

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA 67
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Workshop Reports

New GSR Workshop

Leader: Lee G, Recorder: Darrell H

Lee G shared about his experience being GSR and on the AA Guidelines. He discussed the Group Information change form and that they were to be turned into June, Area Registrar. They would receive a packet in the mail containing information, several pamphlets, and a new Service Manual, all having useful information for the GSR. Darrell handed out Policies & Procedures Manuals and Service Manuals to the new GSRs. He shared the importance of attending the District meetings and getting group members involved in service. They both discussed the responsibilities of GSRs and how the district meetings give groups the opportunity to share any problems or concerns with other groups.

Paul M shared about his experience as a GSR and Delegate. Betsy G, Area Chair, introduced herself and asked that if any GSRs had questions, to write them down and drop them in the ask-it-basket. Paul suggested the GSRs read, "The AA Group" and look over the illustrated pamphlets of the traditions and concepts.

Discussion followed on what service work meant to one's sobriety, experience with group inventory, and the responsibility of informing the group when a tradition is being broken; the upside down triangle shown in the AA Service manual; that the GSR is the voice for their home group; that AA does not get into public controversy; how important the minority opinion is.

Advance GSR Workshop

Leader: Tom K, Recorder: Deborah D, Carol E

Sixteen people attended the meeting. Tom discussed the Service Manual (reading the GSR duties), the Service Legacy, and the AA Group Pamphlet;. GSRs are the link to the fellowship – the vital link to the groups; Service Sponsorship; Reading the Twelve Concepts and the Twelve Traditions.

Questions were asked from the group and input/discussion followed each one.

- Question One: How do GSRs get groups interested in the information they bring back from the district, area?
Group Answer Input: The group generates an agenda and with the GSR on agenda meeting does not finish until GSR has spoken; GSR is first on the agenda; a written report is circulated and group asks questions; GSR does not talk in code (like DCM, etc.); respond one on one after the meeting to questions.
- Question Two: What do GSRs at their home group do when GSR's (from other groups) are in attendance and make announcements about district, area before that GSR does? Group Answer Input: Let home group GSR's make announcements first.
- Question Three: How does you group work with individuals sent to AA by Parole/Probation Officers and the Courts who have no intention of getting an understanding of AA? Group Answer Input: invite them to open meetings; welcome those who want it; explain open and closed meetings; Leader signs papers at end of the meeting; go to parole office and hold a "Back to Basics Meeting.
- Can someone with six months of sobriety become an alternate GSR or GSR? Group Answer Input: hold a group conscience; depends on group; help us to stay sober; willingness of individual; note Second Tradition.

Role of the GSR Workshop

Leader: Paul M

Betsy G. opened and turned the meeting over to Daryl H. who led the group of approximately 60 in the Serenity prayer. He read the preamble and turned the meeting over to Paul M. Paul recognized the GSR's and Alt-GSR's. They comprised over 1/2 of the attendees. Paul gave a 20-minute presentation of the role of the GSR using conference approved literature. The GSR is a conduit between the General Service Conference via the Delegate and their Group. They are defenders of the traditions in their group. They are simply the most important service position to fill. Questions were posed dealing with particular GSR-related issues and wider issues like how to do a group inventory. The grapevine checklist was suggested as a source for questions. The meeting closed with the group collectively reciting the Responsibility Statement

Budget Workshop

Leader: David H

The workshop was opened by David. The revised budget proposal was presented to the Area. A short review of the proposed budget package was given and then the floor was open for questions. A few questions were asked and answered. The workshop was closed in a record short amount of time.

Regional Form Workshop

Leader: Jane S

Marvin W. introduced the basics of the Forum by asking a series of questions on regions. A region is a geographical area of states joined together to elect a Regional Trustee. SETA is in the Southwest Region. The GSC is made up of 8 regions. The Southwest Region is made up of 11 Areas which include the following states: Colorado, Kansas, Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.

The Forum is an information session/meeting place that began in 1975 to create better communication between all of us and the entities of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is held every two years. In alternate years the SWRAASA is held. The Forum is put on through a joint effort of the host area, the regional office, and GSO. It is made up of sharing sessions, workshops, and panel discussions.

Jane S listed the GSO participants for the next Forum were: Valerie O, Forum Desk; Ivy R, Staff Assistant; Leonard B; Greg M, General Manager; Adrian B; Vince K; Gary K; Dorothy W, Grapevine; Robin B, Herman C. Anyone can register online or send in a paper form. There is no cost to the Form.

Robin R stated how great it is to hear information straight from GSO and AAWS entities directly. She was new in service and nervous. You can sit, listen, learn and find ways to better help the alcoholic who still suffers. June C mentioned that if the Forum is held out of town we tend to stay for the whole thing. Bonita W has been to every Forum since 1997. She believed that everyone should plan and prepare to attend Forum no matter what position they have in AA or even if they hold no position. Jane went to her first Forum before she was ever a GSR.

PI/CPC Workshop

Leader: Cynthia B

Cynthia B of the PI Committee opened with a brief history of when the PI and CPC committees were formed. She stated how many persons have been reached so far this year thru PI Committee work. She reiterated the primary purpose of PI – carry the message. She also stated reasons for having a PI Committee – Get new members. Who better to tell the public about AA than an alcoholic who knows the real story?

Patrick C then gave a practice presentation so SETA members could see just exactly what we say to the public. Next, Jim M of the CPC committee spoke of their involvement with the professionals in the community. The CPC committee works with judges, lawyers, doctors, probationers and other professionals. His committee tells much the same story as PI, but stresses how these professionals can help the alcoholic and what questions to ask to ascertain whether their

suggestions are in fact being followed. He also stressed the large area that both committees cover and the need for more volunteers.

Finally there was Q&A from the audience. Presenters were: Cynthia B (PI), Patrick C (PI), Jim M (CPC), Barbara C (CPC), and Gary S (CPC).

District Reports

District 10

Kathleen O, DCM

Allison W, Alternate DCM

District 20

Deborah D, DCM

We are into our busy season for the District. Our annual service event will be a party, "How to survive the Holidays," on Saturday, October 29, 2005, at The Council on Alcohol & Drugs. We are involving our GSRs and will be discussing topics such as: spending time with your family, company parties, cooking and food, loneliness and unmet expectations, and stress reduction.

We will also host a service workshop, "What is a GSR" at Lambda Center. Lambda Center represents about half the meetings for District 20 and is becoming very active lately. We have added about 6-10 new GSRs and Alt GSRs. It's exciting to meet new people in service and seeing their enthusiasm is fun! Our district is committed to reaching our hand out to AA and everyone is pitching in to make that happen. We are currently looking for Liaisons for PI, CFC and Archives committees. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

District 31

Gene J, DCM

Dwayne P, Alternate DCM

First of all, we want to say we are so grateful that everyone is well and safe after the storms. Many of our eastern boundary (especially) folks were without electricity in their homes and at meeting places, but, for the most part, AAs had meetings regularly and often informally during the rough days and weeks.

We have had a 7th Tradition Workshop and a Sponsorship Workshop, but had to cancel the September Service Workshop and have made no decision about rescheduling. Our planning goes on for our annual Old Timer's Day November 5, Lamb of God Lutheran Church at 11:00 a.m., with food and speakers.

We are continuing group visits, working on a District Meeting Book -- a real challenge. Two meetings were listed on the Area contributions list I'd never heard of, so we're growing faster than we can keep up. It keeps us hopping.

Tom K keeps reminding us that we don't have a Grapevine Rep. We really are trying to encourage a trusted servant to step up.

Our Round Robin in the District is growing in participation. A Round Robin is a monthly eating meeting with a speaker. The host group sets the main menu and then those who come provide side dishes and desserts. The groups who participate are: 190 at Point Blank; Cold-Spring/Evergreen; Shepherd; Goodrich Serenity; Humble House; Atascosita; and recently, Kingwood.

Thanks for allowing me the privilege of service.

District 32

Bart M, DCM

Lynn G, Alternate DCM

District 32 continues to be very active, with better than 60% of our groups participating in monthly meetings and SETA. We have been blessed with good financial support by our member groups as well, making it possible for the district to donate the fee for the meeting hall that SETA will use for the November

Area Gratitude Dinner this year. This decision was made after our GSRs provided feedback from the consciences of their various groups.

We kicked off a budget review during our September district meeting, after asking all our participating GSRs to seek the conscience of their groups regarding our primary purpose of carrying the message. Rather than leave all AA Committee work to SETA Area Representatives (thereby stressing the Area budget), District 32 is seeking ways in which to support group members who actively participate in committees to work at a local level (where it is likely to do the most good). Committees forming locally include: Cooperation with the Professional Community; Correctional Facilities; Grapevine; Literature; Public Information; Treatment Facilities.

Many of our groups are embracing the concept of truly local committee work. For example, the TGIF Group in Magnolia recently decided to conduct a Group Inventory to ensure they were truly fulfilling the group's primary purpose. Many of the completed questionnaires suggested activities at a local level that clearly fell into various types of committee work. The district has asked all groups interested in this outreach to put together a plan and budget for review by the district. These budgets will be approved and incorporated into the district's 2006 budget.

District 32 is also gearing up to host this year's Area Gratitude Dinner to be held on November 19th. This will keep us very busy during October and November, working with all the other district committees to ensure this is a stellar event. Flyers are now available and are being distributed during the October SETA Assembly. District 90 will be decorating the meeting hall and have selected the theme, "An Attitude of Gratitude."

District 32 will also host a hospitality suite at the January 2006 SETA Convention in Beaumont. Hope to see you all there!

District 33

Tim C, DCM

Robert W, Alternate DCM

District 40

Daryl H, DCM

Chuck W, Alternate DCM

Howdy, my name is Daryl H and I am an alcoholic. I currently have the privilege of serving as DCM for District 40. I would first like to thank all of the people who helped hosting the assembly with registration, coffee, the GSR workshops and the Literature table.

We are continuing to update our contact list for the 80-some groups in our district. We are getting there, however, this will always be an ongoing project.

We have recently resumed publication of our monthly newsletter. With the updated contact list we will be sending a copy to all the GSRs/contacts in the district and some of the Committee members. Hopefully the newsletter will spark an interest for GSRs to attend the monthly meeting (or at least remind them of it). We don't currently have a Grapevine Rep, but it looks like we have a possible volunteer. District 40 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Bear Creek Community Center from 7:30-9:00 pm. In December we traditionally have a little holiday dinner at our district meeting, so we start at 6:00 pm with food and fellowship, followed by the district meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

District 51

John O, DCM

Vernon L, Alternate DCM

The district is doing well. It did not meet in October due to Hurricane Rita. We're going to have a workshop in January or February on "The Secrets of Sobriety." Don't tell anyone or the secret might get out. It is going to be fun. The district has 22 registered groups with 8 groups represented at the district level. We hope to fill some of the committees soon. Literature Committee is already filled. If you'd like to get involved, District 51 meets the last Saturday of the month at the Delta Club at 11:00 a.m. Welcome all. Come and join us; we'll be waiting for you.

District 52
Bob B, DCM
Tom P, Alternate DCM

District 60
Aldrinette C, DCM
Michael Mc, Alternate DCM

District 60 had a workshop on September 10 on "Love and Service" at the Rockhill group. Dana B moderated and Sam B was the recorder. Both the panel and the pizza was well received. In fact, from this workshop the next workshop topic was suggested – the 4th Step. Charlie Mc, Beverly Hill Sharers' Group, who attended this workshop not only made the suggestion but agreed to service on the workshop committee. Charlie attended his first District monthly meeting, held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at Rockhill, and agreed to serve at the temporary GSR for the Beverly Hill Sharers' Group. He also agreed to act as the liaison for the Sagement Group. Because the church where this group had been meeting for many years has closed, their present concern is establishing a new meeting location.

The district's September meeting was cancelled due to the hurricanes and illnesses. At the October District meeting we were informed that due to a move far from the area, Paul B, Expect a Miracle Group, has resigned as their GSR and Romeo has agreed to get with them to find out who will be taking his place. At that meeting Public Information through Cynthia, chairperson, and her alternate, Patrick, gave a wonderful presentation about what Public Information can, and most importantly cannot do. The most improved group in members and member participation in the District is Edgebrook. Mike M, Alternate DCM, is chairing our ad hoc committee whose goal is to bring all groups in our district as active members of not only District 60 but also SETA 67.

The Rockhill Group located at 7808-A Belfort (the corner of Belfort and Broadway) is celebrating their 32nd anniversary on Saturday, October 15, 2005 with food and fellowship beginning at 5:30 pm., Alanon speaker at 7:00 pm and AA speaker at 8:30 pm.

The Third Tradition Group now located at 5802 Belfort, will be celebrating 29 years the weekend of November 19th & 20th, 2005. For more information call 713-731-1720.

District 63
Austroberto R, DCM
Vicente S, Alternate DCM

We meet every Saturday. District 63 has 10 groups; 8 have GSRs, two have no contact. We have two committees: Correctional Facilities Committee which meets Wednesdays from 7 to 8 P.M.; La Viña Committee which meets on Thursdays from 8 to 10 P.M. We are working on the First Anniversary celebration which will be on October 30, 2005, at 2 P.M. and it will be at the Liberty Group located on Clay at Hwy 6.

This District is working in the following manner at sessions on Saturdays from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. We have ten groups. Eight have GSRs and two have no contact. For the moment, we are not dividing the groups because we have much service work to do until after SETA Assembly.

District 64
Rodolfo C, DCM
Francisco G, Alternate DCM

District 64 has 10 groups work with 3 committees – La Viña, Literature, and Corrections. We meet every Saturday at 6:00 pm at its present location: 1215 Aldine Bender, Suite 110, Houston, TX 77032, telephone 281-219-1894. The DCM, Alternate DCM, and committees visit the groups two times a week to share information about Hispanic Assemblies and SETA Assemblies. Our next South Texas Hispanic Assembly will be on November 11-13, 2005 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 12801 Northwest Fwy (290). To reserve rooms call: 713-467-9977.

All four Hispanic Districts are holding meetings every two months to share information, help everyone work to share in unity, and work better in Area 67.

Have a happy, happy 24 hours of sobriety.

District 65
Oscar T, DCM
Roberto V, Alternate DCM

District 66
Juan T, DCM
Lionel G, Alternate DCM

District 70
Debra R, DCM
Raphael E, Alternate DCM

The GSR meeting is held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the West Baytown Club at 7:30 pm. Thanks to Gus and Charles for attending the August meeting; and thanks to Beth and Rodney for conducting the Concepts Workshop in July.

I'd like to thank the groups and members of District 70 for stepping up to assist Katrina evacuees with literature and flyers about AA meetings in our district. Our challenge is to get on board the Grapevine train and get the word out. We DO have a Grapevine Rep!!

The "Jaywalker" which is our newsletter, is being revived and Barbara M, our newsletter editor, is enthusiastically looking for contributions to help carry the message to our groups in District 70. Our hope here, too is to reach those groups who don't attend the district meetings.

District 81
Al P, DCM
Bill H, Alternate DCM

Activity at District 81 remains high. More and more of our groups are getting active and sending GSRs to the district meetings. I am very grateful we have such enthusiasm in the district and no shortage of able bodied volunteers when we need them.

I'd like to personally thank our Delegate/Alt Delegate, Area Chair and Alt Chair as well as several committee chairs who took the time to visit our district as well as offer their help in any way they could.

Final preparations are being made for the District 81 Traditions and Concepts Weekend on the Beach at Galveston. We are still taking reservations and a table has been set up this weekend to take last minute registrants. If you haven't registered and would like to, please see any of the District 81 committee to find out where and how to register. We look forward to seeing you all at the beach. We are all looking forward to an informational and fun weekend.

We had a new group from our district register today. It's a women's group, and they've been meeting for a while; now they're registered. And, District 81 DOES have a Grapevine Rep. It's real neat to have a past Delegate as your Grapevine Rep.

District 82
Eileen P, DCM
Jes H, Alternate DCM

Our various GSRs have been dutifully reporting to their groups the importance of Tradition Seven and have shared the passion of being self-supporting. Our groups are to be congratulated on seeing the need to keep AA alive and well in District 82.

We have had some very special visitors this quarter. First visitor was Charles P. (Area Delegate) and Gus H. (alt. Delegate). Charles gave a presentation with slides of the GSO Conference in New York. He took a lot of time and effort to explain various parts of the conference. An outstanding presentation was enjoyed by all. Gus shared more about being a self-supporting area and to look for way to help the groups understand the importance of making consistent contributions to the 3 entities (GSO, Area and District). Gus explained self-support as "paying it forward" and exhibiting our gratitude for our sobriety through service.

Cynthia B., our Public Information (PI) representative gave a very informative report on what the PI Committee does. PI committee lets people outside of AA know what AA is and what it is not. In accordance with the 11th Tradition, there are no sales pitches. Literature is made available but no distributed. Brochures are circulated to retirement home and assisted living facilities to reach senior citizens. Brochures are given to libraries, left in laundry facilities, hospitals, doctors' offices and police stations.

Birthday envelopes were passed to all GSRs; contribution flyers and Grapevine subscription flyer were announced at all meetings to get the word out to as many people as possible. We're working on getting a Grapevine Rep.

Our Gratitude Dinner will be November 19, 2005 at the Spring Branch VFW. The Angleton group will have a soft ball game and bar-b-que October 22nd, an all day affair with lots of good food for all. The Needville group will have their Fish Fry October 15th and the Sweeny Group will have their Fish Fry on October 29th.

The District monthly meetings are being held in the Conaco-Phillips building at 1002 Ashley Wilson Road, Sweeny, TX. We meet at 3 PM on the first Sunday of the month with some exceptions.

.....AA Service works in District 82

District 90

Karen Y, DCM

Harvey H, Alternate DCM

As most of you know, all of District 90 was hit by Hurricane Rita and an unbelievable amount of damage was done to our homes and cities. I am overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and concern that we have received. I am very grateful.

Our groups are bouncing back (as drunks are known to do), most with minimal amounts of damage to their meeting places. Out of the 31 groups in the district, I have been able to contact 28 of them and as of right now only one group meeting place was totally destroyed. That was the Woodville Group. Our members are slowly coming home and as expected we have much to do in our homes and businesses. Lots of clean up and recovery. A few of us are still out of power. Most groups are back to having their regularly scheduled meetings. One group in Beaumont, the 24 Hour Group, opened up their doors up the day after the hurricane, got a generator, rearranged their schedule to make curfew, and started holding meetings every day. They helped a lot of people.

The 9th District Intergroup is also suffering right now due to no contributions coming in as a result of Rita, and also being shut down with no power for 3 weeks. I was told they are operating out of their prudent reserve at this time.

We had our 24th Annual District 90 Convention in Beaumont and it was a great success. Larry W and his committee did a fantastic job! Our next event will be our District Gratitude Dinner on November 5, 2005. The theme is "Gratitude in Action." It will be held at 1350 N. 23rd St & Gladys (St. Andrews Presbyterian Church), Beaumont, Texas. Fellowship will begin at 6:00 pm followed by dinner, a speaker, and a dance from 10:00-12:00.

Our District meetings are the 1st Sunday of every month at 2 pm at Ave. E & Franklin (Central City Church) I Beaumont. We have quarterly business meetings and workshops scheduled for the other months. These past few weeks have been quite an experience, and I am very grateful to my AA family for being here.

We have 13 Grapevine Reps and one Grapevine Chairperson for our District.

Area Standing Committee Reports

Archives

Sarah D, Chairperson

The Archives Committee has handouts on the table with our display. Please feel free to take some. There have been some changes as follows: we will meet the 1st Thursday of the month at Houston Intergroup, 4140 Directors Row at 7:30 pm for a work session. The 2nd Thursday business will be conducted via Instant Messaging. The committee made the decision to conference this way because of gas and time

issues and the desire to use our time at Intergroup where the archives are stored more productively. We will continue to have sharing sessions at the quarterly committee meetings.

Much has happened since the July assembly and we can all be grateful to be here today. The National Archives Workshop in New Orleans has been postponed indefinitely because of Hurricane Katrina, our Archivist at GSO, Judit O, has resigned and as I've already mentioned, our committee is conducting business via IM.

Apart from work on our collection at Intergroup, committee members will be researching area minutes on their own. We have not been contacted by anyone who has knowledge of where we might be able to access records on SETA business earlier than 1973 or the newsletters we are mission so we have no progress to report regarding our search in those two respective areas.

Finally, thank you, District 31, for inviting our committee to your district meeting. We appreciated the opportunity to carry the message in our own way and meet everyone in attendance.

Correctional Facilities

ZBM, Chairperson

Cooperation with the Professional Community

Larry B, Chairperson

The Cooperation with the Professional Community continues to meet the first Monday of each month, except when SETA is meeting, at the Houston Council on Alcoholism and Drugs, 303 Jackson Hill, off Memorial Drive, 6:30 pm.

The response to the hurricane victims from our fellowship is beyond the words I could express. Thank you to all who helped. The Intergroup office and the CPC Committee coordinated these efforts.

The Committee just recently finished our participation at the Spectrum 2005 Conference (Chemical Dependency Counselors). We have also finished a presentation at the Harris County Adult Probation Department. We are scheduled to participate in The American Medical Students Association at the Baylor College of Medicine on November 5th, 2005. In addition, we are working on suggestions for the GSO on how to make our CPC Workbook more useful.

The Committee encourages others to join us and become members; we are also interested in speaking at your District and having a representative from you District.

Finance

David H, Chairperson

The Finance Committee is starting to consider fully funding the Delegate for the 2006 Conference. This has been tabled for now to see how this year plays out. An interesting idea came up about the Gratitude Dinner. One district has offered to help out substantially with this year's dinner. Something we've been talking around is having the districts play a much larger part in the financing of the Gratitude Dinner in the future. Tomorrow he will also have a request for the Chairperson to pick an ad hoc committee to look as the convention proceeds.

Grapevine

Tom K, Chairperson

The Area Grapevine Committee was called to order and welcomed new faces of over a dozen people including Grapevine Representatives, two District Grapevine Chairpersons, sitting in for Secretary, Carol E, Deborah D, Treasurer, and a past delegate from Alaska. A brief discussion was held about the phenomenal growth of our committee highlighted by five District chairpersons (two of which hold monthly Grapevine District committee meetings--way to go 32 & 90!). There are several Grapevine format meetings in Districts 31, 32, 52.

New York shows Grapevine Representatives number 54 in their last report, which are 30 behind our area records so we'll be continuing to update and recruit. There are approximately 600 groups in our Area, so why wouldn't every group want to help revive our meeting in print?? Is it

not the best forum for unity and service work? Thanks goes out to all of you who helped distribute over 4,000 Grapevine & La Viña back issues donated by Grapevine, Inc. for the hurricane relief effort – they delivered our lifesaving message of strength and hope in recovery without which there would be no recovery.

Various Grapevine displays changed places in hopes that they will continue to be built by supporters of the Grapevine. District 52 sent one to West Baytown Club (on loan) for their anniversary celebration. District 51 sent theirs to the Center in District 10. A display found its way to District 81. We also discussed how to bring awareness to subscribers of the Grapevine. Jackie V, District 32 Grapevine Chairperson demonstrated ways to stimulate participation of the Grapevine in your groups all year long with meetings, and using the Grapevine meeting “kit”.

Our monthly Grapevine Committee meets every 4th Thursday of the month (except November) at the Houston Council on Alcohol and Drugs, 303 Jackson Hill, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. In addition, we meet at Area Assemblies. We welcome all interested Grapevine and La Viña participants to join us in reviving AA’s second oldest literature through which all our experiences, solutions, and guidelines have been discussed and adopted for the Common Welfare of our entire fellowship (informed or not, supporting or not, participating or not) to become the whole program of Recovery, Unity, & Service. Is there any Strength and Hope without Unity and Service?

Literature

Ronald C, Chairperson

In August the Literature Committee put on the much talked about puppet show for District 10. The presentation was definitely well received. We do have openings for performances in November and December. Contact a member of the Literature Committee with time and place. Have puppet will travel.

Even though the Literature Committee had to cancel September’s meeting due to the “weather” we are still holding our monthly meetings the last Saturday of each month at the Delta Club at 12:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Did you know that the Big Book is translated into 52 different languages and that the 25th millionth copy of the Big Book was presented at the 2005 International Convention. The literature of our fellowship has come a long way from the first three chapters of a book originally titled “The Way Out” .

Trudging the Road !!!

Ronald C,

Multilingual

Martin M, Chairperson

Secretary: Hugo E; Volunteer: Alex R. We started meeting on the last Wednesday of the month at District 64, Aldine Bender Road, at 7:30. We also meet the month of the assembly. This Committee has done quite a bit of work during the last quarter. We translated the Delegate’s Report for the four Hispanic Districts at District 65 in July. We translated the CFC Conference in September. We attended the meeting of the four Hispanic districts in September at District 64. Some reading material we worked on was: flyers for the CFC conference and translated the agenda; translated the flyer of the SETA 2006 Convention; translated the SETA minutes and took them to the four Hispanic districts.

We have been trying to buy some equipment, but we haven’t been able to find what we need. The Area gave us \$150 for this equipment, but the best quote we have found is around \$250.

We decided we are going to start visiting the different Hispanic Districts to ask them for volunteers to this committee. We want all the DCMs here to let any bilingual members they have to know we need volunteers. If you do, please contact Martin Meléndez at: 832-247-0161.

We also want to let you know that we going to have a translator at the 7th Hispanic Assembly held November 12-14.

Thank you.

Newsletter

John S, Chairperson

In the October Newsletter, I asked everyone who wants to continue to receive the Newsletter to contact me. The number of Newsletters mailed out rises every quarter. This quarter 653 Newsletters were mailed out. Next year I will only have the budget to mail out about half as many Newsletters. I am begging you to send me your email addresses so I can email the Newsletter to you instead. At the January assembly I will bring a motion to stop mailing Newsletters to people who haven't responded and who also do not currently have a service position listed in the database. Finally, if you submit a report for the Newsletter, the cutoff date for the next newsletter is December 1. Please remove all last names from your report.

Public Information

Cynthia B, Chairperson

Patrick C, Alternate Chairperson

Since January our committee has participated in eight health fairs and ten presentations which reached approximately 3840 persons.

Our Alternate, Patrick C. headed a sub-committee which came up with a generic letter outlining the services we offer. Our first target of opportunity was Retirement/Independent Living Homes. Remember, it's never too late to get sober! We have since mailed out 64 letters.

We have begun the Media Blitz that we planned for year end. Between now and the end of the year we will contact several TV stations, radio stations, and free newspapers in the Area about running or printing our PSAs. We need the help of all SETA to watch for these events. With the exception of TV, there is no way to track whether our PSAs have been played. That is important to our committee since we would like to send a thank you letter to each media outlet which helps us carry the message.

I would like to thank Mike D. for sharing with our committee about the 7th Tradition.

If anyone wishes to join us or just visit a Public Information Committee meeting, please join us the first Saturday of each month (except Assembly months) at the Houston Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse located at 303 Jackson Hill, Houston, TX 77007.

SETA SCAP

Debi U, Chairperson

Treatment Facilities

Jeff B, Chairperson

Let me begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude for Dist 90 Members showing up to participate in our meeting even though they are still suffering greatly from Hurricane Rita. Since last we reported, our Secretary has become our Alt-Chair, our alt-Secretary has become our

Secretary, we have begun an area-wide search of an Alt-Secretary, and I am holding out hopes that a coup will oust me and I can return to sweeping floors at my home group.

During the last quarter, the Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC) has continued to give Bridging the Gap (BTG) presentations at the Memorial Hermann Prevention and Recovery Center (PARC), the West Oaks Hospital, and the Right Step. We had a switch in District liaisons for 81 and are trying to get BTG back at the ADA house. Bonita House moved and the staff decided BTG wasn't necessary since their clients were already going to meetings. We continue daily AA meetings for adults and adolescents at the Harris County Psychiatric Center.

In connection with BTG, we are continuing to expand our Temporary Contact Data Base. The form to sign up can be found on the TFC web page. Please help carry the message by adding your name to our Temporary Contact Database. Thanks to the efforts of the Web Site Committee, we have a form online that can be filled out to join. I prayed for 20, dreamed of 30, and thought 40 would be way too much to ask. So far we have had 43 people use the form to join the Temporary Contact Database. If you got the email asking for folks to sign up and you didn't forward it to your AA list, please go back and do so.

Members of the Committee gave a presentation at District 90. We appreciate the opportunity to serve and enjoy the privilege of speaking to districts. We will be visiting District 20 in November and are anxiously awaiting more invitations. We would like to thank the CFC committee for their wonderful conference where they graciously allowed us to set up a booth and solicit their people to join our Database.

We always have openings for those willing to serve.

Website

Penny W, Chairperson

Marshall W, Alternate Chairperson

At the present time we are working to resolve some issues with Document Review and adherence to the traditions. We really want to keep anonymity within the level of press, radio and films, AND websites. It seems there previously was an active Website committee to do document review. We have one volunteer to help the committee start this back up, and we really do need help, not only to do the mechanics of posting but also to review the documents to ensure the anonymity is adhered to. If you'd like to volunteer to help with this, please get in touch with us.

We've had a lot of complaints on massive spam in the web mail. We're looking into information to help educate users on spam and ways to implement workarounds and fixes.

We're working to obtain information to add help pages on the site, which would include training on e-mail, etc. We're also still pursuing information on a web calendar, so people can get maybe a three-month picture of what's going on in the Area.

Intergroup Liaison Reports

Brazos Valley Intergroup

Robert W

Houston Intergroup

Mike D

Currently Houston Intergroup is dealing with issues such as: financials; board personnel; October elections of Executive Committee personnel; and upgrading group contact information. There is also work on increasing the number of Intergroup Delegates regularly attending the bi-monthly Intergroup Delegate meeting. Currently Houston Intergroup is doing very well addressing these issues.

I am proud that this year's Intergroup CFC Annual Roundup, which had a goal of \$3,000, achieved over \$4,300! Good Going! 100% of this is spent with the Houston Intergroup Association for literature to go into the facilities. Thanks to Carlos V and the CFC Committee. I am also proud to tell SETA that the Houston Intergroup has new Communications Committee ideas. Thank you Chuck M, Susan P, etc. This Intergroup Committee is involved in updating the Intergroup Website. Christine C and Tom P volunteered to work on this, and are now actually the Web Enhancement Subcommittee of the Communications Committee. What is also great is interest in developing the "On-Line Bookstore." Per the August 15 Intergroup Board meeting, it was evident that the majority of the Delegates were interested in this, as well as using it. Granted, this is not the whole quarter of Intergroup Board and Intergroup Delegate's Meetings, per scheduling, however, it's evident that a great amount of activity is underway.

Thanks to the Intergroup, the Delegates, the Board, the Committees, and especially the volunteers. (More are needed!)

Ninth District Intergroup

Open

David Milton wanted to thank everyone for the prayers everyone sent, and for the laughter. District 90 Intergroup asked that you keep them in their thoughts and prayers during this trying time due to the Rita disaster. Intergroup has had its door closed for 3 weeks. Prior to Hurricane Rita, group contributions were down and our Delegate at Large was making an effort to visit the groups to let them know we appreciate their contributions, or if they're not contributing, how Intergroup serves them, and that Intergroup could use their support.

On a brighter note, we are planning an awesome New Year's Eve speaker meeting, gumbo with all the fixings, and dance. This is our one big event that Intergroup puts on and we extend everyone an invitation. We would appreciate your support.

Thanks to Houston Intergroup who has so graciously helped us with literature.

Spanish Intergroup

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