

SOUTH EAST TEXAS AREA

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

ALTERNATE DELEGATE



October 2022

Greetings SETA!

As this is being read, we will be approaching our October Assembly which means we are winding down another year. Also, we are approaching the end of the current panel and soon a whole new panel of officers and committee chairs will be elected. Those of you who were present for the July Assembly had the opportunity to participate in gathering data for an Area Inventory. As we move into the new year and a new rotation, I hope we make use of the findings of this inventory to make better use of our time during Assembly weekends.

For quite some time now, I have had a strong desire to see us use our time during Assemblies to feature our service committees. As it currently stands, much of our Assembly time is consumed discussing how we should conduct our Assemblies. Most of our committee meetings are not well attended and have few members. I recently attended a meeting of one our service committees and it consisted of only four attendees. It would be great if we could have one if not two workshops at each Assembly for committees to go in depth on exactly what they do and what help they need. These committees are where our Twelfth Step work gets done as well as where our Twelfth Step work is made possible.

If you do not belong to an Area service committee, please consider joining one. If you don't know which committee matches your AA passion, you can check one out during the upcoming October Assembly. If you belong to a District or Group service committee, please attend the corresponding Area Committee and share your experience with the Area.

I believe as a fellowship we do a good job of carrying the AA message once the alcoholic gets in the door to our rooms. I also just as firmly believe that we have gotten lax in helping the alcoholic find their way to our rooms. Our lack of growth in our membership for the last 20 years bears this out. Each of our service committees, whether it's an outreach committee or a support committee, in their own way, help the alcoholic find their way to our doors. Check out a service committee today!

In love and service,

Rick M.

Alternate Delegate Area 67/Panel 71

CHAIR

Hello my fellow trusted servants,

Its that time again the ending of a panel. I've been doing quite a bit of reflection which isn't much different from any other October.

11 years ago, October 2011, I was sitting in a holding call in Harris County thinking to myself man I need to quit driving when I drink. I could have never imagined a little over a month later the life I was going to begin with y'all.

10 years ago, October 2012, I came to my first Area 67 Assembly serving as an Alt-GSR for my home group. I got to do my first job at the Area Assembly which was to collect the ballots from the voting members at the Sunday morning elections. Even though I didn't know it at the time I met my people that day.

Now as I look back at October 2020, we were meeting 100% on Zoom with no knowledge of when we might be able to meet in person again. We as an Area Assembly for the first time ever did a hybrid Assembly. Now its almost like Hybrid Assemblies are old news. I know looking back I haven't done everything perfectly, but I hope I've done it thoughtfully.

The thoughts that have been running through my head. Can we as an Assembly begin to focus less on the letter of the Policies and Procedures and more on the spirit. Can we start as an Area looking at Area motions focused more on the alcoholic who still suffers and less on how we do business? Can we make it possible for the districts to feel confident to serve their groups? Can we thoughtfully consider if we have the time to take on a service position when we stand for it?

I am so grateful that Area 67 has allowed me to serve as Panel 71 Area 67 Chair. Every service position I have been given within Area 67 has taught me something. May I never quit learning and may I always be open to change.

Sincerely,

Christina S.

Area 67 Panel 71 Chair

SECRETARY

July 3rd Quarter Assembly Minutes



TREASURER

March 2022 Area Assembly Treasurer's Report



Standing Committees Chair Job Descriptions

Archives



CFC Correctional Facilities



CPC Cooperation with Professional Community



Finance



Grapevine



IT Information Technology



Literature



Multi-Lingual



PI Public Information



TFC Treatment Facilities



SCAP State Convention Attendance Promotion



Spiritual Growth from Giving

When I first came into A.A., I had no idea about self support. I always wanted to be supported through your contributions not my own. I basically wanted other to do the work for me and pay my way. I had a hard time with the contribution basket that was passed around at our home group meeting. I had never given anything to anyone unless there was something in it for me. You told me that there were no dues or fees for AA membership and I acted accordingly. Actually if I want to be real honest I was one of those alcoholics that tightened up when I sobered up..... Definitely selfish and self centered.

As I grew in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, I began to learn about our Traditions. My sponsor, Bill, insisted that, like Alcoholics Anonymous 's 7th Tradition of Self Support, I too needed to be self-supporting through my own actions and contributions. He said that I had to work the steps, he was not going to do them for me and that I get a job, so that I could practice this principle in my own life. What a concept. He said if I always contributed to the basket that God would make sure I always had money to put in the basket. That has always seemed to be the case. I was told that I should also be self supporting through my actions and participate in my home group as well as A.A. as a whole

He also pointed out to me that the long form of the 7th **Tradition** says “The A.A. Groups themselves ought to be fully supported by **voluntary** contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal....” In Webster’s dictionary one of the definitions for voluntary says “freely given” He shared that through practicing sacrifice I would gain a little humility in my life, which I lacked and that Spiritual growth comes when you give expecting **nothing** in return.

I went through the stages of watching what others put in the basket and judging them. My sponsor told me it was not my place to be judging others and to just take care of my side of the street. Then I wanted to know what **THEY** were doing with **MY** money. Again, my sponsor told me that this was where money and spirituality mixed and as soon as the money hit the basket that it was **GODS** money. It was needed to support my group services and A.A. as a whole.

Today I try and put more in the basket, sometimes \$2-\$3 at meeting. A friend of mine from New Mexico said that in his group they have the Quart Club. Members contributed the price of a quart of whiskey each week. **Have you seen the price of whiskey lately?**

Through the years my concept of self support has grown. I see that it permeates all aspects of my recovery. I have to be self supporting in my actions, in the steps, in the practice of the Traditions and through the actions I take in service. As Bill W. our so-founder states so eloquently “self-sacrifice and unselfish constructive action”: is vital for my continued spiritual growth. By giving a little money and a little time expecting nothing in return has helped me grow Let us all continue giving with out expecting anything in return because it is the right thing to do. For this self-centered alcoholic sacrifice has been so important for my recovery. We need to support this fellowship that has saved our lives and be there for the countless to come.

Thank You

Paul M

LITERATURE

The Area Literature Committee is active in furthering the awareness for AA conference approved literature, audiovisual, and other special items. To this end, we as a team do this in ways that have proven to be effective. Our focus in this service rotation has been to use an AA pamphlet to lead a group meeting on, mention while sharing in a meeting, or give a brief presentation on during meeting announcements.

Our team has also originated an idea combining selected pamphlets into a packet that lends itself to use in meetings. We have been giving these packets to those who show an interest. If you would like to see one, drop by the literature display table at area assembly, or at any event where our committee is present.

The Literature Committee is looking for new members. Group and district literature representatives are usually who attend the meetings. But any AA member who wants to can “shop” us, or any of the area service committees to see what is going on.

So, we invite you to check us out! The standing committee chairs can be reached through the SETA website for meeting information.

Thank You,

Hilton L.

SETA 67

Literature Committee Chair

GRAPEVINE

Activities

Grapevine committee is getting ready to do a presentation in districts 32 and 33.

We have a table at this October assembly, and there are Grapevine giveaways.

Go check out the Grapevine table.

Also, they have a "Guess How Many Marbles are in the Jar" game at this October Assembly.

We are there to encourage our members to get a Grapevine subscription and any other questions they may have.

The Grapevine committee is growing, and we are in need an IT liaison.

The committee looks forward to the upcoming elections and the 2023 SETA convention.

I attended the 2023 SETA convention planning meeting, which was very productive. The SETA Area 67

Grapevine committee will have several tables at the 2023 SETA convention.

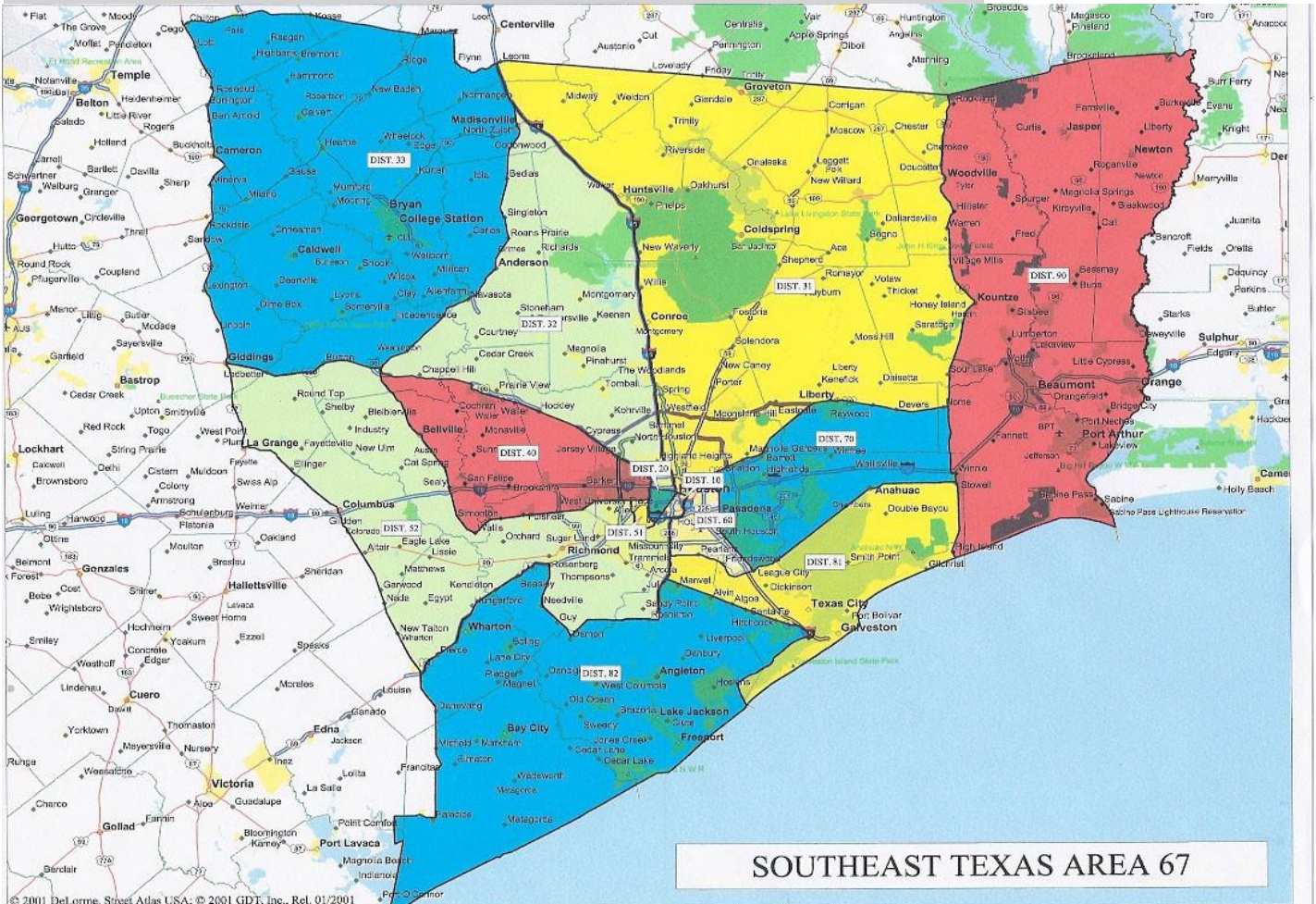
We are still meeting on zoom on the 3rd Thursday of the month at seven pm.

In service,

Darryl W.

SETA Area 67 Grapevine Chair

ENGLISH DISTRICTS OF AREA 67



DISTRICT MEMBERS

District 10 DCM – **OPEN**
 District 10 Alt DCM – **OPEN**

District 20 DCM – **George S.**
 District 20 Alt DCM – **Sarah L.**

District 31 DCM – **Cheryl M.**
 District 31 Alt DCM – **OPEN**

District 32 DCM – **Marcia C.**
 District 32 Alt DCM – **OPEN**

District 33 DCM – **Allise B.**
 District 33 Alt DCM – **Tony A.**

District 40 DCM – **Jackie S.**
 District 40 Alt DCM – **Doug D.**

District 51 DCM – **OPEN**
 District 51 Alt DCM – **OPEN**

District 52 DCM – **Kris G.**
 District 52 Alt DCM – **OPEN**

District 60 DCM – **OPEN**
 District 60 Alt DCM – **OPEN**

District 70 DCM – **Deborah T.**
 District 70 Alt DCM – **Lanier Y**

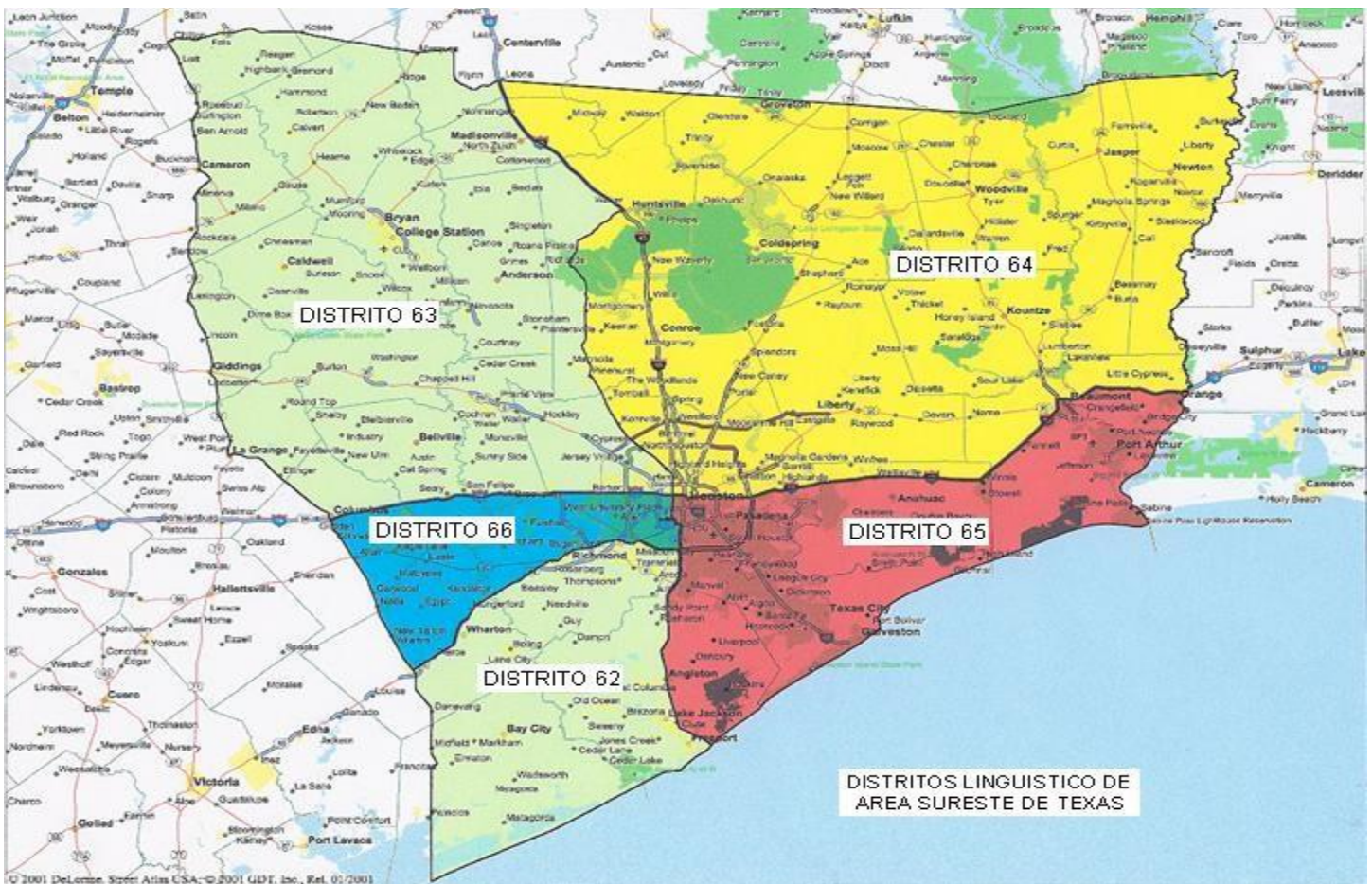
District 81 DCM – **Keith M.**

District 81 Alt DCM – **OPEN**

District 82 DCM – **Terry C.**
 District 82 Alt DCM – **OPEN**

District 90 DCM – **Art G.**
 District 90 Alt DCM – **Julian L.**

SPANISH DISTRICTS OF AREA 67



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District 62 Alt DCM – OPEN

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District 63 Alt DCM – OPEN

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