

# Southeast Texas Area

**Quarterly Newsletter** 

October 2023

# DELEGATE

*A.A as such ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve. Reprinted from Alcoholics Anonymous* 4<sup>th</sup> Edition p. 562, with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc."

Tradition Nine has always been especially interesting to me personally. I have noticed that it is a source of confusion for some of our members and a source of curiosity for others. How can we say that A.A. should not be organized but proceed to create a whole host of committees and boards plus elect officers at multiple levels of a very organized service structure?

If we read Bill W.'s various writings explaining our Traditions, we can gain some clarity on this seemingly perplexing dichotomy. Bill makes it clear that we do not need and shall not ever have an organization that enforces any rules or collects any dues or fees from members or groups. A.A. is unique in that we can survive without such enforcement because we are subject to two powers, one benign and one malign. We follow the spiritual principles of our benign Higher Power or the malign higher power, King Alcohol will punish us in ways much worse than any organization ever could.

So now we to come to why does our service structure exist and what does it do if doesn't enforce rules or bylaws? My early service sponsor as well as other mentors and leaders taught me that our service structure exists to make 12<sup>th</sup> Step work possible. Some of our committees do this by providing outreach to those who see the suffering alcoholic before we do, getting our message to the general public, and by going to where alcoholics can be found such as prisons and treatment centers. In this way the still suffering alcoholics can find their way to our doors. Other committees provide support services like our finance committees, IT committees, and multilingual committees do. Still others encourage our membership and groups to read and use our literature and publications.

Our groups are further organized into Districts, Areas, and Regions. These entities exist to allow members and groups to come together in unity to ultimately reach an informed group conscience for our whole fellowship. This informed group conscience provides direction to our Board of Trustees and General Service Office to provide the services that we as a fellowship ask them to do.

Thank you all for all that you do for our fellowship.

In love and service,

Rick M.

Delegate Area 67/Panel 73

## ALT DELEGATE

Hello, my fellow trusted servants,

I know by the time this comes out the Regional Forum will have already passed but I sure am excited to head to El Paso. When I was drinking, I was so lonely even in a bar full of people I was all alone. The people I am drawn to in AA are those that give back while having a good time doing it. My friends in AA show me that if I am serving and having fun both can exist. To be able to connect with others throughout our service structure is such a gift. I'm so grateful to not be alone anymore.

"We have shown how we got out from under. You say, "Yes, I'm willing. But am I to be consigned to a life where I shall be stupid, boring, and glum, like some righteous people I see? I know I must get along without liquor, but how can I? Have you a sufficient substitute?" Yes, there is a substitute, and it is vastly more than that. It is a fellowship in Alcoholics Anonymous. There you will find release from care, boredom, and worry. Your imagination will be fired. Life will mean something at last. The most satisfactory years of your existence lie ahead. Thus, we find the fellowship, and so will you." Alcoholics Anonymous Page 152

Sincerely.

Christina Shirey Alt-Delegate P73/A67

## SETA Chair

Alcoholics Anonymous Quotes "Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." "The greatest enemies of us alcoholics are resentment, jealousy, envy, frustration, and fear."

We have three little mottoes which are apropos. Here they are: "FIRST THINGS FIRST" "LIVE AND LET LIVE" and "EASY DOES IT."

Our code is "Love and Tolerance."

I love you,

Bella L.

Chair Area 67



It must never be forgotten that the purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous is to sober up alcoholics. There is no religious or spiritual requirement for membership. No demands are made on anyone. An experience is offered which members may accept or reject. That is up to them.

— Bill W. —

AZQUOTES

## Grapevine Chair

#### Quarterly Report October 2023

**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 20 on August 20, 2023, at the Lambda Group AA. I attended a GVAC workshop on September 21, 2023. All the area Grapevine chairs were invited to discuss the new Grapevine/LaVina app. Also, SETA Area 67 Grapevine and District 32 held a Grapevine writing workshop on September 23, 2023, at the Cypresswood Group AA. We ask that all area GVRs attend the monthly Grapevine meetings and register at aagrapevine.org as a GVR. Our committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. on Zoom. All AAs are welcome to attend 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 printed subscriptions purchased in Area 67 and to raise awareness of the various Grapevine products to the fellowship. Another objective is to support Grapevine Inc. by promoting the new Grapevine/ LaVina app available to the fellowship. Another of our goals is to give away more digital, books, 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 necessary equipment. We will have a display table at the 2023 October SETA assembly. We will be available for questions and those who want to order a Grapevine subscription online or any questions about the new Grapevine/LaVina app.

**Future Grapevine Events** – We are preparing to plan for the 2024 SETA Convention. If any group or district is interested in hosting a Grapevine writing workshop in 2024, please contact 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 away at the 2023 SETA October Assembly. In service,

Darryl W. Chair SETA Area 67 Grapevine Terry P. ALT Chair SETA Area 67 Grapevine Thad D. Secretary SETA Area 67 Grapevine Melissa R. Treasurer SETA Area 67 Grapevine Adam P. IT Liaison SETA Area 67 Grapevine



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#### **2024 SETA Convention Hospitality**

#### Hello, SETA 67,

We are very excited to be returning to Moody Gardens. We are reaching out on behalf of the hospitality committee for the SETA convention which will take place January 19-21 at Moody Gardens in Galveston, TX. We want all that attend to have a memorable experience and have several hospitality suites in place (on hotel floors), additionally we are working on two more that will be located directly beside the convention hall. We are reaching out to ask if your districts would like to help with the limited traffic and seating in each hospitality suite (per hotel). These added hospitality suites will allow everyone to access one as they would care to.

We would appreciate your consideration of contributing to the Hospitality Suites. We would appreciate your contribution via either monetary contributions or in the form of actual food, beverages, napkins, utensils, etc.

- suggested food includes fruit, cold cuts, cheese, bread, candy, snacks, cookies, cakes.

suggested drinks include soda (can), juice (box or can) and bottled water.

Any checks can be made out to the SETA Convention 2024 (with hospitality in the memo) and mailed to:

2951 Marina Bay Dr., Suite 130 Box 273, League City TX, 77573.

We also need districts to provide shifts for volunteers if they can for either the Friday night dinner shift, breakfast shift, lunch shift or dinner shift Saturday, and breakfast shift on Sunday. We will coordinate the donated supplies and hospitality volunteers with the hospitality committee directly through me. Email me and let me know what shift your district would like to volunteer for.

\*\*All other volunteer opportunities as well as registration and information can be found on the SETA and convention websites. \*\*

With January quickly approaching, please contact me at pam.f@aa-seta.org and let me know how your district would like to participate (if possible, by the end of October) that would be greatly appreciated. Additionally, that will allow the hospitality committee to plan accordingly. You can also contact me if you have any questions.

The hospitality committee thanks your district for their willingness to service our area. Thank you in advance for your districts committee to service.

Hope to see you all in January.

Pam F. – Hospitality communications Tracy S. – Hospitality communications



Scan QR Code to email if interested in donating or volunteering at 24 SETA Convention

#### First Time Experiences of the Regional Forum

I was asked to write about my first time attending Southwest Regional Forum in El Paso Tx. My sponsor before she passed away a few years ago was teaching me the third part of the triangle. We would attend quarterly assemblies, go to SETA Conventions, serve on the convention committee, and study the traditions. Before she passed, we were starting the Concepts and talking about going to New York and meeting the Class A and B Trustees. In Oct of 2009 she passed away suddenly, I stopped going to SETA assemblies etc. and started to focus more on my group, my family and other stuff in life. I have always loved being of service to others and AA.

Flash forward to 2022, the world was opening back up after Covid, I was actively going to my home group again!! Someone asked me to be GSR and they would be the Alternate GSR. Yay, back into service and growing a wonderful friendship with the person who asked me. My journey began again at the SETA level, district level and God chose a path to be DCM. I was excited to be attending the forum, to learn, grow and serve. I felt like the service manual was coming alive and being able to see more of how all this works and why it works. The ability to ask any question and have an open discussion about it and not get the feeling that your voice does not matter. It was well attended, and I got to meet a lot of interesting people from all over.

What was most exciting was seeing how many people from our own area attended, showing me just how much people do want to keep learning & growing, continuing the legacy of carrying AA's message. On Saturday, the Area Delegate's presentations were probably my favorite part because it got you thinking, looking at yourself and how to apply the principles more in your life to grow as a person, a trusted servant or just making coffee at my home group. One more time I am reminded of how grateful I am to be a small part of an awesome program that saves so many lives.

#### Jennifer C., District 31 DCM

One quick look at the Program for the Southwest Regional Forum let me know it was going to be a busy weekend! The first memorable moment was meeting Teresa J., the new Southwest Regional Trustee, taking her position last April when Jimmy D.'s term was complete. She stated that one purpose of the Forum was to "take the pulse of the fellowship". I believe this indeed did happen. There were many speakers who talked about their role in A.A and discussed what was going on at the General Service Office (GSO). Following each informational session was a "Sharing Session", in which forum attendees were allowed to ask questions of the speakers. Some of the questions were related to finances, the resignation of Linda C., the change in the preamble and the Plain Language Big Book of Alcoholic Anonymous, all, which I viewed as controversial issues. To my surprise the questions were asked with respect and a gentle voice, and all responses were returned with the same respect and calmness. If the responder did not have a complete answer, they committed to finding the answer and relaying it to questioner at a later time. My three favorite speakers were the two class A Trustees and the Trustee At Large for the United States (U.S.). I was curious why a nonalcoholic would give so much of their time to A.A. Both Class A Trustees had compelling stories that melted my heart and gave me the sense that they were an important part of us! The At Large Trustee for the U.S. deals with International Affairs. Her talk was so interesting that I vowed to come home and do research on A.A. International Affairs. If you have never attended a Forum, I highly recommend going. I am so grateful I had the opportunity to go! Thank you District 40.

My experience is service has been filled with many "firsts"- my first Assembly, my first time as GSR, my first time as DCM, my first SWRAASA and my first Regional Forum. All of these firsts were met by me with much nervous fear.

At the Regional Forum, I was given the opportunity to have lunch with the General Manager of the GSO, a Class A Trustee and a Class B Trustee. We had a lively discussion full of questions, suggestions, and comments. It was a privilege to get to know them. It was an amazing "first" and I was happy to have been given the chance. I learned that regardless of position, single person has a great passion and love for AA.

I know that my firsts will eventually stop, and when they do, it will be time for me to rotate into something new and start all over. I am grateful to be in service and am honored to have the chance to learn and stay engaged.

#### Kim C, District 32 DCM

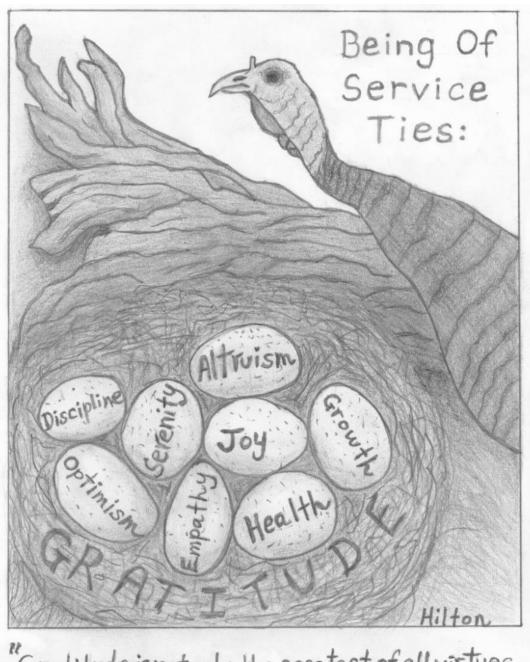
I was privileged and honored to attend the 2023 Southwest Regional Forum in El Paso, Texas. This was the second Regional forum I had attended. The first one I attended was in October 2019 in Houston. I was 10 months sober, serving as a GSR in my home group, We're Not Saints, Cameron, Texas. Being new to service, I was a little overwhelmed and didn't understand much of the AA service structure or what was being presented. As I continue in service, much of the information I heard at that Forum has helped me understand the AA service structure, meet Trusted Servants wanting to help me be a better Trusted Servant, and learn the obligations of each service position I have had the honor of serving.

This year, our Area Delegate, Rick M., invited me to join some of the General Service Office (GSO) staff for the Meal Train. For those unfamiliar with the Meal Train, the GSO staff invited several forum participants for a meal. I had the honor of dining with GSO General Manager Bob W., Class A Trustee (Nonalcoholic) Kerry Meyer, AAWS Director Class B Trustee (Alcoholic) Deb K., Kansas Area 25 Alt-Delegate Ken S., two DCMs from SWTA Area 68, and from Area 67 DCM District 31 Kim C., Information Technology Chair Sergey K., Houston Intergroup Liaison Taylor C.

This was an enlightening experience. It not only allowed me to hear their experience, strength, and hope. But I got to hear these trusted servants' passion for Alcoholics Anonymous. It was my first experience sitting and conversing with a non-alcoholic Trustee. I found Kerry was as passionate about AA as an Alcoholic. We learned about the challenges of working a job and being a Trusted Servant on the General Service Board (GSB), and I was able to put a human face to the service positions that I hear so much about.

Many members expressed concern about the 73rd General Service Conference (GSC) during the forum. Financial and GSB issues seemed to be a hot topic. After listening to the presentations from Kevin Prior, General Service Board Treasurer, and discussing the issues with Trusted Servants of the GSB, I feel confident in the GSB leadership today. I am sure that when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, the hand of AA will always be there.

#### Tony A. DCM District 33 Area 67



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

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of all virtues, but the parent of all the others" Cicero

### April 2023 Approved Assembly Minutes



#### June 2023 Unapproved Assembly Minutes

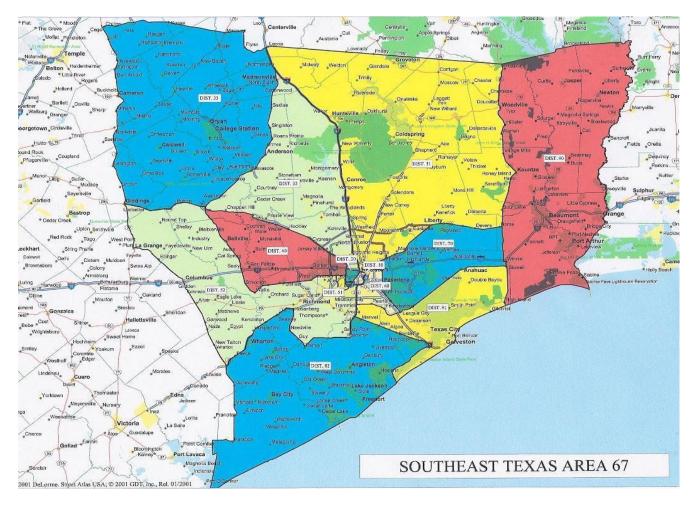
Will be available at October 2023 Assembly and the January 2025 Newsletter

#### June 2023 Treasurer's Report Summary



<u>June 2023 Treasurer's Report</u> <u>Summary</u>

## **ENGLISH DISTRICTS OF AREA 67**



Interactive Google Map for SETA

#### **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 – **Jennifer C.** District 31 Alt DCM – **OPEN** 

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** 

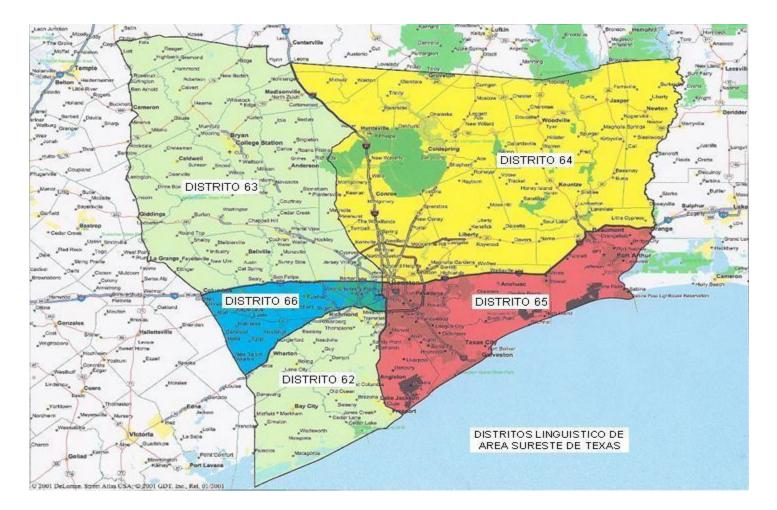
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District 81 DCM – Keith M. District 81 Alt DCM – Danny G.

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

District 90 DCM – Juliann L. District 90 Alt DCM – David

## **SPANISH DISTRICTS OF AREA 67**



#### **DISTRICT MEMBERS**

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

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## **Open Positions**

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#### **From General Service Office**



2023 General Service Conference Final Report

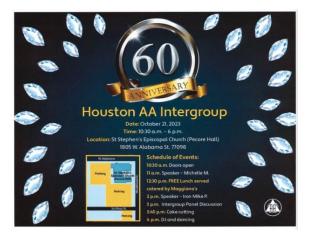


Box 459 Summer 2023

#### District 10 – DCM

District 10 – DCM and Alt DCM District 31 – Alt DCM District 32 – Alt DCM District 51 – Alt DCM District 60 – Alt DCM District 62 – DCM and Alt DCM

#### What's Happening Around You





60th Houston Intergroup Anniversary





SWRAASA 2024

Make Checks Payable To: Northeast TX Area SWRAASA 2024

SETA Convention



#### Lunch and Learn!!!



There is a whole world of possibilities COME FIND OUT

WHEN **November 11th** 1pm – 3pm

#### **Safe Harbor Group** 3801 S. Panther Creek Dr. Spring-The Wo ds. TX 77381

FEATURING - Southeast Texas Area Past Delegates - Area Committee Chairs and District Committee Chairs SHARING THEIR SERVICE EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH AND HOPE Q & A Session—Literature available

PRESENTATION BY: District 32 & SETA 67 FOOD, FUN &

**FELLOWSHIP** ALL GROUPS AND MEMBERS WELCOME



WHERE

