

Southeast Texas Area

Quarterly Newsletter

July 2024

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Delegate

Greetings SETA,

As I write this, I am fresh off from attending the State Convention in Dallas. It was an outstanding convention with great speakers. I saw many of you there, and the Southeast Area was well represented. For those of you that were there and sat through the Delegates' talks, this article is going to be a bit redundant, so my apologies in advance.

I would like to begin with a quote from AA Comes of Age:

"Within A.A., I suppose, we shall always quarrel a good bit. Mostly, I think, about how to do the greatest good for the greatest number of drunks. Surmounting such problems, in A.A.'s rather rugged school of life, is a healthy exercise."

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In my almost 20 years of being a sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous, I have not seen anything cause disunity among us as the Plain Language Big Book (PLBB) has. We have members who believe with all their heart that this book is a must have for the future of AA. Others just as adamantly say that this book is the beginning of the end for AA as we know it. Then there are a whole bunch of members in the middle who are willing to wait and see and others who are curious to see the new work. Somewhat surprisingly I still encounter members who have heard nothing about the project. Still others believe it is meant to be a replacement for the BB or even that this will be the fifth edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*. The fifth edition is a separate project, and the first 164 pages will be essentially unchanged. But back to the PLBB. The stated purpose for the PLBB is to be a companion to the Big Book and to make accessing the ideas in the Big Book easier.

I'm not here to argue or speak on either side of this issue, though a good argument is usually welcomed by the engineer that still lives inside of me. I've heard it said that arguing with an engineer is like wrestling with a pig in the mud. After a while, you realize the pig enjoys it. But I digress.

Now, I'm here to speak on behalf of our unity, and our primary purpose. This project came to life as an advisory action of the 71st GSC. It was reviewed and discussed by the 73rd GSC, further reviewed and discussed by the 74th GSC and then approved by the 74th GSC. Our Concepts tell us that the GSC represents the conscience of our whole fellowship, and that conscience is the final authority when it comes to our world services. Our group conscience has spoken, and our Traditions suggest that we should respect the group conscience, even when we don't agree. Only time will tell whether the fellowship's conscience is right or wrong. However I may feel about this project myself, I don't think our biggest shortcoming as a fellowship is our literature. I don't believe that a lack of literature is holding us back. I believe our only limitation is our lack of willingness to talk one on one with another drunk.

That said, I'm asking that we put aside our differences and get back to doing what we do, our primary purpose. That primary purpose being to carry our life saving message to the still suffering alcoholic. If you believe that this new book can be helpful in carrying out our primary purpose, then use it. If you feel that this book is not needed to do so, then don't use it. Let's unify around the fact that we have a solution for those afflicted by the illness of alcoholism and that we know how to deliver this message to them **as no one else can.** This should be something we can unite around. **It must be!**

I would like to close with another quote from our literature:

"Each day, somewhere in the world, recovery begins when one alcoholic talks with another alcoholic, sharing experience, strength and hope."

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In love and service, Rick M. Delegate Area 67/Panel 73

Alt Delegate

Hello, my fellow trusted servants,

The description for the Alt-Delegate is to carry out the duties of the Delegate, for the Area and AA worldwide, in the absence of the Delegate. Be responsible, in general, for serving the membership as the replacement for an unavailable Delegate.

But what does that mean you might ask:

- Attend all Area Assemblies and Area Service functions.
- Attend Southwest Regional Service meetings.
- Prepare quarterly Area highlights article for SW Region Delegates Assembly Newsletter
- Manage any Special Projects for the Area.
- Prepare a quarterly Newsletter article to communicate with Area membership.
- Work with the Delegate to learn and understand the conscience of the Area about the Final Agenda items of the Delegate.
- Address the Assembly each quarter to deliver AA information and concerns.
- Visit all Districts each year and assist, if requested
- Inform the Area of all Regional events.
- Assist the Delegate in communicating the conference actions to the members of the Area Committee, the Districts, and the Assembly in general, if requested.

I am so grateful that I have been given the opportunity to serve Alt-Delegate panel 73 Area 67.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you. Sincerely.

Christina Shirey Alt-Delegate P73/A67

Interim Alternate Chair

Good afternoon Trusted Servants,

I want to share with you the plan we have for this year's SETA Job Fair, which will be at the July Assembly. This is a bi-annual tradition that we do before October's Elections.

This year due to time restraints, we will act more like an actual job fair where Assembly participants can decide which offices or committee chairs, they most want to learn from.

At the top of the hour, I will share from the podium in the Monument Room (our main Assembly room at SJN) that we will be moving to the 1st-floor student union. There each officer and committee chair will be stationed at separate tables. Starting at 10 minutes after the hour, participants will be seated at their chosen table and will have 10 minutes to listen to the current position holder and ask questions. After 10 minutes, we will ring a bell and ask participants to move to another table. There will only be time for 4 rounds, so participants will have to decide which four positions they want to learn about.

We will use the remaining 10 minutes to move back up to the monument room.

If we have participants who are not interested in participating, we will ask them to remain in the monument room to keep noise down.

So, all this to say, it would be ideal for you to have prepared about a 5-minute talk on your current position, don't waste time discussing what can be read in a job description. Share your experience, strength, and hope. I assume you still have some!

You, of course, will present that talk about 4 times during the hour's rotations. Also, if you are not able to participate, **PLEASE** Share with your Alternate. You will see some alternates are already listed since they have specific job descriptions e.g. treasurer.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me by responding to this email and reply all so we are keeping each other in the loop.

Best, Troy Bush-DiDonato Past Delegate Panel 69 (serving as Interim Alt. Chair)

Cooperation with Professional Communities Alternate Chair

Tradition 5 says our primary purpose is to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. How do we do that? We certainly do it by sponsoring others and sharing in meetings, but what about the alcoholic who has not found the program? How do we reach them? That is what CPC work is all about. Remember that Parole officer or Therapist that told you about AA? If the members of the CPC committee don't reach these professionals to help them to understand what AA is and what AA isn't then how can we help the alcoholic who is still suffering. The professional who isn't familiar with AA may not be comfortable suggesting to someone to "try AA".

My personal story is that a doctor, whom I had never met, and that was attending my mother when she was dying from alcoholism, turned to me, and said, "Alcoholism usually runs in the family and the only way I have seen an

alcoholic recover is by going to Alcoholics Anonymous". That doctor knew about alcoholism as a doctor, but he was also informed about AA as a solution. He helped to save my life and hopefully as a CPC member you can do that too. We don't often see the results of our work but spreading the message of AA recovery is a rewarding service job. Please consider participating in the committee whether as Chair, Alt Chair, Secretary or most important as a member of the committee doing the work that places us in a position to talk to the professional.

In Service Kate E
Alt Chair Area 67 CPC Committee

Literature Alternate Chair

Hello SETA folk.

This is Jim M, the SETA Literature Committee Alternate Chair. It's an exciting time for literature in our fellowship and we are grateful for the chance to serve. We welcome all to our monthly online meeting, and especially encourage Group and District Literature representatives to attend.

<u>Literature Committee Statement of purpose</u>: The purpose of the literature committee is to raise awareness for AA conference approved literature, audiovisual, and other special items.

Our committee has been growing in attendance and we are able to be part of more activities. Literature is an important part of every service committee, and we are grateful to be of service. If committees have questions about conference approved literature resources to help them carry the message, please contact us.

This spring we held a "Founders' Original Writings Workshop" to give our area info on what the Founders' Original Writings are; what changes have been made; and some options the General Service Conference can consider for the future. This was not on the Conference Agenda for this year, but the Trustees Literature Committee had a sharing session for our Delegates and this workshop was helpful to our Delegate at the Conference this year.

We are planning a Fall Workshop (Date & Info out soon) focus on how new literature, and revisions to current literature, are handled within our Service Structure.

Our monthly meeting is on Google Meet and all are invited. We get together on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30. Please join us.

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: https://meet.google.com/xdb-ukhk-cjj

In Love and Service,

Jim M. Alt. Chair Area 67 Literature Committee

Public Information Chair

Hello, my fellow recovering alcoholics. This is Charlie W., your current Area Public Information Chairperson, Area 67 Panel 73. Public Information means carrying the message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic by informing the 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.

I'd like to share about my experience during the first six quarters of my two-year term of being Public Information chairman. I started PI work in District 70 as their PI representative for one two-year term. During the time as a district rep, I assisted our Panel 71 chairperson, who along with our Alt. Chair, my service sponsor, and several on the committee helped to make the last two years a successful and productive run.

We've been shorthanded as many of our districts have no chairperson in Public Information. We have enjoyed reaching out to SE Texas in several ways. By putting Big Books and 12 & 12s in Public Libraries, putting literature racks in public places, churches, hospitals, clinics, etc. Earlier this year we did an AA presentation for a Catholic Charities Housing Assistance Luncheon in both English and Spanish and English for their clients and staff. We have reached out to clergy at a couple of area churches and supplied them with literature in English and Spanish. We've been invited to participate in 3-4 Health Fairs annually at area Community Colleges to distribute AA related pamphlets, to speak with the students, faculty, and sometimes the public about AA and alcoholism. i enjoy attending and participating in these events.

Part of the chairperson responsibilities is keeping up with the area's PI activities, having a secretary to take notes during monthly meetings and put together minutes from the meeting. The chairperson uses those minutes to help prepare an agenda for the next month's meetings.

In love and service, Charlie W.

Public Information Alternate Chair

Hey SETA,

The Public Information (PI) Committee increases awareness of AA in the public. We talk to people about Alcoholics Anonymous, what it does and doesn't do. We answer questions and give out pamphlets when appropriate.

Let me tell you what it was like for me to be the Alternate Public Information Chair (Alt. PIC). The basic job is to assist the Chair in their duties and to be available if the chair is unable to do the job. Some of these duties include Chairing PIC meetings, attend SETA quarterly meetings, submitting quarterly reports to SETA assembly, and submitting a quarterly newsletter article to the SETA Newsletter Chair. Being an alt is a good way to learn the position without all the responsibility of being the chair, like a practice run. In my situation, the chair had some health issues and so I gave a few of his reports and led a few of the monthly meetings. There may be some travel opportunities available for the Alt. PIC because the PI Chair is invited to set up a Display Table at events in many Districts in the Area, which will include some that are far from your home. Sometimes there might be funds available for you to stay overnight if the event is far away. Some of the events are Conferences where you will have the opportunity to hear great Speakers.

There is an area PI meeting once a month on the fourth Tuesday at 7:30 pm on Google Meet, led by the PI Chair. I volunteered to keep the minutes for our meetings.

Service work is an important part of Alcoholics Anonymous, plus I really enjoy it! In Love and Service, Theresa S.

Registrar

Hello, Area 67!

I'm Patty Heath and I am your Area 67 Registrar. I have to say how excited and grateful I am to be of service as your Registrar.

The position's job description includes several important actions that I am responsible for, these include:

- 1- Maintain records of contact information for all members of the Area Committee which includes the Delegate & Alt Delegate, Area Officers, Area Committee Chairs and Alts, DCMs and Alt DCMs, past Delegates, Intergroup chairs, and Convention Chairs.
- 2- Area Assembly Registration desk
- 3- Maintain and update the GSO database, known as the Fellowship Connection, with all information on Area, District, and Group information including DCMs, GSRs, and new groups.

4- Area Roll Call

What the job description doesn't say is Communicate, Communicate, Communicate!!

The biggest part of my job is helping others in our Area with information they need, such as group ID numbers, receiving new service position information, such as new GSRs or new groups, and entering it in the database, talking with the General Service office, and providing access to our DCMs for group and service position data lists. I love the communication and getting to know so many members of our area. I LOVE THIS!

With the help and support of others, especially our Alt Webmaster, Cheryl M, we have developed an Area Roster that can be accessed at any time for all current information. I am diligently working towards improved data integrity for all of our area GSO database information.

I began my general service history as an Alt GSR for my home group of Kingwood. I remember the anxiety of desiring to be part of, to help others, learn new skills, and be of service. Also, the excitement of seeing how our AA community is involved in so many different aspects of service. I was hooked! As my journey continued, participating in my District as Alt DCM and DCM, it brought so many learning experiences and opportunities to grow in my program and be of service.

The rewards of service are immense. My program grows stronger as I help others, I learn new skills that I never thought I could learn and my relationship with my higher power grows and grows. I continue to believe strongly in sponsorship. I have a sponsor and a service sponsor, and I am blessed to sponsor many women.

Both of my grown children are alcoholics. I pray that AA will always be here for them and their children. My work in service is a very small contribution to all of our hopes that the message of AA will continue. I pray to continue to be of service for our Area 67 and look forward to what God has planned for me!

One of my favorite things in service is WORKSHOPS!! Ha! Many people know how excited I am about workshops. Why? Because workshops bring us together, help us feel part of, and we learn together. We share our memories of a happy gathering and what we learned, we grow in understanding of topics such as the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. Having fun at workshops with activities such as skits and engaging the audience are integral elements of what I hope to bring to every event.

Together we carry the message of recovery to the alcoholic that still suffers.

That's a lot of togetherness!!

That's a lot of helping each other...

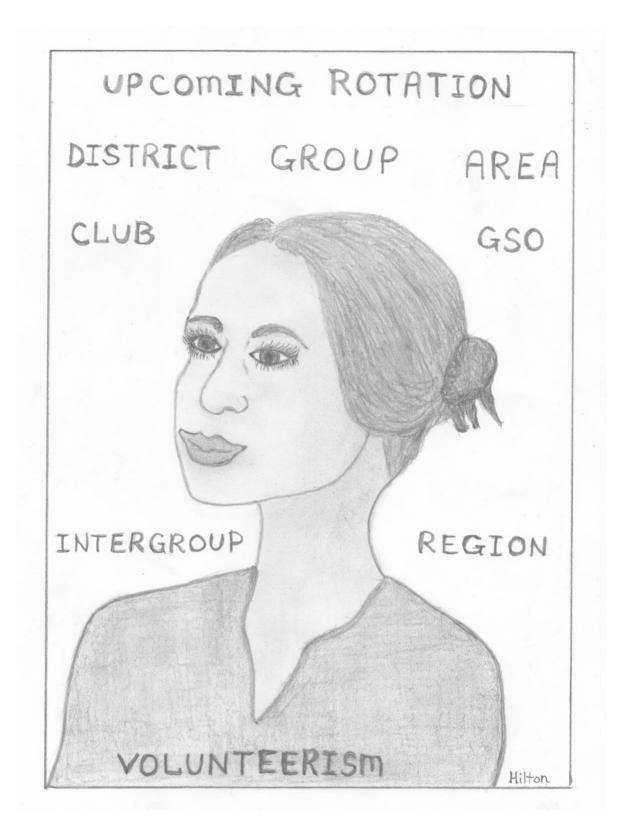
That's a lot of SERVICE! 💭 🛞

I am so very grateful to be a part of a wonderful community of alcoholics that is called Southeast AREA 67. Please let me know if I can help you, your group, or your District in anyway.

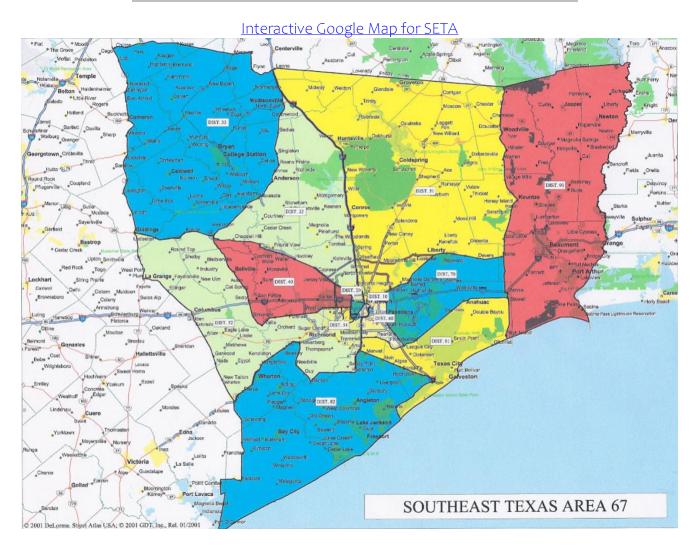
In Loving Service, Patty H Area 67 Registrar

April 2024 Unapproved Assembly Minutes	April Treasurer's Report Summary
Unavailable at time of production	

Cartoon from a SETA member



ENGLISH DISTRICTS OF AREA 67



DISTRICT MEMBERS

District 10 DCM – OPEN
District 10 Alt DCM – OPEN

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

District 60 DCM - Roland R. District 60 Alt DCM – **OPEN**

District 20 DCM - Sarah L. District 20 Alt DCM – Linda G. District 40 DCM – Doug D. District 40 Alt DCM - Mike B. District 70 DCM - Kevin W. District 70 Alt DCM - Sara B.

District 31 DCM – Jennifer C.

District 51 DCM – David D. District 31 Alt DCM – Jennifer N. District 51 Alt DCM – OPEN District 81 DCM - Keith M. District 81 Alt DCM - Danny G.

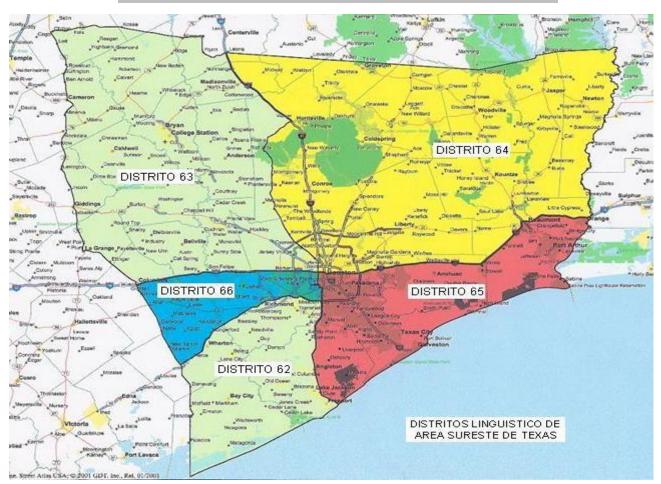
District 32 DCM - Kim C. District 32 Alt DCM -Mark E.

District 52 DCM - Ricardo D. District 52 Alt DCM – Jim C.

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

District 90 DCM - Juliann L. District 90 Alt DCM - David M.

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 – **OPEN**

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

District 65 DCM – **Isidro G.** District 65 Alt DCM – **Marvin P.**

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Intergroupa Hispano Del SW Alt

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Events Coming up in Our Area

Open Positions

District Members

District 10 - DCM and Alt DCM

District 32 – Alt DCM District 51 – Alt DCM District 60 – Alt DCM

District 62 - DCM and Alt DCM

District 63 – Alt DCM District 66 – Alt DCM

Committee Members

Alternate Chair

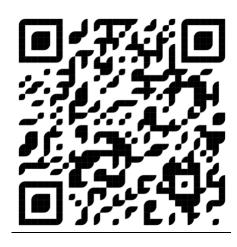
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Liaisons to Intergroup

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From General Service Office

GSO Quarterly Report



Class A Trustee Vacancies

April 2025



Events around the Area

District 60 Presents

Give up, Clean up, Grow up 3 Panel Workshop

Saturday July 20 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM





@ Third Tradition5656 Belarbor StreetHouston, TX 77033

COMMON PERIL...

COMMON SOLUTION...

HARMONIOUS ACTION.

43rd ANNUAL DISTRICT 90 CONVENTION August 16, 17 & 18, 2024

CONVENTION SPEAKERS	MCM ELEGANTE HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER 2355 I-10 Access Rd SOUTH	
Fri. 08:00 PM AA Cliff G Oklahoma City, OK. Fri. 10:00 PM AA Malana Q Beaumont, TX.	(GPS) 13SS EXECUTIVE BLVD, BEAUMONT, TEXAS 77705	
Sat. 8:30 AM AFG Four Faces of Al-Anon Sat. 10:00 AM AA Terri K Woodville, OH.	ROOM RATES - \$104 PER NIGHT / \$134 SUITE PER NIGHT / \$144 CABANA BALCONY VIEW EARLY DEADLINE - 8-02-2024	
Sat. 12:30 PM AFG Alateen Sat. 01:00 PM AFG Lori G Oklahoma City, OK.		
Sat. 03:00 PM AA Workshop Peter M.	ONSITE REGISTRATION Pre-Registration ends July 31, (AA/Ai-Anon 515, -teen 53)*	
Sat. 04:30 PM AA Old Timers	Onsite Registration opens Fri, Aug 16, 2024 at 2:00 PM	
Sat. 08:00 PM AA Francine W Mill Valley, CA. Sat. 10:00 PM Dance	AA/ Al-Anon: \$ 20 ea. Alateen: \$ 5 ea. Dance only: \$ 5 ea. Coffee: Incl. w/ registration	
Sun. 10:00 AM AA Peter M, Boca Raton, FL. ****Schedule and Speakers Subject to Change. ****	Dance admission included with convention registration *" Dance only" tickets will be sold at ballroom door Sat night	

Hospitality Suites. Solviety Countdown. First Timers Contest... Door Prizes... Marathon Meetings... Ice Cream Social We-STIME TO BE SELF-SUPPORTING -PLASE CONATE TO THE COFFEE AND HOSPITALITY SUITE /CONTRIBUTION CANS Note: The city of Beaumont has a smoke free ordinance. Outdoor smoking areas will be designated to accommodate our smoking guest

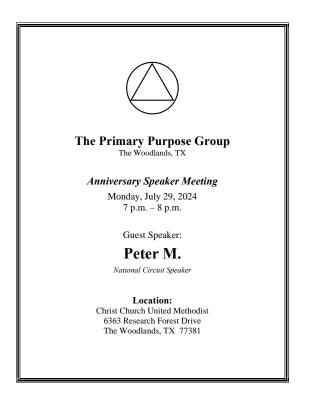
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District 40's Annual

TRADITIONS DINNER



AUGUST 17, 2024 4P - 8P			
Speakers: Judy L – Westminster, CO Jack W. – Carbondale, CO			
Church of the Holy Apostles 1225 W Grand Parkway S, Katy, TX 77494			
CALL	EMAIL		
832.724.3050	Mike .B@AA-SETA.org		
If you or your group would like to serve, we need volunteers during the event, appetizers, desserts, and/or 7th Tradition contributions. District 40 Area Committee Representatives: This is a great opportunity to share information on your committee. Please bettine 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.).			









"The group must survive, or the individual will not." Bill W

Paul M and Friends Facilitators

Saturday, Sept 21, 3:30 pm — 5:30 pm Serenity, 405 Sawdust Rd, Spring 77386

Followed by Paul M, 6pm speaker

Join us for a FUN afternoon of fellowship!
* Snacks and LAUGHS provided *







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