

## Southeast Texas Area 67

**Quarterly Newsletter** 

**July 2023** 

#### **DELEGATE**

#### Greetings SETA!

Well, here we are halfway through the year. Which means that we are one quarter of the way through the current rotation. Many of those who have walked this same path that I am on have repeatedly told me to be sure and enjoy the ride because it passes incredibly quickly. I'm beginning to see what they mean.

As Christina and I have begun report out season, one thing has become clear. There are so many things about the General Service Conference that I would love to share during these reports but I can't do so in the interest of time. My report has consistently run longer than I would wish in every case. Considering that, I thought in this newsletter article I would share some of those experiences with you. That way if you are not interested, you can jump straight to Christina's article and not be bored by mine.

My Conference experience got off to a rough start. Due to a family commitment, I was not able to travel to New York until Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is the day that some preliminary events took place. Unfortunately, weather and aircraft maintenance issues conspired, and I ended up stranded in Charlotte, NC on Saturday night. As soon as my flight from Charlotte to New York was canceled I knew that I would not be there for roll call on Sunday. My heart sank. Our Past Delegates have always emphasized the spiritual significance of roll call. Well, there is always next year. I finally made it to the Marriot at the Brooklyn Bridge (the Conference hotel) around noon on Sunday which was just in time for us Southwest Region Delegates to have our lunch with Jimmy D. our Southwest Region Trustee. Later that evening was the opening dinner which is a banquet style formal affair. Following that, Sunday was a wrap.

Typically, Conference business started at 9:00 AM but other activities such as our reading room assignment and the morning AA meeting started earlier. Our lunch and dinner were provided each day, but breakfast was on our own, so that had to happen before 9:00 as well. Our sessions went till at least 9:00 PM every evening. One notable exception was the last day of business, Friday, when we didn't finish until about 1:30 AM. Needless to say, it was a week of long days, but I must have been running on adrenaline because I never hit the wall that many folks warned me about. So, what does it feel like to be a part of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous? That is difficult to put into words. It is kind of like I tell prospective grandparents, it must be experienced, it can't be described. The Conference is an event where all Three Legacies are clearly on display. That said, sometimes we see great examples of our principles in practice, but we also see some not-sogreat examples. I was not immune to being a bad example. At one point during a late evening discussion, I felt anger rising in me at an alarming rate. Knowing I could not afford to allow this, I grabbed Patrick C. and drug him into the foyer of the meeting room. He calmly listened to my fear (my anger is ALWAYS fear based!), helped me find some serenity and return to the proceedings. During the week I think I experienced just about every emotion possible at some point. The sense of fellowship, camaraderie, love for my fellows, love for AA, unity and strong sense of purpose were just a few of the feelings I felt and saw in my fellow Conference members. My biggest takeaway from all this? The General Service Conference is an experience you must not miss. I know you will not want to miss it! Travel the Road of Happy Destiny down the triangle and you can and will experience it.

In love and service,

Rick M.

Delegate Area 67/Panel73

#### **ALT DELEGATE**

Hello, my fellow trusted servants,

I've been thinking a bunch about the aha moments I have had during my time being given the privilege to be allowed to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. I wanted to share one here. The idea that I could trust someone if they are responsibly serving even if it isn't exactly how I might do it.

On page C10 of the A.A. Service Manual Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service it states, 'in the latter part of Tradition Two, which provides for "trusted servants." This really means that we ought to trust our responsible leaders to decide, within the understood framework of their duties, how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises. This sort of leadership discretion should be the essence of "The Right of Decision," and I am certain that we need not have the slightest fear of granting this indispensable privilege at nearly every level of world service.'

When I think about trust in my drinking days, I trusted that alcohol would relieve the irritable, restless and discontent that I always seemed to feel. I trusted that my husband would be mad at me but would make sure I got home safe. The only thing my husband trusted me to do was upset his plans with a drinking bout.

My home group elected me their GSR when I was about a year sober. I was truly surprised at how easily my group seemed to trust me to do the work. It had been so long since anyone had trusted me. Now mind you they made sure I knew what they expected me to do as their GSR. They wanted to make sure I knew what my duties were. Then they let me apply my own authority to certain problems that came my way.

However, when it came to being a past GSR at my home group I would want to run the show at our Group Conscience's. It was so easy for me to accept trust but a bit harder to give it. What I found though is if I sit quietly in the Group Conscience and listen. I mean really listen I hear someone else who loves AA just as much as I do. Someone that is willing to give their time and talent to the fellowship we both love. I have learned again and again I am not always the one with all the answers. That when given the opportunity people serve well when they feel trusted.

I love how Bill talks about how we ought to trust our responsible leaders. So often in my life I wanted to be the leader but did not want to be responsible. I would work under half steam and try to get away with doing the least amount of work to appear like I was being responsible.

How lucky are we as an Area to have so many responsible leaders who show up, do the work, share their experience strength and hope, and love AA. The question becomes today can we trust them as much as my home group trusted me. Can we trust our home group's GSR? Can we trust our District's DCM? Can we trust our Area's Delegate?

Sincerely.

Christina Shirley Alt-Delegate P73/A67

#### GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE CHAIR

**Introduction** – My name is Darryl, and I am an alcoholic. I am happy to serve as the chair of the area Grapevine committee.

**Grapevine Statement of Purpose -** This committee coordinates the work of individual AA members, groups, and districts to read, subscribe to, and utilize the Grapevine and Grapevine-produced materials. It also encourages individual AA members to contribute written, digital, and audio material to the Grapevine for publication.

**Past Activities** – The SETA Area 67 Grapevine committee held a Grapevine presentation in District 60 on April 22, 2023. On May 6, 2023, a few members of the Grapevine committee set up a display table at an AA conference in Lake Jackson. We were able to sign people up for Grapevine subscriptions at the event. Also, the committee did a Grapevine writing workshop at District 70 on May 20, 2023. The Grapevine committee has initiated an area-wide "Grapevine Subscription Drive" amongst our GVR`S, which began on March 1, 2023, and will conclude on September 30, 2023. We ask that all area GVR`S, attend the area Grapevine meetings and register at aagrapevine.org as a GVR. Our committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7 pm on Zoom. All AA`S are welcome to the area Grapevine meetings and workshops.

Committee Future Plans – To carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers through all forms of Grapevine media. To increase the number of subscriptions purchased in Area 67 and to raise awareness of the magazine to the fellowship. Another objective is to support Grapevine Inc by giving our input concerning the new app that is being developed. Another of our goals is to give away more digital and audio products and to meet the needs of all of our members, which involves doing more area-wide workshops and increasing our visibility in the area. We have been getting requests for hybrid Grapevine workshops, so the committee has purchased all of the necessary equipment. We will have a display table at the 2023 July SETA assembly and will be available for questions and those who want to order a Grapevine subscription online.

**Future Grapevine events** – District 31 and SETA Area 67 will hold a Grapevine writing workshop at the Waterfront Group of AA on July 23, 2023, from 12-3 pm. Also, SETA Area 67 Grapevine committee will give a writing workshop at District 20 in August. The exact date has not been given to us, but when we get it, it will be posted on SETA Announce to the fellowship. If any group or district is interested in hosting a Grapevine writing workshop, please get in touch with anyone on our committee. All of the workshops we had so far have been inspiring and informative. Something begins to happen when we start writing about any subject related to alcoholism.

**Grapevine Giveaways** – Several subscriptions will be given at the 2023 SETA July Assembly.

In service,

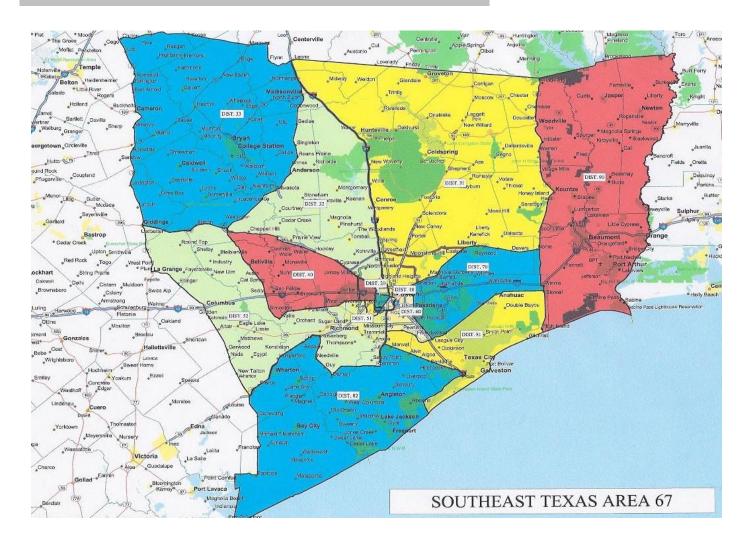
Grapevine Monthly Zoom

Darryl W. Chair SETA Area 67 Grapevine Terry P. ALT Chair SETA Area 67 Grapevine Thad D. Secretary SETA Area 67 Grapevine Dennis P. IT Liaison SETA Area 67 Grapevine Meeting 3rd Thursday of the month 3rd Thursday 7:00 pm Meeting ID: 114 207 273 Password: 610793

#### **CARTOON** from one of our SETA members



#### **ENGLISH DISTRICTS OF AREA 67**



#### **DISTRICT MEMBERS**

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

District 20 DCM – **Sarah L.** District 20 Alt DCM – **Linda G.** 

District 31 DCM – **Karen M.**District 31 Alt DCM – **Marty W.** 

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

District 33 DCM – **Tony A.**District 33 Alt DCM – **Cody R.** 

District 40 DCM – **Doug D.** District 40 Alt DCM – **Mike B.** 

District 51 DCM – **David D.**District 51 Alt DCM – **OPEN** 

District 52 DCM – **Ricardo D.**District 52 Alt DCM – **Michael J.** 

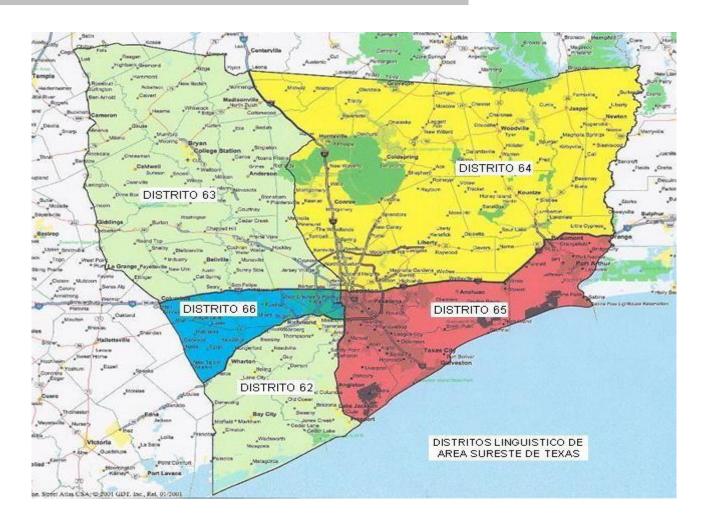
District 60 DCM – **Roland R.** District 60 Alt DCM – **OPEN**  District 70 DCM – **Kevin W.**District 70 Alt DCM – **Sara B.** 

District 81 DCM – **Keith M.** District 81 Alt DCM – **Danny G.** 

District 82 DCM – **Jackie M.** District 82 Alt DCM – **QB S.** 

District 90 DCM – **Julian L.** District 90 Alt DCM – **David S.** 

#### **SPANISH DISTRICTS OF AREA 67**



#### **DISTRICT MEMBERS**

District 62 DCM – **OPEN**District 62 Alt DCM – **OPEN** 

District 63 DCM – **Juan L.** District 63 Alt DCM – **Ivan L.** 

District 64 DCM – Marco L. District 64 Alt. DCM – Jose M.

District 65 DCM – **Isidro G.**District 65 Alt DCM – **OPEN** 

District 66 DCM – **Luis P.** District 66 Alt DCM - **Open** 



#### **Area 67 Panel 73 Trusted Servants**

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Intergroupa Hispano Del SW ALT

#### **Liaisons to Intergroup**

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Houston Intergroup – Taylor C. Oficina Intergroupa Hispana (D63,

<u>Taylor.c@aa-seta.org</u> D64, D65) – Dimas S.

Dimas.s@aa-seta.org

Ninth District Intergroup – Peter M. Intergroupa Hispano Del SW (D67,

Peter.m@aa-seta.org D68) – OPEN

#### **OPEN POSITIONS**

Archives -Treasurer,IT Liason La Vina - Alternate

CPC- Alternate CPC Multi-Lingual - Alternate

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Alternate Secretary

Grapevine - Treasurer SCAP - Alternate

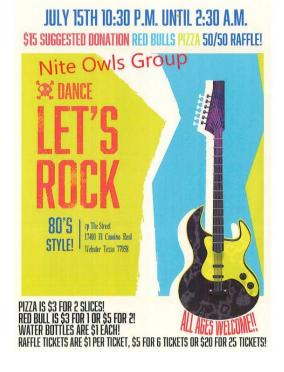
IT – Secretary, Alternate Secretary TFC – Alternate, Secretary

Literature – Alternate, Secretary

#### WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND YOU









7th Tradition Workshop Night Owls Group

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July 22, 2023, 4 to 7 p.m.



Speaker: Billy N from Palm Beach Gardens, FL

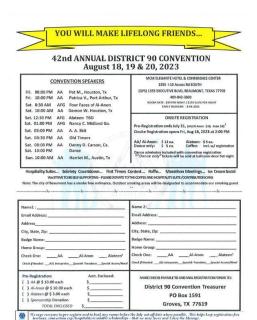
Church of the Holy Apostles 1225 W Grand Parkway S, Katy, TX 77494

- Come share a meal with us and hear our guest speaker share on our Traditions!
- If you or your group would like to serve, we need volunteers during the event, appetizers, desserts, and/or 7th Tradition contributions.
- Please contact <u>Mike B@aa-seta.ora</u> if you have any questions.
- District 40 Area Committee Representatives: This is a great opportunity to share information on your committee. Please let me know if you would like to have a display, and/or would like to be involved in any other way at the dinner (ex: give away, etc).





**District 40 Traditions Dinner** 

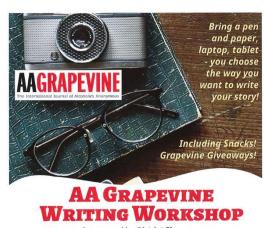


42nd Annual District 90 Convention





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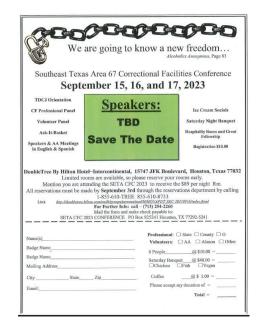
Sponsored by District 31 Hosted by The Waterfront Group

> Sunday, July 23, 2023 12pm - 3pm Humble House 4514 Atascocita Rd. Humble, TX 77346

For further info contact leslie.s@aa-seta.org

Learn how you can share your experience, strength and hope through writing stories that you can submit to AA Grapevine (our "Meeting in Print")

**Grapvine Writing Workshop** 



SETA 67 Correctional Facilities Conference

# 2023 BRIDGING

Workshop Weekend



### September 8th - 10th 2023

Sheraton North Houston 15700 John F Kennedy Blvd Houston TX 77032

#### Hosted by Area 67 Southeast Texas

For hotel reservations call Reservations at 1-281-442-5100 Refer to Group **BTGWW** for special workshop rate of **\$89** plus tax

The Annual Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend consists of presentations, discussions, shared experiences, and breakout sessions on BTG topics. Go to btgww.org for online registration and more information about Bridging the Gap and the workshop

\$35 Early Bird Reg			istration only after July 31st ations must be received by August 20th
Total Submitted: \$		I am interested in purchasing recordings	
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CityEmail:	State	_Zip	Area #:
I am willing to give a p	resentation on the	e following topi	c:

Any questions contact Laura S. at (612) 309-8385 or email coordinator@btgww.org

Return registration form and check to: BTGWW, 2107 Watson Ave St. Paul MN 55116



# Welcome to the 2023 Southwest Regional Forum Registration

Forum Dates: September 29-October 1, 2023

Location: Radisson El Paso Airport Hotel

1770 Airway Blvd El Paso, TX, 79925

Online pre-registration is encouraged. On-site registration will be available!

Click on the "New Registration" button below to get started.

If you have already registered, and need to make changes to your registration please click on the **"Modify Registration"** button.

We look forward to seeing you in El Paso!



Click here to register for the Southwest Regional Forum!

For questions regarding the Southwest Regional Forum, please contact Eileen A. at Regionalforums@aa.org

For questions on how to make changes to your registration or if you are having issues with the system, please contact Attallah S. at <a href="mailto:Sophas@aa.org">Sophas@aa.org</a> or (212) 870-2730, Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Please do not register more than once.