

# Southeast Texas Area

# **Quarterly Newsletter**

**April 2024** 

#### **DELEGATE**

#### Greetings SETA,

I hope this edition of the SETA Newsletter finds each of you happy, joyous, and free. Personally, I thank my Higher Power each day for the widespread freedom that being free from alcohol spawns in my life. For this edition, I would like to focus on the first two Concepts and what they mean for us:

- I Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.
- II The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.

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Concept I gives us the "desire" or, if you will the needed result, just as Tradition I tells us that we must maintain our unity. Concept II gives the solution necessary to bring about this need, again just as Tradition II gives the solution to how we stay unified. There is a common denominator in play here, that being an informed group conscience. When we study the Traditions, we are taught that we should honor and respect the group conscience, even if we don't agree. Indeed, sometimes we may find ourselves 100% convinced that the group conscience is totally wrong. Even in this case, we should go along with the group and allow things to play out. Quite often we find that the group was right, and we were wrong, but only time will tell. The first two Concepts require us to recognize that the General Service Conference (GSC) effectively represents the conscience of the entire fellowship. Just as with our home group, if we don't agree with the actions of the GSC, we should honor and respect those actions as representing the effective group conscience of our entire fellowship. Our program and fellowship are facing many thorny issues. Our finances, our literature and how we should adapt to new communication technologies are topics that are, or should be, of great interest to all of us. We are all committed to reaching the still suffering alcoholic. On that we can all agree. How we can best do that is where the rub comes in. Surely, everyone has figured by now where this is headed. No matter what actions the GSC takes or doesn't take concerning these issues and all the others it will consider, effectively the conscience of the whole fellowship has spoken. Only time will tell if the Conference was right or wrong, but please remember: Our common welfare comes first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity. –

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This we owe to A.A.'s future;
To place our common welfare first;
To keep our fellowship united;
For on A.A. unity depend our lives;
And the lives of those to come.

Thank you all for all you do. In love and service, Rick M. Delegate Panel 73/Area 67

#### **ALT DELEGATE**

Hello, my fellow trusted servants,

I'm not sure if y'all can believe this but when I first sobered up, I was fairly quiet. I was quiet mainly due to the fear of what people thought of me. When my group elected me as their GSR that fear was amplified when I went to the Area Assembly. It seemed I was thrown in with a group of people that seemed to "know" so much more than I did. I didn't know how I could add to the conversation but wanted so badly to belong. I sat in the back next to my first service sponsor and asked him questions. It didn't seem so scary to look like I didn't know in front of one person instead of all y'all. He hardly ever answered my question outright. His favorite thing to do was refer me to the literature to get the information myself.

At one Assembly I asked a question about the Treasurer's report, and he said I don't know, go up to the mic and ask. With utter fear pulsing through my body, I asked my question because y'all taught me how to follow directions. Looking back now I am about 99% sure he knew the answer, but he asked me to take action that was uncomfortable but helped me to feel a part of the Assembly. The main question I have been asked when visiting districts in March is how to change things or how to keep things the same. I believe the answer is in participating. Ask the questions even if it feels uncomfortable. Be the minority opinion even if you are scared to say it. I am grateful that we are part of an Area that really values participation. I am grateful that AA has taught me the necessary disciplines to participate even if I am scared. I am so glad that my Higher Pawer placed me in a place where I belong. So, this Assembly, if something seems scary, uncomfortable, or weird, do it anyways. I promise it's worth it.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Sincerely.
Christina Shirey
Alt-Delegate P73/A67

# Grapevine Chair

SETA Area 67 Grapevine Chair Quarterly Report April 2024

Introduction—My name is Darryl, and I am an alcoholic. I am happy to serve as the chair of the area Grapevine committee. We want to thank all of our GV reps for their hard work. The GV app downloads have increased, which will help AA Grapevine recoup its initial investment in a timely manner. Thanks to Jennifer W. for her hard work on the GV newsletter.

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 set up a display at the SETA convention, which was held in January at the Moody Gardens Hotel. Several members from the area Grapevine committee assisted with the MOB AA conference in Lake Jackson, Texas, which was held from March 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Also, we gave away one GV yearly subscription at the MOB conference. Several new GV reps joined our committee this year, and they have hit the ground running. We ask that all area GVRs attend the monthly Grapevine meetings and register at aagrapevine.org as GVRs. Our committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. on Google Meet. 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. 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. Also, we will publish a Grapevine newsletter shortly. Also, we will have a display at the upcoming Assembly and a few surprises for those who stop by the Grapevine table. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in April, our committee will be doing a presentation in District 40.

Future Grapevine Events—We are working with several districts on Grapevine writing workshops and presentations in the area. If any group or district is interested in hosting a Grapevine writing workshop or presentation in 2024, please contact anyone on our committee.

All the workshops we have 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 2024 April 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

#### Public Information Chair

Hello, my fellow recovering alcoholics. This is Charlie W., your current Area Public Information Chair. Public Information (P.I.) means carrying the message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic by informing the general public about the AA program. We carry the message by getting in touch with and responding to the media, schools, industry, and other organizations which can report on the nature and purpose of A'A. and what it can do for alcoholics.

To name just a few things we have done this past year putting literature out in public locations, such as Big Books (Spanish & English) in libraries, small literature racks in a couple churches, a Hepatology clinic, and a local hospital. We have done one A.A. presentation at a Catholic Charities event in both English and Spanish. The committee has recently taken part in 2-3 Health Fairs at area community colleges with another coming up in June at Lee College in Baytown (D70:) There is so much more we can do to reach out, but our committee is lacking participation. Many of our districts have open service positions, including PI. A rewarding opportunity is available if you're interested I will be attending our Area Assembly this Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. PI will have a table set up with literature: Stop by and give me and give me a shout.

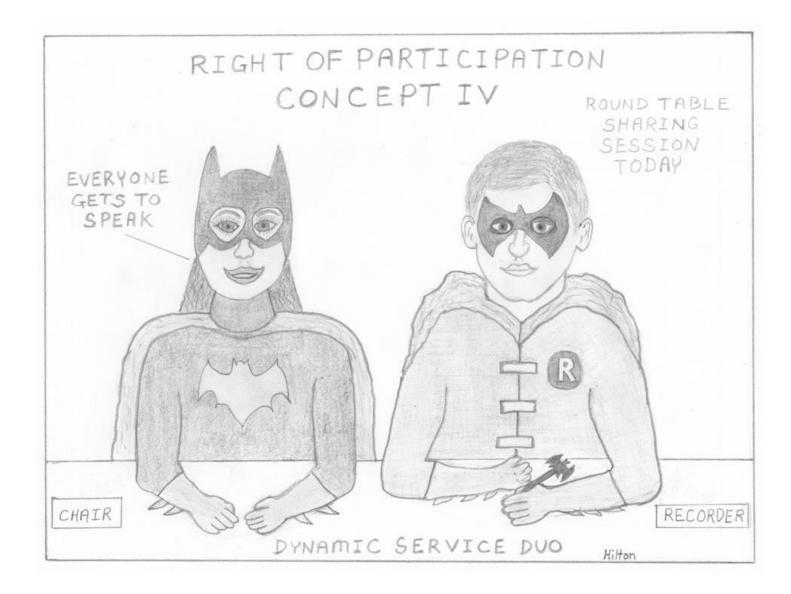
In love and service, Charlie W. Panel 73 Area 67 P.I. Chair

SETA Public Information Chairperson Panel 73/ Area 67

Meeting Link- http:<u>meet.google.com/egs-mjov-jfh</u> pin 392706340

Join by phone- 1-929-287-3914

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



# July 2023 Approved Assembly Minutes

January 2024 Assembly Minutes Approved



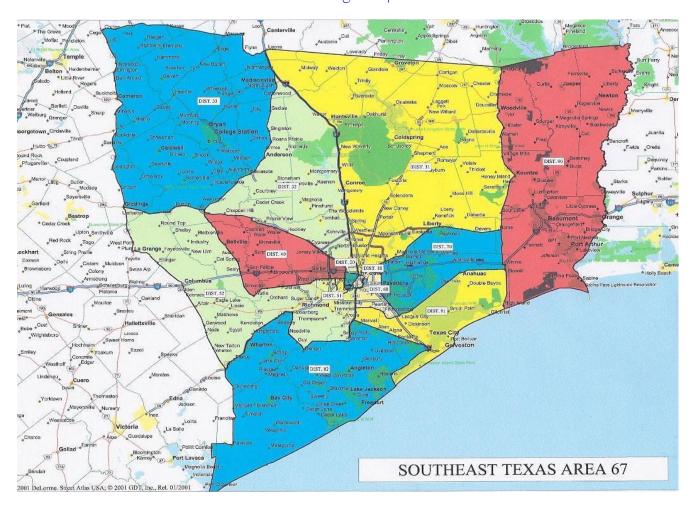
# January Treasurer's Report Summary

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#### **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 – Jennifer N. District 51 DCM – David D.

District 32 DCM - Kim C. District 32 Alt DCM -Mark E.

District 33 DCM - Tony A. District 33 Alt DCM - Cody R.

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

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

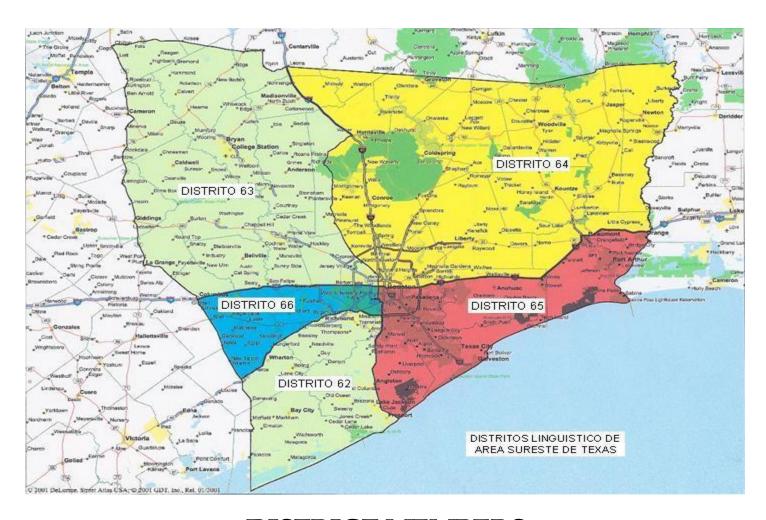
District 70 DCM - Kevin W. District 70 Alt DCM - Sara B.

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 - Juliann L. District 90 Alt DCM - David

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#### **DISTRICT MEMBERS**

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District 31 – Alt DCM

District 32 – Alt DCM

District 51 – Alt DCM

District 60 – Alt DCM

District 62 – DCM and Alt DCM

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Intergroupa Hispano Del SW Alt

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# From General Service Office





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