knows how to contact her.

Yours in service,

Mike D., Chair – <u>mike.d@aa-seta.org</u>

CPC – Don P.

CPC Chair Report to Area Convention - January 21, 2022

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 year the CPC Committee:

- Current committee chairs: o CPC Chair Don P.
- o Alternate CPC Chair Open
- o CPC Secretary Open
- o CPC Veteran/Military/Police/Fire Department Chair Bill A. o CPC Clergy Chair Open
- o CPC Hospital Chair Open
- o CPC Court Chair Open
- o CPC Schools Professionals Chair Open
- o CPC Disaster Response Chair Bill A.
- o CPC Business/Employee Assistance Program Chair Open
- Our committee members are working on identifying our goals and objectives for 2022.

• Members of the committee have continued to stay engaged and active with several networking groups, such as The

Recovery Network, Houston Recovery Initiative and the Texas Chapter of the Social Workers Association.

• Prior to our lives changing with Covid, there was a lot of energy and work toward getting our 12-step Hospital Program

established for Area 67, similar to the one currently being implemented in Western Washington (Area 72) and Central California (Area 72). We are staying in touch with the decision makers and looking forward to the time when the environment improves.

• This past year, we carried the message of "Friendly with our Friends" to the 65th Annual National Convention of Medical Assistants here in Houston. Our Alternate Delegate Rick M. and Kristin (Pickle) from Lake Jackson spoke to a group of medical professionals from around the country. Rick and Pickle did an incredible job and really connected with their audience, evident from the questions and comments that we received. Thank you, Rick and Pickle, for representing AA so well.

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 how to carry the message by being "Friendly with our Friends" as Bill liked to call it.

• 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 ZOOM, meeting ID: 632 634 860 (https://zoom.us/j/632634860).

For more information or to help, please contact us at " cpc@aa-seta.org

In Service,

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

CFC – Roland R. *No Report* 

Finance – Ron S. No Report

Grapevine – Luis A. *No Report* 

IT – Jorge F. *No Report* 

La Viña - Open Position

Literature – Hilton L. *No Report* 

**Multi-Lingual** – Armando H. No report submitted

**Newsletter** – Annette C. No report submitted

PI – Kristi A.

CPC/PI North American Forum- Feb. 12th@13<sup>th</sup> (Virtual) registration information sent through SETA Announce Next Area PI Committee Meeting- Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm, Zoom ID-330 417 285, Password- 153379

Public Information Committee will be hosting a table at the UNITY CONFERENCE- Feb. 25th @26th in

Kurten/Bryan TX. (D33)

LONE STAR COLLEGE HEALTHFARE- March 9th 10am-2pm, Tomball Campus

PI Committee is setting up information table

DISTRICT (70) MONTHLY MEETING-PI Committee will attend and share information on-March 16<sup>th</sup> food and fellowship at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm

7011 Spencer Hwy.

Pasadena, TX. 77505

Exciting news from District 40's PI Committee- (Theresa S.) They are busy placing Adopt-A-Racks across the district.

A PSA is in print in the January Cyfair edition of the Community Impact newspaper. The Katy addition will be out at the end of the month. The PSA will run in both editions for three months.

SCAP – Deborah M. *No Report* 

TFC – Keyndal W. No Report

# Brazos Valley Intergroup - Open Position

# Houston Intergroup - Joel G.

Intergroup is looking for volunteers to answer phones. 2 Shifts - 9am-1pm and 1pm-5pm Bookstore has resumed normal business hour of 10am to 4pm Intergroup has volunteer position available, AA.org has a new website World Services is out of Hardcover BB Intergroup has stock of these on hand or online. Board Election were held New chair has reached out to me to see how Intergroup, and the area can work together to exchange information

Will start doing call reporting next assembly What is Intergroup and the Delegates and board Trustees Formed new positions - Events Committee - PI Committee

# 9<sup>th</sup> District Intergroup – Ray F. *No Report*

**Oficina Intergroupa Hispana (D63, 64, 65)** – Dina S. *No Report* 

Intergroupa Hispano Del SW (D66 & 67) – OPEN

## January 2022 SETA Convention Report

Dear SETA Family,

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!! I am so grateful for each and every person who participated in the 59th SETA Convention!!! Boy, I hope you enjoyed the event as much as I did. I want to especially thank those who were unable to attend due to COVID and were generous enough to exchange their full registration fees for a Virtual Attendance link. These retained registration fees helped us to reduce the negative impact on our budget caused by the pandemic.

I want to thank Ronald C. for stepping up at the very last minute to serve as Voice for the convention. It's a heavy time commitment for the weekend, and physically demanding as well. He didn't hesitate when called upon to be of service, and he led us through the weekend with humor, joy, and enthusiasm.

Thank you to Tina S, the alternate convention Treasurer, and Ron Shaw, Area Finance Chair, for stepping up to handle the money collection and accounting over the convention weekend when our Treasurer fell ill. Having Tina and Ron step up gave me such confidence and assurance. I knew I didn't need to worry about what was going on with the money accounting all weekend, and that was a great relief! A shout out to Tina's husband, Shane, for pitching in to help them.

If you were not aware, Allise B., Betsy G., James B., Jorge F., Marshall W., and Ryan R. really worked hard throughout the weekend in conjunction with our taper, Lee Y. (and his team), to provide outstanding audio/visual services for the event. Due to Allise's efforts, we were able to have Zoom projections of the speakers in the Al-Anon, Hispanic, and Overflow breakout rooms at no cost. And a big shout out of thanks to Districts 32 and District 52 for providing their Zoom equipment. Betsy, Jorge, Marshall, and Ryan supported the Zoom broadcasts for our virtual convention attendees, as well as the Area Committee, Area Assembly, and GSR Workshops. All of the beautiful historic posters, videos, and the sound and projection equipment in the ballrooms were provided by Lee at no charge, saving the convention thousands of dollars in audio/visual costs that the hotel would have charged. I'm so grateful to all of these individuals for their contributions.

Due to Veronica Mendez's diligence and enthusiasm, we had hospitality contributions from the Santa Fe Group, Serenity Group (Woodlands), This Side of the Lake Group, and Districts 40, 52, 70 and 90. Due to their generosity, Veronica's team was able to offer low-cost food and snacks throughout the weekend to convention attendees without utilizing the \$2000 allocated for hospitality in the convention budget. Thank you to Veronica and those groups and districts for your contributions!

I don't have the time or space to call out every single convention committee chair for all that they did to make our event so great, but we were really blessed to have each and every one of you who was willing to commit for the weekend to making sure our event was wonderful! Archives, Coffee, CFC, Entertainment, First Timers, Grapevine, Greeters, Hospitality, Literature, Marathon Meetings, Multi-Lingual, Registration, Scholarships, Security, Speaker Hosts/Gifts/Readers, Signs/Banners/Flowers, and YPAA - and all of the SETA Area Standing Committee representatives who brought their displays and information. Thank you each and every one, along with all of your alternates and volunteers!!!

I want to recognize my co-chair, Tony W., Beth L., the Voice, Treasurer Lauren D., and Greeter's chair, Dan M., who all worked so hard during the planning stages and were unable to attend due to falling ill to COVID the week of the event. We missed you being there and give thanks for everything you contributed. I could not have done this without you.

#### Attendance

We had a lower attendance than the average SETA Convention. Initially, we chose a smaller facility to reduce the guest room block requirements (which are always difficult to meet when the convention is held in Houston) and anticipated a lower attendance because of this.

The surge in COVID in the weeks leading up to the event made us very apprehensive about how many people would actually show up. So overall, we are very happy with these numbers!

AA/AI-Anon = 1,327 Virtual = 97 Scholarships Given = 42

## Financials

My hope was that this event would not experience a loss, and we worked hard to ensure success. However, I have learned over the years that the SETA Convention is not about making money, it is about doing the footwork and leaving the results to God. It has always been about carrying the message of AA and service, showing newcomers how to have fun in sobriety, and exposing everyone to our service committees and opportunities. I am proud that we knocked those goals out of the park.

Losses are attributed to lower attendance than previous conventions due to and space restrictions and the pandemic, along with higher-than-expected coffee consumption/cost. We had planned for 203 gallons for the weekend, and you all drank 333 gallons!!! This resulted in a 61% increase in coffee consumption and related charges.

### Convention Loss = \$2,905.70

## Handoff

We were able to give left over registration and hospitality materials, etc., to Annette C. from Beaumont on Sunday at the end of the convention. I went to visit her a few weeks ago and we reviewed all of the processes and lessons learned from the 2022 convention so that she is set up for success. Please reach out to her to see how you can be of service to the convention. The committee should have Area-wide representation and never be the burden of just one district. WE stay sober together!!!

## Gratitude

When Rick Mueller contacted me in 2019 and asked if I would be willing to stand for convention chair, I was honored to be considered and excited about the opportunity. I have served on many convention committees in the past 31 years, and I worked in event planning professionally for 9 years. I truly love the experience of bringing together alcoholics of all backgrounds and lengths of sobriety to expand our collective AA knowledge and networks. My first convention was at 9 months of sobriety in 1991, and I still remember the impact the speakers and the fellowship had on me. I believe that campouts, conventions, roundups, workshops, jamborees, speaker jams, and anything else that we do to bring a bunch of drunks together to have fun in sobriety while learning about AA as a Whole (and the service opportunities) is KEY to ensuring the future of Alcoholics Anonymous while combating the limited scope view that members have when only participating in their home group and/or small local gatherings.

I challenge all of you to step up to serve our convention and other service committees, and to expand your AA network and experience. In fact, step up to serve in any way that you can! There is so much work to be done. I promise you will never regret it! Even when things are difficult, and you have many opportunities to truly apply the principles and traditions to overcome challenges, you will never regret it! That has been my experience. I know I am a much better AA member because of the service opportunities I've accepted - more changed by this than by the many AA meetings I have attended. In the words of the beloved Oldtimers, "Just get in the #@&!! car!" You will not regret it!

The theme of this convention was "...happily and usefully whole." I feel that all who helped to make this event a success were able to experience this promise from the Foreword to the Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions. I know that it is true for me. Thank you for trusting me and thank you for my sobriety.

Love in service, Debi F. Debi.F@aa-seta.org District 10 - OPEN

District 20 – George S. *No Report* 

**District 31** – Cheryl M. Greetings from District 31!

I'm Cheryl M and I have the honor of serving as the 2021-2022 District 31 DCM. We are located in the northeast corner of the Southeast Texas Area 67. We meet the third Sunday of every month from 2p m-4 pm at the 494-meeting hall in Porter, Texas.

We are continuing to hold our District meetings in a hybrid format. Attendance is still less than pandemic days but is improving. We recently filled 2 of our open positions (Intergroup and TFC, but our CPC Committee Rep. resigned so we still have 4 open positions (IT, PI, CPC and Archives).

In December we approved our 2022 budget which including carrying over several special projects previously funded since we were not able to complete them during 2021 due to covid and the resulting lack of trusted servants.

Our Alt. DCM, Karon M has been hard at work making the arrangements for our District sponsored workshops. The 25<sup>th</sup> Hour Group hosted the Service workshop on November 6<sup>th</sup>. There was a lot of great information shared by the Service Committee Representatives! Our next District sponsored workshop will be on Safety, hosted by the 1502 Group on Saturday, March 12. We'll be sending out a flyer about it soon. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

We continue to pray for the health and safety of all as we trudge the road of happy destiny.

In Service, Cheryl M, DCM District 31

> District 32 – Karon M. No Report

District 33 – Marcia C. *No Report* 

## District 40 – Jackie S.

My name is Jackie S., and it is an honor to serve as DCM for <u>District 40</u>! Serving as DCM is giving me more opportunities to trust God.

D40 plans to continue meeting on Zoom for the remainder of 2022 and the Meeting ID and passcode are posted to our D40 SETA webpage. Our meeting time is the  $2^{nd}$  Tuesday of each month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

All of our Committee Reps are doing a great job and we really enjoy their reports! Currently all positions are filled. Theresa S is our PI Committee rep, and she is working hard to submit PSAs in the local newspapers. We discussed several options she brought to the meeting, we voted, arrangements were made, the Cy-Fair circulation came out no problem and now we are waiting for the Katy circulation to come out! She is incorporating other members to help her and we are all learning more about the kind of work the PI Committee does. We recently voted to increase her PI 2022 budget with some leftover money from 2021.

Doug D., our Alternate DCM, spends time during most district meetings holding a sharing session to plan district activities. He has about 30 minutes and everyone that is present has the opportunity to give input and participate in the planning process. Recently he has chaired a virtual district sponsored workshop that was held last November. The focus was on AA service with a priority on GSR responsibilities. Then later, he happily coordinated district members to be supportive in the 2022 SETA Convention Hospitality Suite, both financially and by volunteering!

We decided to have a district celebration for the Holidays! We joined in with the Houston Intergroup Holiday Party! It was a lot of fun! We all enjoyed getting to see their new location located within the District 40 territory!

I am grateful to be here today!

Jackie.s@aa-seta.org

DCM D40

## District 51 – Gordon W.

District 51 participation has been holding steady since our last report. In addition to our 11 in person groups, we have two that meet online only. We continue to hold hybrid meetings and we meet on the last Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at the Delta Club and on Zoom.

Our focus has been on increasing participation at both the meeting and area level. Current conditions have hampered our efforts. We are also seeking an alternate DCM with the goal of serving as DCM a year from now.

We will continue to focus on increasing participation. Our goal is to be able to report progress at our next SETA conference.

In Service,

## District 52 – Chris G.

Our District meetings are held every 1st Tuesday of the month at the Ft Bend Regional Council in Stafford, TX. For those who wish to continue their virtual attendance, we provide this as a Hybrid Meeting utilizing Google Meet. For the past 3 months, we have experienced a shift from a 40/60 ratio to a 20/80 ratio of those attending virtually vs those attending in-person.

Having the TFC Chairperson filled earlier this January, District 52 has only the CFC position open! Although (1) position is open and (1) recently filled, several of our District Group Members remain very active in these areas, bringing AA Meetings and Literature into our local Treatment and Corrections Facilities. Some facilities have reopened for a few meetings, only to close again due to a resurgence of COVID cases. Our members stand ready to bring in AA Meetings immediately upon notification from those facilities. Also, during my group visits, even more members have expressed interest to participate in TFC/BTG activities.

District 52 is still focused on increasing service participation at the District Level and Group Level. Unfortunately, we have not added any new GSRs since the time of my last report in October 2021. We do have the same five dedicated GSRs regularly attending our District Meetings. Our District Group visits are revealing that GC activities are increasing, even though many are struggling with autonomy issues, AND struggling to fill positions! Of course, we will continue to contact and visit more Groups in our District as we identify them. Right now, our most current information lists 37 active groups in our District (down from 39). The entire D52 Panel is involved with contacting groups and with updating the District List information.

November - Our only Workshop for 2021: How to Lead a Meeting (or How Not to Lead a Meeting) was held

on November 13th, co-hosted by the Tri-Cities Group/Lamplighter's Facility. Around 35 members attended inperson and 5 virtually.

December - In response to the growing interest in our District concerning the BTG Program, we requested

the Area TFC Chairperson to speak at our December 7th District Meeting. Don M., our Area TFC Alt. Chairperson, presented the "revitalized" Bridge the Gap (BTG) program, discussed the associated District Responsibilities, and provided the procedures to volunteer. Further Training and *Input Access* to the Nationwide Database was provided by Kendyl W., the Area TFC Chairperson, later that month.

January - We continue with BTG implementation (with our new District TFC Chairperson), and continue

with Group Visits. Taylor Recovery Center reopened with a request to provide 7 pm AA Meetings - six days per week (currently is one day per week). We have contacted nearby Groups from D40, D51 and from within D52 to provide enough Group Member resources. As for the SETA Convention, D52 provided Hotel Stay Scholarships for two new GSRs (to attend Training), plus Convention Hospitality and AV Support.

Again, I MUST mention how blessed I am.... to have such a great panel of Officers and Committee Chairpersons! They continue to "step up" with remarkable enthusiasm, with a genuine dedication to the welfare of our AA groups, to AA as a whole.

District 60 – OPEN No report

District 62 – Ricardo D. No Report

District 63 – Ricardo R. *No Report* 

District 64 – Arturo B. *No Report* 

District 65 – Henrique G. *No Report* 

District 66 - Manuel O.

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District 66 has its meetings every Saturday from 6:00 pm. From now on and they are only suspended when there are assemblies and conventions of are 67, as well as Hispanic assemblies and conventions or any event related to Alcoholics Anonymous.

We currently have 19 active and 4 inactive Groups and 14 RSG and some alternate meetings are present at the weekly meetings. We have a studio meeting, the last Saturday of the month, the main theme being the service manual and the concepts.

The service table is complete, and we sing with the Committee de la Vina, Committee of Corrections and Committee of literature. Our roll of compartments has been changed to Fridays and we share with the Groups of our District, as well as we attend the invitations of any other Group or District, regardless of the area.

We attend The Assemblies and Conventions or some other Area 67 event and support Hispanic Assemblies and Conventions.

We request information on how the GSOs are working, in these times of covid, and what is the best way to get the contributions of the Groups and alcoholic companions.

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# District 70 – Deborah T.

- District 70 meets the second Wednesday of each month for our monthly business meetings at Kelly's in Pasadena, Texas. Food and fellowship at 6pm and meeting start at 7pm.
- District 70 hosts a guest speaker each month at our business meeting. This is to inform our district about different committees and trusted servants at the area level. So far, we have had the area chair, area co-chair, Intergroup Liaison, Archives, Literature, CFC, and Finance chairs as guest. PI will be speaking in March, and I am still trying to get people to respond for February and other months.
- District 70 voted to give away a Grapevine subscription monthly via a drawing to all attendees at the District Meeting.
- Last Call, our fantastic newsletter started out 2022 with a bang and is full of vital district, area, group, and state information.
- A Spring workshop chair was elected in January and plans are being made to hold workshop in March or April.
- District 70 still needs an alternate secretary, alternate treasurer, and alternate DCM.
- District 70 has the following committee chair positions open; CFC, TFC, Finance and Budget, Grapevine, Literature, TFC, Intergroup Liaison and Archives.
- I to attend meetings in my District and ask for an invitation to their group conscious to make a
  presentation on district 70 and get contact information for the group to add to our registrar list. Starting
  2022 I am halfway through our groups. Unfortunately, many of them have no GSR or group conscious
  and do not participate in district.

January agenda included a proposed District 70 Unity Day. The attendees wanted more information or
research to be done regarding costs prior to moving forward with a vote. A GSR in attendance stepped
up to volunteer to provide the information that was requested.

# District 81 – Keith M.

<u>State of the district:</u> The district remains strong despite continued issues with COVID. We still use Zoom to accommodate all attendees at our meetings. The groups have started allocating 7<sup>th</sup> tradition money back to the district and the committees are fully funded again this year. Attendance a district meeting has been well attended and the committees and groups are very busy carrying the message. Also, our DCM had to resign, and we have an open Alt DCM position Open.

<u>Archives Committee</u>: Our committee has recruited 3 new members and will be busy working on our Group History binder, possibly revamping our District 81 display board, reviewing some audio speaker tapes, and plan on making various presentations on A.A. history at our District 81 monthly meetings. We also plan on building the D81 information binder that will include meeting minutes, agendas, treasurer reports, committee correspondence, and various flyers of events happening in our district.

**Correctional Facility (CFC):** The CFC committee has been busy with meetings being help at Carol Young here and there. We are still having trouble getting into Galveston County, but we continue to talk with them. We are hoping to be allowed back in soon. Literature is flowing into the facilities. We also attended the regional committee conference.

Public Information / Cooperation w/ Professional Community PI/CPC: Tim and his committee are rock stars!!! This committee has been very busy this year with various Billboards in our area. They have also been placing ads in local magazines and handouts. They continue to come up with new ways to reach the alcoholic that stills suffers using QR codes and handouts to lead newcomers to local resources.

<u>Grapevine</u>: This committee has struggled a bit this year but recently has a new Chair and is planning several events to drive Grapevine awareness and revenue: they are looking to have a grapevine subscription drive and host workshops in our District.

<u>Literature</u>: This is another Committee affected by COVID and now has a new Chair that has taken the bull by the horns. Several groups have regular literature meetings as result that highlight different AA literature each week. They are also looking to do great things this quarter and are planning several events.

**Finance & Budget (F&B):** We have a strong F&B and remain fully funded for 2022. They continue to meet and accommodate the ever-changing budget as committees have gotten busy late this year.

<u>Treatment Facilities (TFC)</u>: The TFC Committee is currently holding meetings on a regular basis at 5 treatment facilities. They go once a month to each and continue to carry the message. They hold workshops to grow committee membership on a regular basis. They have been very busy this quarter as well.

<u>Newsletter</u>: This is a new committee with the goal to highlight events, share stories of recovery and make announcements in the district. We are currently seeking a Chair for this committee.

**Workshops:** This committee is very strong and meets often to create new workshops for our district. Emotional sobriety is next on the list. They are also looking for new venues to hold workshops in the future. They held several workshops on this book behind the big book and a panel discussion on service in AA. We are looking forward to what this committee brings next!!! <u>Web Committee:</u> This is also a new committee charted to Design, Build and Maintain our District website. The goal is a central repository for events, committee information, group schedule for our district ETC. The site is built and is currently being refined with content and should be fully launched next month.

All in All, the district is strong and growing. New groups are being formed and many groups are growing. It's been another challenging year and we are seeing better attendance across the board. We have many groups that still hold zoom meetings to carry the message. We are all looking forward to seeing what 2022 brings us in service!!!

District 82 – Terry C. No Report

# District 90 – Art G.

Thanks to all my Committee Chairs, Alternates and GSRs that serve D-90

## Update through our January 3,2022 meeting

- Attendance for the Jan meeting was 47 / Attendance was in person and numbers continue to grow / Several new GSRs were welcomed
- It was our Business meeting with our Committee Chairs giving reports / all committees are active and working / All of our Committee chair positions are filled
- Lufkin Group Served Brisket as we brought back groups Hosting and providing Lunch / this is our opportunity to get home groups involved with activities at the District Level
- D-90 2022 Convention Committee held their First Meeting / following the District MTG
  - Attendance about 30
  - o Kevin W will Have Registration table at SETA for our August Convention
- Groups Activities continue to increase
  - Held another Group inventory session at Fellowship group / The Group is making great progress with group format and Traditions
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition finished out the year very favorable hitting our Budget of 5K in the 11<sup>th</sup> month
- Workshops continue to grow in demand / we will hold another GSR Workshop this Spring / I held two step workshops already in January
- All committee Chairs are active and working with their alternates to round out their 2<sup>nd</sup> year preparing the Alternates to step up at the end of this year
- I traveled to Area 65 District 42 in December and attended their District meeting and their Round Robin Speaker meeting / I was in the area for other business and was able to attend / I was welcomed warmly and shared information about our Area and District activities

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to Serve Art Garza D-90 DCM

Area Committee Roll Ca	all January 2	022	
Position	Short Name	Committee	Assembly
Area Office			
Delegate	Kris H	X	
Alternate Delegate	Rick M	x	
Chairperson	Christina S	x	
Alternate Chairperson	Bella L		
Registrar	Kathleen T	×	
Alternate Registrar	Pam F	×	
Secretary	Meece T	×	
Alternate Secretary	Chelsey G	x	
Treasurer	Reino F	x	
Alternate Treasurer	Roy E	x	
Standing Committee C	hairpersons		
Archives	Mike D		
Alternate Archives	Mike B	×	
СРС	Don P	x	
Alternate CPC			
CFC	Roland R	x	
Alternate CFC	Tony W		
Finance	Ron S	x	
Alternate Finance			
Grapevine	Luis A		
Alternate Grapevine	Gary S		
п	Jorge F	x	
Alternate IT			
La Vina			
Alternate La Vina			
Literature	Hilton L	x	
Alternate Literature	Dan K		
Multi-Lingual	Severiano M		
Alternate Multi-Lingual			
Newsletter	Stephenie O		
Public Information (PI)	Kristi A	x	
Alternate PI			
SCAP	Deborah M		
Alternate SCAP			
TFC	Kendyl W	x	
Convention C	hairs		
2022 Convention Chair	Debi F	x	
2022 Convention Co-Chair	Tony W		
2023 Convention Chair	Annette C.		
2023 Convention Co-Chair			
2025 State Convention Chair	Ron C.		
2025 State Convention Co-Chair			
Liaisons to Inter	group		
Brazos Valley Intergroup			
Houston Intergroup	Joel G	x	
Ninth District Intergroup	Ray F		
Ninth District Intergroup Alternate			
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Intergrupa Hispano Del SW (D66 &67)			
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Intergrupa Hispano Del SW Alternate (D66 &67)		1	

DCMs				
District 10 DCM				
District 10 Alt DCM				
District 20 DCM	George S	x		
District 20 Alt DCM	Sarah L			
District 31 DCM	Cheryl M	x		
District 31 Alt DCM	Karon M	x		
District 32 DCM	Marcia C	x		
District 32 Alt DCM	Jeanne B			
District 33 DCM	Allise B	x		
District 33 Alt DCM	Tony A			
District 40 DCM	Jackie S	X		
District 40 Alt DCM	Doug D	x		
District 51 DCM	Gordon W			
District 51 Alt DCM	Stephen W			
District 52 DCM	Chris G	x		
District 52 Alt DCM	Ricardo D			
District 60 DCM				
District 60 Alt DCM				
District 62 DCM	Ricardo D			
District 62 Alt DCM				
District 63 DCM	Ricardo R			
District 63 Alt DCM				
District 64 DCM	Arturo B			
District 64 Alt DCM	Marco L			
District 65 DCM	Henrique G			
District 65 Alt DCM	lsidro G			
District 66 DCM	Armando A			
District 66 Alt DCM	Rogelo D			
District 70 DCM	Deborah T			
District 70 Alt DCM				
District 81 DCM	Keith M	x		
District 81 Alt DCM				
District 82 DCM	Terry C			
District 82 Alt DCM				
District 90 DCM	Art G	x		
District 90 Alt DCM	Julian L			