



# DISTRICT 31 NEWSLETTER



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## District 31 Meetings

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - 2-4 PM  
**494 Meeting Hall**  
 21820 E. Memorial  
 Porter, TX 77365

## July 2021

Groups / GSR Listing  
 \* Indicates present

## Mailing Address

District 31 Treasurer  
 PO Box 854  
 Porter, TX 77365

Group	GSR / ALT GSR
1502 Group (Conroe)	Jordan A / Amy C
190 Group (Point Blank)	Ed A/
25th Hour Group (Houston)	Hughdell Y
494 Lunch Bunch (Porter)	Jennifer F /Chuck M
Aldine Group (Houston)	
Atascocita Group (Humble)	*Donna F
Bill's Kitchen (Conroe)	
Caney Creek (Grangerland)	
Cleveland Camel Group (Cleveland)	*Kim S
Coldspring-Evergreen Group (Coldspring)	
Conroe-Willis Group (Willis)	Linda M / Moriah M
Crosby Helping Hands (Crosby)	
Dayton Group (Dayton)	
Downtown Coldspring Group (Coldspring)	
Early Bird Group of Kingwood (Porter)	*Billy H / *Tamera L
Freedom Rings Group (Livingston)	Rick W /
Good News Group (Humble)	Tara C /*Rita F
Harmony Group (Huntsville)	
Higher Power 4 Group (Houston)	Pamlin C /
How It Works Group (Shepherd)	
Huntsville Group (Huntsville)	Gary C /
Into Action	*Matthew B/
Keep It Simple Group (Splendora)	

Group	GSR / ALT GSR
Kingwood Group (Kingwood)	*Sabine B /
Kingwood Men's Group (Kingwood)	
Lake Houston Group (Huffman)	
Lakeside Group (Porter)	
Livingston Unity Group (Livingston)	*Daryl R / Seth S
Making It Count Group (Houston)	
No Name Recovery Group (Livingston)	
Onalaska A.A. Group (Onalaska)	Jerry Y /
Open Door Group (New Waverly)	Andrew F /
Porter Group (Porter)	
Primary Purpose Group (Riverside)	
Primary Purpose Humble Group (Humble)	
Recovery Essentials of Trinity (Trinity)	*Marilyn B/*Kelle R
Serenity Group (Goodrich)	Caroline/*Dietrich H
Serenity Group of the Woodlands (Spring)	Kristi N /*Andrew B
Shadydale Group (Houston)	
Spring Group (Spring)	Christine P / Jim M
Step Sisters Group (Spring)	Bahiyah W /
Turning Point Women's Mtg (Onalaska)	
West Lake Houston Group ( )	
Willis Fellowship Group (Willis)	Larry D /

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 24<sup>th</sup> Houston Intergroup Open House 10 am – 3 pm
- July 24<sup>th</sup> District 70 Strong Group Workshop
- August 7<sup>th</sup> District 31/Lunch Bunch Sponsorship workshop 2-5 pm  
494 Meeting Hall
- Recovery Essentials of Trinity "How to Work the First 4 Steps"  
Workshop August 28<sup>th</sup> Noon-4pm
- August 26-29 IGYPA Conference New Orleans
- August 28 District 82 Unity Day
- January 21-23 60<sup>th</sup> SETA Convention (registration open)

### District 31 Meetings at the 494 Meeting Hall

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| February 21, 2:00 PM | August 15, 2:00 PM    |
| March 21, 2:00 PM    | September 19, 2:00 PM |
| April 18, 2:00       | October 17, 2:00 PM   |
| May 16, 2:00         | November 21, 2:00 PM  |
| June 27, 2:00 PM     | December 19, 2:00 PM  |
| July 18, 2:00 PM     |                       |

## ACTION ITEMS

GSR's to consult with groups regarding decision to have a District 31 Intergroup liaison.

<b>DISTRICT 31 / AREA 67 RECEIPTS</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>YTD</b>
1502 GROUP (CONROE)		
25 <sup>TH</sup> HOUR GROUP (HOUSTON)		
494 LUNCH BUNCH (PORTER)		
ATASCOCITA GROUP (HUMBLE)		570.60
BIG BOOK GROUP (HUMBLE)		
CONROE-WILLIS GROUP (WILLIS)		
EARLY BIRD GROUP OF KINGWOOD (PORTER)		
GOOD NEWS GROUP (HUMBLE)		840.00
HARMONY GROUP (HUNTSVILLE)		
HOW GROUP (HUNTSVILLE)		
KINGWOOD GROUP (KINGWOOD)		
MAKING IT COUNT GROUP (HOUSTON)		
NO NAME RECOVERY A.A. GROUP (LIVINGSTON)		
SERENITY GROUP (GOODRICH)		30.00
SERENITY GROUP OF THE WOODLANDS (SPRING)		431.08
SPRING GROUP (SPRING)		
STEPSISTERS GROUP		
WILLIS FELLOWSHIP GROUP (WILLIS)		53.91
OTHER		
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>		<b>1925.59</b>

<b>CURRENT D31 POSITIONS</b>	
<b>DCM</b>	✓ Cheryl M
<b>Alt. DCM</b>	✓ Karon M
<b>Secretary</b>	✓ Don M
<b>Treasurer</b>	✓ Eddie M
<b>Archives</b>	Open
<b>CFC Rep</b>	Bahiyyah W
<b>CPC Rep</b>	Kristi N
<b>Grapevine Rep</b>	✓ Darryl W
<b>IT Rep</b>	✓ Annette B
<b>Literature Rep</b>	Christine P
<b>PI Rep</b>	Open
<b>TFC Rep</b>	Jordan A

*Note: For contact information for a District 31 committee member please see your Group's GSR*

**STEP 7:**

Humbly asked him to remove our shortcomings..

**TRADITION 7 (LONG FORM):** The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

**CONCEPT 7 (SHORT FORM):**

The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

**AA TRIVIA**

Q. The 12 & 12 talks about how we had an aversion to dropping money into the hat for group purposes. What phrase does it use to describe us?

A. "as tight as the bark on a tree" Page 161

Q. After declining a \$10,000 gift willed to A.A., our trustees declared that for the principal A.A. must always stay poor. Bare running expenses plus a prudent reserve would be the Foundation's financial policy. They adopted a formal resolution that all such future gifts would be similarly declined. What was the principal which was then firmly and fully embedded in A.A. tradition?

A. the principle of corporate poverty Page 165

Q. In the Tradition 7 chapter, Bill wrote about feeling virtuous when he gave a five dollar gift to a member who was a prize slippee, to help him get through a hangover, money that was needed by Lois for groceries. He later realized the gift was bad for both of them. After realizing this what kind of proposition did he call the gift?

A. an ego-feeding proposition Page 162 - 163

Eddie M, Matthew B and Donna F had the correct trivia answers.

**(Draft-To-Be Approved at the next District Meeting)**  
**District 31 Minutes of July 18, 2021**

The District meeting was opened by Cheryl M. at 2:00 pm on July 18 2021 in person and via ZOOM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

In attendance were: Andrew B, Annette B, Billy H, Cheryl M, Darryl W, Daryl R, David H, Dean C, Dietrich H, Don M, Donna F, Doug C, Eddie M, Hope, Karon M, Kelle R, Kim S, Kristi A, Marilyn B, Matthew B, Patty H, Rita F, Sabina B, and Tamara L.

Patty H presented Tradition 7 and Darryl W presented Concept 7.

**Volunteers for August:** Donna F will present Tradition 8 and Eddie M will present Concept 8.

**NEW GSRs/ 1<sup>ST</sup> TIME VISITORS/GUESTS**

- Tamara L Alt GSR for the Early Bird Group
- Dean C Grapevine Rep for the Early Bird Group
- David H TFC rep for the Early Bird Group

**SECRETARY REPORT (Don M)**

- Review of June minutes- accepted with no corrections.
- Review roster and report errors to [D31secretary@gmail.com](mailto:D31secretary@gmail.com)
- Please review the newsletter, especially regarding items of your group or committee.
- Help for G Workspace can be found on the AA-SETA.org website.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Eddie M)**

- Total receipts were \$0.00 Total expenditures were \$30. Negative cash flow equals -\$30.00. Checking account balance is \$6340.02. April, May, and June rents have not been taken out, but a check is being written to cover them.

**DCM REPORT (Cheryl M)**

- Attended the July SETA Assembly.
  - G Workspace training focused more in future features rather than current user tips.
  - PI PSA billboard proposal passed. During discussion social media platform for psa's was discussed and will be addressed separately at a later date.
  - IT ad hoc committee recommended keeping development of website in-house.
  - List of upcoming events announced at the assembly was passed to secretary for distribution
- Contacting all our listed groups for schedule and contact updates is under way. GSO has set up DCM access district information which will help identify silent groups in our district.
- District members signing up to receive SETA Announce emails at [www.aa-seta.org](http://www.aa-seta.org) will need to have a gmail account to sign up, which is a concern.

**ALT DCM (Karon M)**

- August 7<sup>th</sup> workshop on sponsorship has an excellent panel. Looking forward to great District participation.
- Attended SETA Assembly in person, it was great to be there in person.
- Reminder to GSR's, The district has budgeted funds to provide a couple of GSR rooms if one is needed and you or your group cannot afford one.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Hour Group working on a Service Workshop, date and time to be decided.
- Working on silent groups list and visitation schedule

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**GSR REPORTS**

**25<sup>th</sup> Hour** Darryl W)

- Intergroup phones August 20-23.
- Working on 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting.

**Livingston Unity Group** (Daryl R)

- Speaker meeting third Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, Mike H 10 years.
- Group voted to distribute excess funds to AA entities.

**Good News Group** (Rita F)

- Working on September 11<sup>th</sup> group birthday meeting.

### **Recovery Essentials of Trinity** (Marilyn B, GSR)

- August 14<sup>th</sup> speaker meeting 6:30 pm
- How to work the first 4 steps workshop August 28<sup>th</sup>, noon-4pm Dinner and a movie after.
- Turning Point Women's Meeting disbanded and women's recovery house in Onalaska closed.

### **Goodrich Serenity Group** (Dietrich H)

- Speaker meeting August 13<sup>th</sup> 6 pm finger foods, speaker Giselle A with 6 years at 6:30

### **Serenity Group of the Woodlands** (Andrew B)

Requested and received feedback on online meeting putting old timer pictures on internet. General consensus from the members present was that it would be a violation of our traditions.

### **Early Bird Group** (Billy H GSR)

- Group attendance is up.
- Working on birthday envelopes to GSO.
- Service positions filled.

### **Kingwood Group** (Sabina B GSR)

- Nothing to report.

### **Camel Group** (Kim S)

- Friday 7pm Big Book Study.
- Speaker meeting August 10<sup>th</sup> Debra R 35 years.

### **Into Action Group** (Matthew B)

- Meets at Christ the King Church 3803 W. Lake Houston Pkwy.
- Hybrid meetings Monday – Friday 7 am Saturday & Sunday 7:30 am. Zoom ID 172-241-515
- Held first group conscience meeting.
- Filled most of service positions.

### **Atascocita Group** (Donna F)

- Second Saturday speaker meeting back on.
- Building repairs needed, ad hoc committee meeting August 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ARCHIVES**, Open position

### **CFC** (Bahiyah W via email)

- Eight men's facilities meeting, two volunteer maximum, awaiting approval to resume meetings for women's units.
- Next CFC meeting Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup> 8:30 pm at Intergroup, all welcome.
- SETA CFC Conference September 17-19 at Doubletree, possible TDCJ in person volunteer training.
- Urge groups to resume Blue Can contributions, literature request continued during pandemic.

### **CPC** - No Report

### **GRAPEVINE** (Darryl W)

- Committee met July 15<sup>th</sup>, alternate chair, and secretary open.
- Requesting all District 31 Grapevine reps to contact Darryl
- Considering purchasing old Grapevines for distribution to TDCJ.
- If your group is holding a special function, we would like to come and give away subscriptions.
- Grapevine and La Vina are on Instagram, follow at @alcoholicsanonymous\_gv or alcoholicsanonymous\_lv.

### **II** (Annette B)

- Working on bringing hybrid meeting equipment in on budget.

### **LITERATURE**

- No Report

### **PI** (Kristi A SETA PI Chair)

- Proposal for billboards passed at assembly. Billboards often last well past contract if sign unsold.

### **TFC** – No Report

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Open positions-**

- **Archives:** OPEN **PI:** OPEN
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**NEW BUSINESS**

Question asked at SETA Assembly, does your district have an Intergroup liaison? Check with your groups if they want District 31 to have an Intergroup liaison?

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**CLOSING**

The meeting closed at 3:30 pm with the responsibility pledge.

<p align="center"><b><u>SETA Archives Committee</u></b>  <b>Meeting Location:</b>  1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month @ 10:00 am  Business meeting followed by a work session.  4141 Directors Row Suite D  Houston, TX 77092  We welcome visitors. Contact the Chair or Archivist for additional information.</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>SETA Multi-Lingual Committee</u></b>  <b>Meeting Location (Non-Assembly Months):</b>  1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month @7:30 pm  District 66  5645 Hillcroft, Suite 410  Houston TX 77036  <b>Quarterly</b> - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>SETA Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC)</u></b>  <b>Meeting Location (Non-Assembly Months):</b>  3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month  7:30-9:00 P.M.  District 66  5645 Hillcroft, Suite 410  Houston TX 77036  <b>Quarterly</b> - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>SETA Newsletter Committee</u></b>  <b>Meeting Location:</b>  <b>Quarterly</b> - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>SETA Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (CPC)</u></b>  <b>Meeting Location (Non-Assembly Months):</b>  1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month at 7:30 P.M.  Spring Branch Memorial Club  1200 Blalock Suite 378  Houston, Texas 77055  <b>Quarterly</b> - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>SETA Public Information (PI) Committee</u></b>  <b>Meeting Location (Non-Assembly Months):</b>  4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm  Zoom ID 339 417 285  Password: 153379   Zoom ID <b>Quarterly</b> - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>SETA Finance Committee</u></b>  Meet at assemblies in person. Other months via Zoom on the third Saturday at 10:00 am.  The link for the Zoom meetings: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/386759333">https://zoom.us/j/386759333</a> or Meeting ID 386 759 333 in the app</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>SETA Convention Committee</u></b>  <b>Annual Southeast Texas Area Convention</b>  Meetings postponed until 2021</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>SETA Grapevine Committee</u></b>  <b>Meeting Location (Non-Assembly Months):</b>  3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  Meeting ID: 114 207 273  Password: 610793  Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month  <b>Quarterly</b> - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>SETA State Convention Attendance Promotion (SCAP) Committee</u></b>  <b>Meeting Location:</b>  <b>Quarterly</b> - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>SETA La Vina Committee</u></b>  <b>Meeting Location:</b>  Las reuniones mensuales son el último jueves de cada mes a las 8:00 PM  Last Thursday of each month at 8:00 PM  District 65  1721 South Houston Rd.  Pasadena, TX 77502  Reuniones trimestrales están a la Asamblea SETA el sábado a las 4:30 PM  <b>Quarterly</b> - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>SETA Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC)</u></b>  Monthly Zoom second Monday at 7:00 pm  Zoom ID 552 569 731 Password 169753  <b>Quarterly</b> - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p> <p align="center"><b><u>SETA Information Technology (IT) Committee</u></b>  <b>Meeting Location (Non-Assembly Months):</b>  4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10 am to 12 p  Online . Contact IT secretary for info.  <b>Quarterly</b> - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>SETA Literature Committee</u></b>  Third Tuesday of the month via Zoom. Email Literature chair to attend.  <b>Quarterly</b> - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>	