

SOUTH EAST TEXAS AREA

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2016

DELEGATE



**Hello South East
Texas Area 67!!**

2015 has flown by - so much has happened this year and I have learned a lot!

I want to pass on some highlights and points of interest; I'll provide more detail soon.

General Service Conference Inventory Report

All reports indicate that this year's International Convention held in Atlanta over the July 4th weekend, had the largest attendance ever at 57,000, just ahead of the 1995 Convention in San Diego, which had 56,000

Proposed Agenda Item for the 66th General Service Conference

I received a letter from Mary Clare L., the Conference Coordinator for the next two Conferences, about our Area's *Proposed Agenda Item on the Agenda Selection Process*. She informed me that our proposal has been approved to go forward to a sub-committee of the *Trustees' Committee on the Conference*.

The sub-committee was appointed to review the agenda selection process and the additional considerations put forth by the 2015 Agenda Conference Committee, which requested more delegate participation in the selection process.

The next Board meeting is in January, which is when they'll determine the final agenda for next year's Conference. Mary Clare also informed me that another area's proposal on the same topic - which is Area 38, Eastern Missouri - has been approved to go forward to the sub-committee as well. At the October Assembly, I had reported that another one or two Areas were planning to make similar proposals. As to whether they did and whether their proposals will also be considered, I do not know.

So - we have made it to this stage! Yay! I'll keep you informed as things develop.

Treatment Facility/Accessibilities Committee

The Trustees Committee on CPC, TF/Special Needs-Accessibilities agreed with the Conference Committee on TF/Special Needs-Accessibilities Additional Consideration to discontinue use of the "Special Needs" tag as it does not describe the full range of the Committee's scope.

2015 International Convention

The 2015 International Convention held in Atlanta over the July 4th weekend, had the largest attendance ever at 57,000, just ahead of the 1995 Convention in San Diego, which had 56,000. Unfortunately, reports indicate that there was a substantial loss. Apparently, due to the high attendance, the cost of travel to and from hotels to the convention site provided by shuttles was much higher than expected. The cost of security provided by the Atlanta Police Department and Homeland Security was much higher than expected as well.

A sub-committee has been appointed to review contracts for the 2020 International Convention, which will be held in Detroit.

Lawsuit Dismissed

The domestic violence-murder lawsuit in California which brought by the victim's family, was dismissed. This is the case that *60 Minutes* reported on under the heading: "The Sober Truth".

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your delegate and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a wonderful, sober Holiday Season!

In A.A. love and service,
Melissa R
Delegate
Area 67, Panel 65
Email: delegate-65@aa-seta.org

ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Greetings Area 67, my name is Ron and I am an Alcoholic. I also have the honor of serving as Alternate Delegate Panel 65 for Area 67.

This has been a very busy October and November. We had the Area Assembly and Regional Forum in October. Also in October, I participated in a Service Workshop organized by the Caring and Sharing Group in District 51. In November, we had the Gratitude Dinner and I also told my story at the Beginners Group in Clute (District 82). Thanks Rick for asking me to share my experience strength and hope. The Beginners Group is a wonderful group of people and one of the first places that I told my story outside my District many years ago. It is always a pleasure to see old friends and make new ones. Hopefully my jokes weren't too bad and they will invite me back again.

The Regional Forum in St. Louis was awesome. We were well represented with people from Area 67. I got a chance to meet and talk to some of our Trustees and the amount of time and effort that they put into service to AA is astonishing. I asked one Trustee how does he manage to do it. He stated to me that he owes a debt to Alcoholics Anonymous that can never be repaid and the debt keeps increasing every day.

The Area Gratitude Dinner was a rousing success. All the Districts in the Area and volunteers from all over converged on the VFW hall in Katy to setup and serve approximately 300 people. District 40 the host District and District 66 the co-host District did an excellent job. Kudos to Cheryl, Michelle, Corrie, Pam, Ana and Deborah from District 40 and Arnoldo, Andres, Victor and Miguel from District 66. Their dedication and about a year of hard work lead to an enjoyable Gratitude Dinner. Our wonderful speaker Yoli, our new Southwest Regional Trustee, had an amazing story. The Area Service Committees CFC, CPC, Grapevine, PI, Literature, and TFC had displays and both the PI and Literature Committees gave away "door" prizes. One of the things that I enjoy about Gratitude Dinner is it gives me a chance to see people I don't see too often in a more relax setting. It's a family reunion (without the alcohol and the bragging). It's a chance to give thanks.

Remember it's never too early to start thinking about the 2016 Gratitude dinner. The Host is District 66 and the co-host is District 31. The other thing I like about Gratitude Dinner (and all service events) is seeing the spirit of service in action. The first time I saw this was when I was new in service, about 8 months involvement. I was the GSR for my home group after a very, very short stint as alt GSR. I was going to my first Area Convention in Galveston. My district

had volunteered to do a hospitality suite and I had signed up for a shift. We were short of people and naturally I was worried about how it would work out. That weekend was when I was introduced to the spirit of service. The unsung heroes showed up. The unsung heroes are the people who serve with no fanfare, no badges or titles. They are there for a minute, an hour or a day to pitch in where ever they are needed. This was the first time in my life that I ever saw people truly volunteering from the heart. Not only was the Hospitality Suite a success but also the entire Convention was wonderful. I later learned that this is the essence of Tradition Twelve, the spiritual foundation of principles before personalities. Thank you to all the unsung heroes that made the Gratitude Dinner a success.

This is the last newsletter article for the first year of Panel 65. So let's end with the last joke of the year.

Why did the turkey cross the road?
Why?

It was Thanksgiving and he wanted everyone to think he was a chicken.



Thank you for the opportunity to serve
Ron C
Area 67 Panel 65 Alt-Delegate

God, Our Father

We give thanks for the pleasure of gathering together for this occasion. We give thanks for this food, prepared by loving hands, for the time and efforts of the Committee and the generous contributions of the Districts.

We give thanks for our Speaker for sharing this day with us. We give thanks for our life, for our sobriety and for the freedom to enjoy it all.

As we partake of this food, we pray for health and the strength to carry on - to try to live as You would have us live and to be what You would have us be.

*In love and gratitude
Amen*

CHAIR

I simply cannot believe that a year has gone by since our panelist took their positions. It seems like just yesterday that I was preparing to Chair my first assembly at the 2015 Convention. Time flies and yet we still have an entire year ahead of us. I appreciate the support I have gotten from the members of the Assembly this past year and the hard work that so many people have put into the work we have gotten done. I could start listing highlights but the list is too long and I would inevitably leave something out and end up on another fourth step.

I will say that I am most excited to work with the recommendations and suggestions that came out of the ad-hoc on Assembly Weekend Scheduling. I am looking forward to applying some of the new agendas and ideas beginning in April. I hope that the new schedules will result in a more efficient use of our time.

As you know the January Agenda for both the Area Committee and the Assembly will be brief since we are hosted by the Annual SETA Convention. Still we have some business to attend to; we are still on the great hunt for an Alternate Secretary and we will be electing a Chair for the 2018 Convention Chair. We will also be voting on the recommendations that have come out of the ad-hoc on 3rd Legacy Election Procedures.

So, until we see each other, I wish you and yours a truly blessed and Happy New Year.

Yours in service,
Troy B
Area Chair
Southeast Area Assembly

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The IT Webmaster, Jeff H., attended the 2nd annual National A.A. Technology Workshop (NAATW) on October 2-4 in St. Louis, MO. About 80 were in attendance and much good information was presented as well as information and experience shared in peer discussions. Some of the topics that peeked my interest were:

1. Designing a responsive web design which optimizes site content and format for desktop computers and mobile devices, and
2. Website autonomy which challenges interchange of information among A.A. related entities (District, Area, Intergroup/Central Office, and A.A. sites).

I was particularly moved by the stories shared by several members who are deaf or visually impaired and how interpreters and American Sign Language (ASL) plays such an important role in "carrying the message". My key take-a-ways from the NAATW are: to initiate steps towards design and development of a responsive SETA website, and to partake in a NAATW Technology Survey in gathering A.A. related entity web site information across North America into a single database for further analysis. In addition, I had the opportunity to attend my first South West Regional Forum the following weekend which was a 10 minute walk from the NAATW location. I was taken aback by how many A.A. er's came together with members of the GSO, AAWS, GvR and others for information sharing, service reports and workshops. This really helped me put faces to what I read in the A.A. Service Manual which solidified my understanding of its content.

Thank you,
SETA Webmaster, Jeff H.

PAST DELEGATE

Hello SETA Friends!

I am hoping that each of you are doing well and looking forward to seeing you soon and sharing in our journey of love and service. I thought that I would take some time to tell you about a service event that I was privileged to participate in this past September. We have such great areas in Texas and one in particular hosts an annual conference devoted specifically to Public Information (PI) and Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) service work. Yes, a whole day and a half of learning, training, laughing and interacting with AA members and member from the local community. The area I am talking about is the Southwest Texas Area (68).

This area has a strong lineage of performing service with these two service activities. I was privileged to be asked to attend and participate in the two-day event. They even asked if I would share my experience, strength and hope on Friday evening. Their annual event begins on Friday with a luncheon at a local restaurant. Members of the community were invited and attended that represented many professionals that CPC committees typically try to visit. I sat at a table with the local District Attorney and members of his staff. Other professions represented were; Probation Officers, Doctors, Dentists, Teachers, Ministers to name a few. The local CPC members put on an informative presentation and then allowed for a solid question and answer session. I was impressed with the turn out!

There was a break and then the event moved to a local church hall where the remainder of the weekend events took place. After the Friday evening speaker we all had great fellowship and retired for the evening. Saturday was a day packed with presentations, PSAs viewings, games, and most importantly reporting on specific service activities that were being acted out in the various districts across the area. This was the most exciting part of the weekend.

The first speaker shared her personal experience that even as a one women committee, she could take actions that had far reaching results. She literally stood from her doorstep and reached out to her local doctor, librarian, school and dentist. This really hit home with me that sometimes we are always looking for a strong full committee to do many activities, when the reality is the work can start small and still be impactful. While I am waiting for the committee to build, what am I doing to perform the service I want others to help me with? It is a good idea to have experience to share with the folks you are trying to inspire to walk with you in service.

Later that day another part of Area 68 had gone to the other extreme and had put together a comprehensive "Adopt a Rack" program. The committee had created Plexiglas racks that had labels on the inside for when the pamphlets ran out. The instructions shared who to contact for a refill on the pamphlets. The committee had a strong inventory of all the racks, where they were placed and who was responsible for refilling them. In addition, they had implemented a QR code on information pamphlets that when scanned with a smartphone took a person to the area's Public Information Website to obtain all kinds of information about Alcoholics Anonymous. Pretty cool I thought!

I was able to participate in a workshop session with another Past Delegate from Area 68. The focus of our discussion related to being assigned to the General Service Conference Committees for Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community and the service we performed on those committees as delegates. We took our local SETA PI Committee's "truth or dare" game and had a lively and fun question and answer session using the question that were created by our Area members. An Area 68 member wrote to me after the weekend and shared that he wanted to use the game and actually add DARES for people to take if they did not want to answer the question or got the answer incorrect. He challenged me to come up several dares that he could use during his game. One dare idea was to have a person running around the room three times shouting as many things you are grateful as you can. Another was to stand on a chair and say the serenity prayer to the tune of a favorite song (i.e., happy birthday). I thought this a great example of one person coming up with a great idea, the original game itself, and someone else building on that idea and taking it to a new level.

I loved this weekend service event and encourage others to attend next year in September 2016.

Love and Service,
Patrick C.
Past Delegate, Panel63, Area 67

COOPERATION WITH PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

CPC Committee Statement of Purpose: Members of CPC Committees inform professionals and future professional about A.A. – what we are, where we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do. They attempt to establish better communication between A.A.'s and professionals, and to find simple, effective ways of cooperating without affiliating. – *Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee Workbook – page 1.*

It seems incredible that here we are at the end of another year, and one half of the current rotation has passed. While the Area CPC Committee has been active and has had significant accomplishments, there is so much that could be done and that we wish could have been done. This seems to be the nature of AA service work.

The CPC Committee endeavored to contact Probation Departments in SETA and we have gotten a high percentage of positive responses from those we have contacted so far. We are making a big push to contact the remaining county probation departments in SETA before the end of the year.

Since the last newsletter, we have given a presentation about CPC work to the Intergroup Board of Trustees and Delegates, gave a presentation to the District 40 Committee, participated in a service workshop sponsored by the Caring and Sharing Group in District 51, and had our CPC display at the Spectrum event in west Houston.

Our project to develop a web page geared to professionals in SETA is ongoing. One of our committee members has been very instrumental in leading this undertaking.

Several Districts in our Area have very active CPC Committees and they do outstanding work in their respective districts. If you are interested in starting a CPC committee in your group or district and would like some help please contact us, we will be very grateful to help. The list of professionals who come into contact with still suffering alcoholics before we do is almost limitless. We can educate these professionals about AA and make sure they understand that we offer a solution for their alcoholic clients.

Information about our committee and meetings can be found on the CPC Committee page at aa-seta.org.

Rick M.
SETA CPC Chair



TREATMENT FACILITIES

Hi my name is Pam F. and I'm an alcoholic. I am the new Treatment Facility Committee (TFC) chair for Area 67. I am excited to serve our Area and the needs of the TFC committee.

I went to a Bridge the Gap (BTG) meeting at the PARC (treatment facility in Houston) on Dec. 23rd where I met Don B. who heads BTG in Area 67. After the meeting we talked about the need for more volunteers for the BTG phone team. He is sending me the information on what the procedures are for the phone team and what the responsibilities of the volunteers are. I will review the information, and see how we can best present it to the Districts in our Area. This is a great way for stay-at-home Moms, people with limited transportation, people who need to be closer to home or for those who don't find opportunities for service work near them (or anyone) to get involved.

The TFC committee is looking for an Area Secretary and an Area Alt. Chairperson through the 2016 service rotation. This is a wonderful way to get involved and give back. No treatment facility experience required.

I invite anyone interested in the TFC committee along with all TFC District chairs to attend our meetings which are held quarterly, Saturdays at 4:30pm during Area 67 Assembly weekends (except January).

Our next meeting is Saturday April 9th, 2016 at 4:30pm at the SETA Assembly in Houston. We'd love to see you there...bring a friend.

If you would like for me to come and give a presentation to your district or your group, feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank You

Pam F.
tfc-chair@seta.org



If you would like to help...

If you would like to help in this very important Twelfth Step work and have at least one year of continuous sobriety in the A.A. program, please complete the following information and give it to your group's treatment representative and give it to service representative (G.S.R.), or mail it to the chairperson of your area or district treatment committee or your general service delegate. In some areas, service committees and temporary contact programs are organized through the local intergroup or central office. Or send it to the Treatment Desk, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163, so that G.S.O. can forward the information to your area, district or other Treatment Committee.

DATE _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE OR PROVINCE _____

ZIP OR MAIL CODE _____

PHONE: DAY _____

EVENINGS _____

For more information on "bridge the gap" or to sign-up for the temporary contact program ask you group GSR or your district TFC or visit the Area 67 TFC website at TFC@aa-seta.org. You can also contact Melanie M. TFC Chairperson Area 67 at that web site.

STATE CONVENTION ATTENDANCE PROMOTION – (SCAP)

SCAP Committee

Greetings from the SETA State Convention Attendance Promotion (SCAP) committee. The last quarter has been quiet as I traveled outside of Texas, but did meet quite a few Texans on the road. How did so many Texans get visas to leave this great state at one time?

Deborah D, the 2019 Texas State Convention Chair from SETA, was SETA's representative to the Texas State Convention Executive Committee and is a member of the SCAP committee. Deborah attended the 69th Texas State Convention held August 14-16 in Midland, TX. Here are some excerpts from her shared experience:

"I think they had about 500 in attendance. The hotel was very convenient to the venue. The venue was good but old facility. They had 2 huge screens on each side of the podium, which was great being able to see the speakers no matter where you were sitting. The Saturday night speaker was terrific he was insightful and had a great message of recovery. (Note: Karl M, Covina, CA). Midland is a very nice city, easy to get around. Nice getting to know new people and catch up with friends. There was no transportation provided (from the airport)... also did not provide translation for the Spanish speaker. Based on the fact that the International was just one month earlier I think we (SETA) had good participation."

The 70th Texas State Convention is scheduled for AUSTIN, June 24 through June 26, 2016 at the Double Tree Hotel on North I-35. Flyers will be available at the SETA Convention in Galveston, January 15-17, 2016. If you prefer to "git it done", you can register online at txaaconvention.org. Those wishing to be of service as a representative to the SETA SCAP committee, contact me at scap-chair@aa-seta.org. The work is for fun and for free, come with your ideas and energy. See you at the SETA Convention in January at Moody Gardens.



70th ANNUAL TEXAS STATE CONVENTION

Friday, June 24, 2016 thru Sunday, June 26, 2016

"Great Events Will Come To Pass.."

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

VOLUNTEER TRAINING SCHEDULE

Please choose a training site that is most convenient to attend.

You are required to contact the facility prior to the training to verify no schedule changes have occurred and to ensure you are on the Volunteer Training Roster. Please wear proper attire. You **DO NOT** need a letter from Volunteer Services to attend this training. Attending this training does not guarantee you will be approved. If you are concerned about your eligibility you are encouraged to contact Volunteer Services prior to attending.

What to Bring: driver's license, pen, completed Volunteer application

For additional information regarding the TDCJ Volunteer Program contact Volunteer Services at 936-437-3026

ABILENE, TEXAS

Middleton Transfer Facility
Visitation Room
13055 FM 3522
Abilene, TX 79601
(325) 548-9075

05/14/16 1:00pm - 5:00pm
08/20/16 1:00pm - 5:00pm
11/19/16 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Robertson Unit

Unit Chapel
12071 FM 3522
Abilene, TX 79601
(325) 548-9035

03/19/16 1:00pm - 5:00pm
07/16/16 1:00pm - 5:00pm
10/15/16 1:00pm - 5:00pm

AMARILLO, TEXAS

Clements Unit
9601 Spur 591
Amarillo, TX 79107-9606
(806) 381-7081

11/21/15 8:00am - 12:00pm
01/16/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
11/19/16 9:00am - 1:00pm

Bishop Defalco Retreat Ctr.

2100 N. Spring
Amarillo, TX 79107
(806) 383-1811

03/31/16 10:00am - 2:00pm
09/22/16 10:00am - 2:00pm

Trinity Fellowship Church,

Amarillo
5000 Hollywood Rd.
Amarillo, TX 79118
(806) 381-7080

02/20/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
06/18/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
10/15/16 9:00am - 1:00pm

First Baptist Church, Amarillo

1208 Tyler St.
Amarillo, TX 79101
(806) 381-7080

05/21/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
08/20/16 9:00am - 1:00pm

ANGLETON, TEXAS

Scott Unit
6999 Retrieve
County Rd. 290
Angleton, TX 77515
(979) 849-9306

03/19/16 10:00am - 2:00pm
06/18/16 10:00am - 2:00pm
09/17/16 10:00am - 2:00pm

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Diocese of Austin Pastoral
Center
6225 Highway 290 E
Austin, TX 78723
(512) 926-4482

01/09/16 12:00pm - 4:00pm
04/09/16 12:00pm - 4:00pm
07/16/16 12:00pm - 4:00pm
10/15/16 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Omni Hotel

4140 Governors Row
Austin, TX 78744
Contact Person:
Lorraine Sisti (512) 745-4517
02/06/16 8:00am - 12:00pm

BEAUMONT, TEXAS

LeBlanc Facility
3695 FM 3514
Beaumont, TX 77705
(409) 724-1515

02/06/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
05/07/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
08/06/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
11/05/16 9:00am - 1:00pm

Stiles Unit

3060 FM 3514
Beaumont, TX 77705
(409) 722-5255

01/09/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
04/02/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
07/09/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
10/15/16 9:00am - 1:00pm

BEEVILLE, TEXAS

Garza East
4304 Highway 202
Beeville, TX 78102
(361) 358-9880

04/20/16 1:00pm - 5:00pm
07/13/16 1:00pm - 5:00pm
11/16/16 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Garza West

4250 Highway 202
Beeville, TX 78102
(361) 358-9890

02/17/16 1:00pm - 5:00pm
05/11/16 1:00pm - 5:00pm
09/14/16 1:00pm - 5:00pm

McConnell Unit

3001 S. Emily Drive
Beeville, TX 78102
(361) 362-2300

01/21/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
04/21/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
07/21/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
10/20/16 9:00am - 1:00pm

BONHAM, TEXAS

Cole State Jail
3801 Silo Rd.
Bonham, TX 75418
(903) 583-1100

05/05/16 8:00am - 12:00pm
06/04/16 8:00am - 12:00pm
09/10/16 8:00am - 12:00pm
12/03/16 8:00am - 12:00pm

BRAZORIA, TEXAS

Clemens Unit
11034 Hwy 36
Brazoria, TX 77422
(979) 798-2188

03/19/16 8:00am - 12:00pm
05/21/16 8:00am - 12:00pm
09/24/16 8:00am - 12:00pm
11/19/16 8:00am - 12:00pm

BRECKENRIDGE, TEXAS

Sayle - SAFPF
4176 FM 1800
Breckenridge, TX 76424
(254) 559-1581

02/06/16 8:00am - 12:00pm
06/04/16 8:00am - 12:00pm
10/08/16 8:00am - 12:00pm

BRIDGEPORT, TEXAS

Bridgeport Correctional
Center
4000 North 10th St.
Bridgeport, TX 76426
(940) 683-3010

04/23/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
08/27/16 9:00am - 1:00pm

BROWNFIELD, TEXAS

Rudd Unit
2004 Lamesa Hwy
Brownfield, TX 79316
(806) 637-4470

03/05/16 8:00am - 12:00pm
06/25/16 8:00am - 12:00pm
09/24/16 8:00am - 12:00pm

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS

Havins SAFPF
500 FM 45 East
Brownwood, TX 76804
(325) 643-5575

03/05/16 8:00am - 12:00pm
06/04/16 8:00am - 12:00pm
11/05/16 8:00am - 12:00pm

BRYAN, TEXAS

Hamilton Unit
PRTC Bldg. Room 119
200 Lee Morrison Lane
Bryan, TX 77807
(979) 779-1633

03/05/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
06/04/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
09/03/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
12/03/16 9:00am - 1:00pm

BURNET, TEXAS

Halbert SAFPF
800 Ellen Halbert Drive
Burnet, TX 78611-0923
(512) 756-6171

02/02/16 10:00am - 2:00pm
05/03/16 5:00pm - 9:00pm
08/16/16 10:00am - 2:00pm
11/08/16 10:00am - 2:00pm

CHILDRESS, TEXAS

Roach Unit
15845 FM 164
Childress, TX 79201
(940) 937-6364

02/10/16 5:00pm - 9:00pm
04/14/16 8:30am - 12:30pm
07/13/16 5:00pm - 9:00pm
09/22/16 8:30am - 12:30pm
10/22/16 8:00am - 12:00pm

COLORADO CITY, TX

Wallace Unit
Webb Center
1675 S. FM 3525
Colorado City, TX 79512
(325) 728-2162

01/16/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
07/23/16 9:00am - 1:00pm

COTULLA, TEXAS

Cotulla Trans. Facility
610 FM 624
Cotulla, TX 78014
(830) 879-3077

01/09/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
03/18/16 5:00pm - 9:00pm
06/04/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
08/05/16 5:00pm - 9:00pm

CUERO, TEXAS

Stevenson Unit
1525 FM 766
Cuero, TX 77954
(361) 275-2075

02/06/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
05/07/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
08/13/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
11/12/16 9:00am - 1:00pm

DALHART, TEXAS

Dalhart Unit
FM 998
Dalhart, TX 79022
(806) 249-8655

03/05/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
05/07/16 9:00am - 1:00pm
09/03/16 9:00am - 1:00pm

SERVICE COMMITTEES

Read more information on www.aa.org.



Archives Committees

Like any other A.A. service, the primary purpose of those involved in archival work is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Archives service work is more than mere custodial activity; it is the means by which we collect, preserve, and share the rich and meaningful heritage of our Fellowship. It is by the collection and sharing of these important historical elements that our collective gratitude for Alcoholics Anonymous is deepened.

...read more

Literature Committees

The focus of Literature committees is to assure that A.A. literature is available for A.A. groups, service meetings and other A.A. events. Through displays, supplies of A.A. catalogs and order forms, and A.A. literature workshops these committees help A.A. members carry the A.A. message through our literature.



Public Information Committees

Like all of A.A., the primary purpose of members involved with Public Information service is to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Working together, members of local Public Information committees convey A.A. information to the general public, including the media.

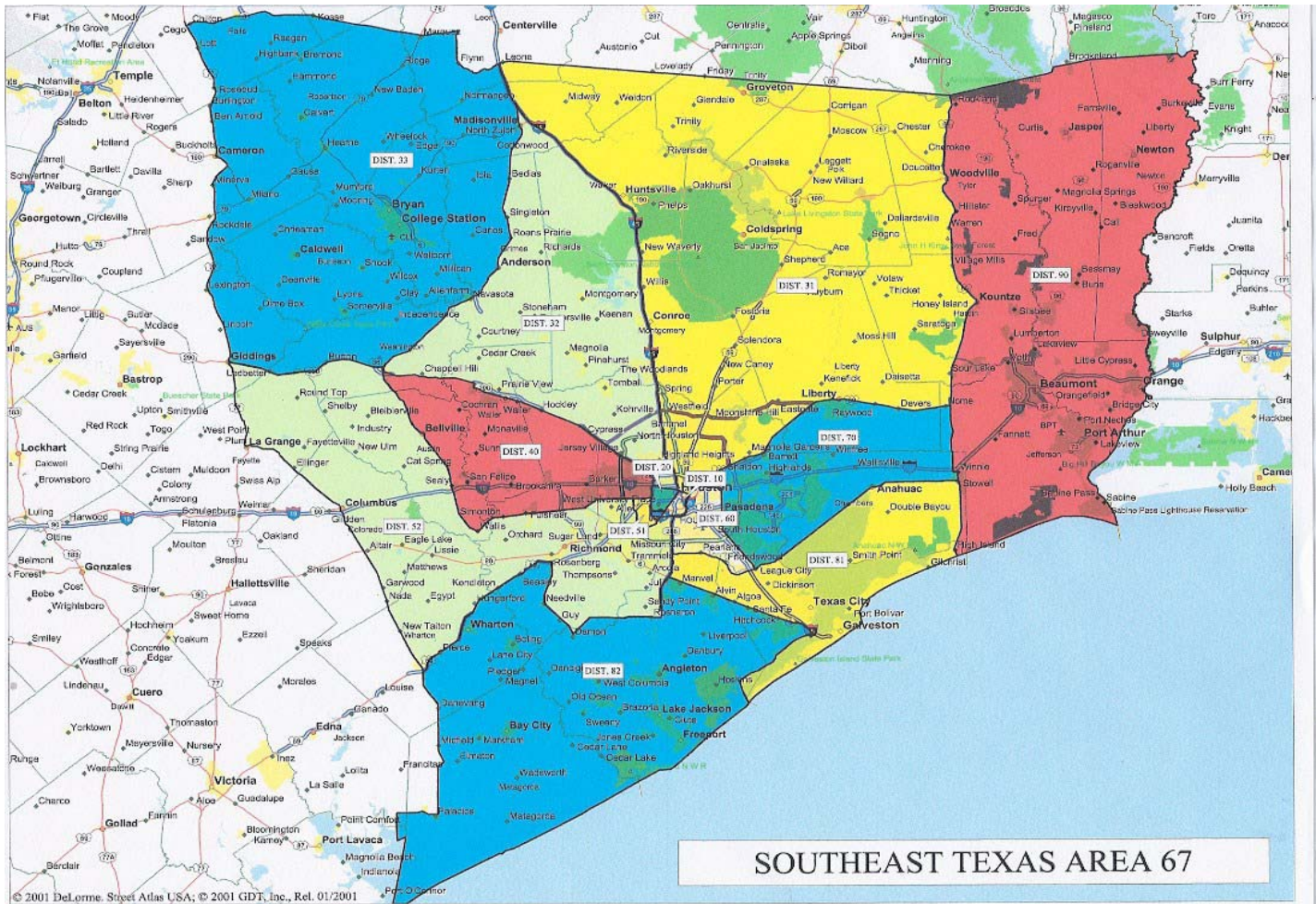


Corrections Committees

The purpose of a corrections committee is to coordinate the work of individual A.A. members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics behind the walls, and to set up means of smoothing the way from the facility to the larger A.A. community through prerelease contacts.



ENGLISH DISTRICTS OF AREA 67



DISTRICT MEMBERS

District 10 DCM – **Michael A.**
 District 10 Alt DCM – **Tracy W.**

District 20 DCM – **Charity D.**
 District 20 Alt DCM – **Rachel R.**

District 31 DCM – **Andie H.**
 District 31 Alt DCM – **Buddie M.**

District 32 DCM – **Ginny M.**
 District 32 Alt DCM – **Brian D.**

District 33 DCM – **Bill W.**
 District 33 Alt DCM – **Francia C.**

District 40 DCM – **Michelle H.**
 District 40 Alt DCM – **Corrie H.**

District 51 DCM – **Amy E.**
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District 40

Hi Friends,

I want to thank everyone who participated in the 2015 Gratitude Dinner, each & every one of you that attended brought something unique to the day, I believe we can mark it down in our minutes as a success! On that note, I cannot express enough gratitude for the committee, guys it was so much fun serving with this committee & then to see all of the magic unfold right before my eyes from the time the doors opened until they closed. If you are hesitant to make the commitment as a district, group or member, please reconsider. I will tell you based on my experience that it is not at all “too much” work or boring. I certainly walked away with way more than I contributed. You do not have to be the host or co-host district to serve or be a part of the 2016 Gratitude Dinner, please talk to your DCMs, groups & friends about how you can support our host District 66 for this year’s dinner. We held our wrap up meeting at the beginning of the month & our committee chair, Cheryl B., has filled THE BINDER with every document, note, chart & list that we used throughout the year as well as a digital copy & passed it off to District 66.

Once the Gratitude Dinner had come to pass, District 40 held our annual potluck meeting, there was a ton of great food, our very own Corrie H., told her service story, which was amazing to see the relationship between Alt. DCM & GSRs grow stronger & we finished off all of the Area Service Committee presentations with the Archives Committee. I really enjoyed having the committee chairs come out to present. It helped the GSRs place them within our service structure, learn the importance of this service & just put names & faces together. It was amazing how each chairperson brought in the personal connection to the committee with such passion & how they all connected each committee together. If it wasn’t clear before, I believe it is now that there is no competition, only cooperation within committees, so many work together & I believe it is through this attitude, we as a whole are able to reach more alcoholics that are still suffering & that is the whole purpose to who we are.

January is off to a great start for District 40, Corrie & I will set some realistic goals for this year that we can achieve together with the guidance of a powerful God, there is service material to introduce to our fellows, our annual Traditions Dinner speaker has already been confirmed, a couple of potential workshops may be on the horizon & the rest will just have to be revealed as we bounce along! What I am confident about is that we are just as excited & willing to support our Area as ever & we are looking forward to everything this privilege will bring each one of us. Thank you for all of your continued support, nothing about this feels like trudging J

In Service,
Michelle H.
D40 DCM



A.A. Group Life

This pamphlet is designed as a handy information tool and suggested guide for an A.A. group. It serves as a complement to The A.A. Service Manual, the A.A. Group Handbook and other literature (see catalog below), which cover specific group matters at greater depth.

REGIONAL FORUM EXPERIENCE

Hello Area 67,

It's always a wonderful time when I reunite with my friends in the Fellowship at any A.A. event. I have had the pleasure and opportunity to attend and participate in many assemblies, workshops, conventions and conferences since getting sober in 2012 and I have loved attending each and every one. The experiences keep getting better and better and I know I would not miss one of these events! I have learned so much about our Fellowship and have met so many wonderful people, it goes beyond words.

I wanted to share my most recent experience attending my first ever Regional Forum this past weekend, October 3-4th in St. Louis, MO. As DCM of District 52, my district graciously assisted with my funding to attend the Forum and I owe all the members a sincere thank you for the privilege to be able to serve. I was able to attend the Forum with many other members from our area including other DCMs, past delegates, our current delegate, Melissa R. and our Alternate Delegate, Ron C. as well as our Chair, Troy B. The sharing sessions were so informative and informational and provided the opportunity to learn and hear from our trusted servants on what is happening at GSO, the Grapevine and with our General Service Board and Trustees.

The Forum offered all attendees a wide variety of interesting workshops and sharing sessions including "The Twelve Traditions", "Involving Young People in Service", "How to Grow Our Fellowship" and "Anonymity in the 21st Century". I attended each presentation and also attended two of the workshops on Saturday night "Are We Reaching Minorities?: Race in A.A." and also the workshop presented by our current delegate, Melissa R., concerning the topic of "Communication: How We Can Better It with Technology?".

I had a wonderful time and highly recommend the Forums as a great way to introduce yourself to learning more about the current issues and concerns within our Fellowship. I took the opportunity to ask questions at the workshop and also introduced myself as a first time attendee to the Forum on Sunday morning. Everyone in our Fellowship was so supportive and very helpful. I urge anyone in our area who is serving or has the opportunity to serve in any capacity to attend the Regional Forum. It should not be missed! It will not only enhance your knowledge of A.A. but enrich your life!

Sincere Regards,
Dana G.
DCM – District 52
SETA 67



REGIONAL FORUM EXPERIENCE

I had the privilege of attending the 2015 Regional Forum in St. Louis, MO. It was such an amazing and educational experience. I'm very grateful for the opportunity that was allotted to me by my district. Just when I thought I had started to really get to know the service structure of AA, I got thrown a curve ball. I got to meet staff members from G.S.O., Trustees and many more.

Learning about the different types of Trustees was very fascinating. I now know that the Class A Trustees are known as amateurs, i.e. non-alcoholics and Class B Trustees are known as boozers, i.e. alcoholics. The most amazing part about the two differences to me is the Class A Trustees do this because they love alcoholics and our program. They do this entirely out of love. Class B Trustees and any other alcoholic in service does this out of necessity. We are of service because it's just one more way that we stay sober and alive. I heard several Class A Trustees speak and was in awe of their devotion to AA. I was even more in awe that they choose to do this just because; they choose to hang around a bunch of drunks voluntarily.

I attended two workshops that peaked my interest from the titles but also where I thought the information I would gain could be beneficial to my district and area. The first one was called "Connecting Our Members and Groups to A.A. as a Whole." The overall feel of the workshop is that getting and keeping our members connected is through good sponsorship. I was taught that service was part of how I stay sober and that came through my sponsor and several other members in my home group. Encouraging sponsees to get involved as soon as possible is the key to linking members to A.A. as a whole.

The second workshop I attended was on was called "Public Information Committees and Spreading the Message through Media Outlets." Having become involved with PI work just this year, I thought this would be a great resource for learning more that can be done to reach the still suffering alcoholic. An older gentleman stressed that it is important that we don't abandon "old" methods of publishing for newer technology; however, he thought that we can always be doing more work in all forms of media outlets. Fear is what seems to be holding us back from embracing the new technology (Facebook, Twitter, etc.). He stated that Bill W., Dr. Bob and many of the newer members faced these dilemmas back in the day with radio, television and publishing. Today, we have different means to reach people, but still the same fear!

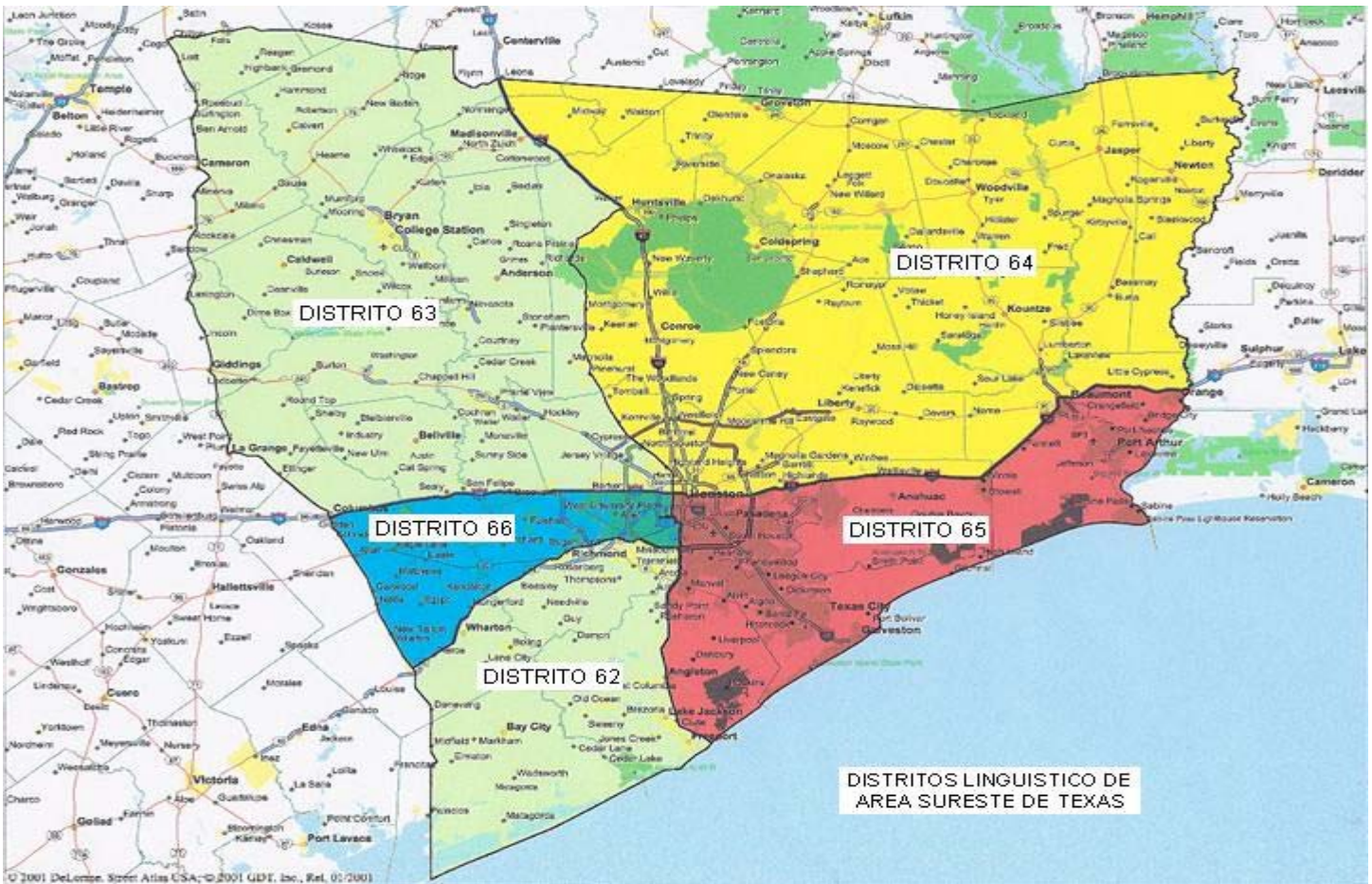
I was so jazzed by the fact that I could contribute my own experiences to these workshops and that I could back it up with the knowledge I have learned over the years. I was also immensely proud of District 40 and Area 67. Having listened to other members from various districts and areas from all over the Southwest Region, I came to the conclusion that ours is the best! We continue to do so much work to reach the still suffering alcoholic and ensure our society continues to be available. All the way down from my delegate, to my DCM and Alt. DCM not to mention all the committee members, if there is ever anything that can or does need to be done, we do it!

I feel truly blessed to have been able to serve my district and area at the Regional Forum. I will continue to serve. The rewards of service are priceless!

In Service,
Deborah G.
District 40



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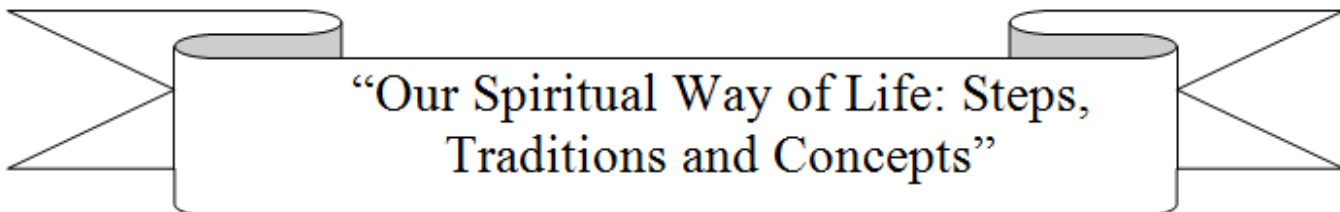
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“Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps,
Traditions and Concepts”

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
Saturday, January 16, 2016
Moody Ballroom

7:30 AM **Open Meeting** – Prayer
Preamble to SETA Policies & Procedures Manual
Roll Call & Into of Area Committee
October (July) Area Committee Minutes - Approval
Treasurer’s Report
Delegate Comments
Alternate Delegate’s Comments

Chair – Troy B
Alt. Chair – Kris H
Alt. Registrar – Brad H
Secretary – Jim D
Treasurer – Dave P
Del – Melissa R
Alt. Del. - Ron C

Unfinished Business

Open Position -Alt. Secretary

Conventions-

2016 SETA Convention Update Mary M
2017 SETA Convention Update Julian L

Report Update
SETA Convention Guidelines David A

Voting for Motions from the Ad-Hoc on 3rd Legacy Elections

New Business

Election of 2018 SETA Convention Chair

Announcements

April Assembly Host District Alt. Chair

8:30 AM **Close Meeting** - AA Responsibility Statement:

I am responsible... when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there and for that: I am responsible.

All Standing Committees, DCMs, Area Officers, Workshops, & Delegates please submit written reports to the Area Secretary so they are included in the minutes of the Area’s meetings.

2016 SETA ASSEMBLY DATES (Sheraton North Houston Hotel)

April 9-10, 2016

July 9-10, 2016

October 1-2, 2016