



DISTRICT 31 NEWSLETTER



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District 31 Meetings

3rd Sunday - 2-4 PM
494 Meeting Hall
 21820 E. Memorial
 Porter, TX 77365

August 2021

Groups / GSR Listing
 * Indicates present

Mailing Address

District 31 Treasurer
 PO Box 854
 Porter, TX 77365

Group	GSR / ALT GSR
1502 Group (Conroe)	*Amy C/
190 Group (Point Blank)	Ed A/
25th Hour Group (Houston)	*Hughdell Y
494 Lunch Bunch (Porter)	*Karacinda D/
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)	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

District 90 Annual Convention August 20-22 Beaumont
 New Waverly Round Robin August 21
 Recovery Essentials of Trinity "How to Work the First 4 Steps"
 Workshop August 28th Noon-4pm
 August 28 District 82 Unity Day
 Bridging the Gap Workshop September 10-12 Rock Island II
 SETA CFC Conference September 17-19 Doubletree on JFK
 National Archives workshop Sept 30-Oct 3 San Antonio
 October 2-3 SETA Assembly format to be decided
 District 31 Service Workshop November 6, 2-5pm 25th Hour Group
 National Corrections Conference November 12-14 New Orleans
 January 21-23 60th SETA Convention (registration open)

ACTION ITEMS

Inform groups of open positions at District (Public Information and Archives)

DISTRICT 31 MEETINGS

At the 494 Meeting Hall

August 15, 2:00 PM
 September 19, 2:00 PM
 October 17, 2:00 PM
 November 21, 2:00 PM
 December 19, 2:00 PM

DISTRICT 31 / AREA 67 RECEIPTS	June	YTD
1502 GROUP (CONROE)		
25 TH HOUR GROUP (HOUSTON)		
494 LUNCH BUNCH (PORTER)		
ATASCOCITA GROUP (HUMBLE)	148.06	718.66
BIG BOOK GROUP (HUMBLE)		
CONROE-WILLIS GROUP (WILLIS)		
EARLY BIRD GROUP OF KINGWOOD (PORTER)	360.00	360.00
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)	183.21	614.21
SPRING GROUP (SPRING)	26.25	26.25
STEPSISTERS GROUP		
WILLIS FELLOWSHIP GROUP (WILLIS)		53.91
OTHER		
TOTAL INCOME:		2643.11

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

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

STEP 8: Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

TRADITION 8 (LONG FORM): Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we may otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. "12 Step" work is never to be paid for.

CONCEPT 8 (SHORT FORM): The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

AA TRIVIA

Q. At the point of professionalism, what are the two things that do not mix?

A. money and spirituality. *Page 166*

Q. A manager who handles inebrates at a state drunk fam, a paid researcher for a state alcohol commission, a social worker hired because the understood the effects of alcohol on a family; when these jobs are filled by AA members are the activities branded as professionalism under A.A. tradition?

A. No, the AA members were not hired to do Twelfth Step work; therefore is not "professionalism" which is prohibited under Tradition 8. *Page 170*

Q. Why would we hire a club janitor and cook instead of relying on volunteers from our membership.

A. Frequently volunteers are get disenchanting and just didn't show up which can mean the club is left open unattended and calls might not get answered. An AA member hired to perform this functions is making Twelfth Step work possible. It is a service proposition, pure and simple. *Page 167 - 168*

Q. Every time we have tried to professionalize our Twelfth Step, the result has been exactly the same. What is the result.

A. Our single purpose has been defeated. *Page 170*

(Draft-To-Be Approved at the next District Meeting)
District 31 Minutes of August 15, 2021

The District meeting was opened by Cheryl M. at 2:04 pm on August 15, 2021 in person and via ZOOM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

In attendance were: Amy C, Annette B, Bahiyah W, Cheryl M, Darryl W, Daryl R, Dean C, Don M, Donna F, Doug C, Eddie M, Hughdell Y, Jim M, Joel G, Karacinda D, Karon M, Kelle R, Kristi N, Marilyn B, Matthew B, Stacy N, and Tamara L.

Donna F presented Tradition 8 and Eddie M presented Concept 8.

Volunteers for September: Karacinda D will present Tradition 9 and Bahiyah W will present Concept 9.

Joel G, the SETA Intergroup Liaison discussed the value of having a district Intergroup liaison. Stated that in some areas the area and Intergroup work more closely. Intergroup operates a call center that groups man on the weekends. Intergroup operates as a business with the bookstore and some committee meetings. The main benefit to having an Intergroup liaison is the exchange of information from Intergroup to the district and the groups.

NEW GSRs/ 1ST TIME VISITORS/GUESTS

- Amy C - new GSR for 1502
- Joel G - SETA Intergroup liaison.
- Stacy N - Visitor

SECRETARY REPORT (Don M)

- Review of July minutes- accepted with no corrections.
- Please review the newsletter, especially regarding items of your group or committee.
- Review roster and report errors to D31secretary@gmail.com

TREASURER'S REPORT (Eddie M)

- Total receipts for July were \$717.52 Total expenditures were \$267.67. Positive cash flow equals \$449.85.
- Total available funds for budgeted items is \$2225.74

DCM REPORT (Cheryl M)

- Attended the Sponsorship Workshop. Good attendance and great job by our Alt. DCM, Karon.
- Contacting all our listed groups for schedule and contact updates is almost complete
- SETA has sent out Contribution report, three groups from our district donated \$1966.10, email me if you'd like a copy.
- SETA is deciding on the format of the next assembly, update as soon as available.

ALT DCM (Karon M)

- August 7th workshop on sponsorship had an excellent panel and 32 participants.
- Next D31 sponsored workshop will be on Service and hosted by the 25th Hour Group on November 6, 2pm to 5pm
- Need host group for Safety Workshop early next year.

GSR REPORTS

25th Hour (Hughdell Y)

- Meetings 7 days a week noon and 8 pm. Sunday 10am, 2pm and 8pm/.
- Birthday night last Saturday.
- Masks optional currently

Recovery Essentials of Trinity (Kelle R)

- How to work the first 4 steps workshop on August 28th, noon-4pm Dinner and a movie after.
- Attempting to visit unrepresented groups.

1502 (Amy C)

- New GSR is Amy
- Meetings are large, sometimes as many as 50.
- AAWOL 8pm Saturdays
- Need service volunteers
- Planning a paint party after color selected.

Serenity Group of the Woodlands (Kristi N)

- Saturday Night Speaker Meeting 8pm
- Last Saturday birthday night.

Early Bird Group (Tamara L)

- 494 is now having Tuesday 7pm speaker meeting.
- Voted in birthday envelopes to GSO.

Kingwood Group (Sabina B)

- Nothing to report, attending funeral of beloved group member.

494 Lunch Bunch (Karacinda D)

- Karacinda back as GSR
- Great Sponsorship Workshop, group only had one volunteer.

Into Action Group (Matthew B)

- Nothing new to report

Atascocita Group (Donna F)

- Group voted to repair building.
- Now passing the basket twice for building repairs

Spring Group (Jim M)

- Got Intergroup rep.
- Started Monday 8pm Beginners meeting back up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES, Open position

CFC (Bahiyah W)

- Some units locked down, rules on the rest vary by warden.
- SETA CFC Conference September 17-19 at Doubletree, TDCJ in person volunteer training available.
- National Conference November 12-14 in San Antonio

CPC (Kristi N)

- Flyer upcoming for "Unity Day" in Lake Jackson,
- GSO video at <https://vimeopro.com/user112910871/love-and-service>

GRAPEVINE (Darryl W)

- Committee will meet August 19th.
- Three subscriptions given out at Sponsorship Workshop.
- Grapevine and La Vina are on Instagram, follow at @alcoholicsanonymous_gv or @alcoholicosanonimos_lv.

II (Annette B)

- Presented Zoom equipment recommendations.

LITERATURE

- No Report

PI (Kristi A SETA PI Chair, via email)

- Billboards gearing up, should be up soon.

TFC – No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Open positions - **Archives:** OPEN **PI:** OPEN (No one stood, positions remain vacant)

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Bahiyyah W to have add a Intergroup liaison to the District 31 committee. Motion seconded by Donna F and passed unanimously. Hughdell Y volunteered to chair an ad hoc committee to generate the Intergroup Liaison's responsibilities.

A motion was made by Bahiyyah W to increase the budget amount for Zoom equipment to \$800 and authorize Annette B to purchase the equipment. Donna F seconded; motion passed unanimously.

CLOSING

The meeting closed at 4:00 pm with the responsibility pledge.

<p align="center"><u>SETA Archives Committee</u> Meeting Location: 1st 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"><u>SETA Multi-Lingual Committee</u> Meeting Location (Non-Assembly Months): 1st Wednesday of the month @7:30 pm District 66 5645 Hillcroft, Suite 410 Houston TX 77036 Quarterly - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>
<p align="center"><u>SETA Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC)</u> Meeting Location (Non-Assembly Months): 3rd Wednesday of every month 7:30-9:00 P.M. District 66 5645 Hillcroft, Suite 410 Houston TX 77036 Quarterly - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>	<p align="center"><u>SETA Newsletter Committee</u> Meeting Location: Quarterly - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>
<p align="center"><u>SETA Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (CPC)</u> Meeting Location (Non-Assembly Months): 1st Monday each month at 7:30 P.M. Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock Suite 378 Houston, Texas 77055 Quarterly - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>	<p align="center"><u>SETA Public Information (PI) Committee</u> Meeting Location (Non-Assembly Months): 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm Zoom ID 339 417 285 Password: 153379 Zoom ID Quarterly - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>
<p align="center"><u>SETA Finance Committee</u> Meet at assemblies in person. Other months via Zoom on the third Saturday at 10:00 am. The link for the Zoom meetings: https://zoom.us/j/386759333 or Meeting ID 386 759 333 in the app</p>	<p align="center"><u>SETA Convention Committee</u> Annual Southeast Texas Area Convention Meetings postponed until 2021</p>
<p align="center"><u>SETA Grapevine Committee</u> Meeting Location (Non-Assembly Months): 3rd Thursday Meeting ID: 114 207 273 Password: 610793 Meeting 3rd Thursday of the month Quarterly - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>	<p align="center"><u>SETA State Convention Attendance Promotion (SCAP) Committee</u> Meeting Location: Quarterly - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>
<p align="center"><u>SETA La Vina Committee</u> Meeting Location: 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 Quarterly - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>	<p align="center"><u>SETA Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC)</u> Monthly Zoom second Monday at 7:00 pm Zoom ID 552 569 731 Password 169753 Quarterly - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p> <p align="center"><u>SETA Information Technology (IT) Committee</u> Meeting Location (Non-Assembly Months): 4th Saturday 10 am to 12 p Online . Contact IT secretary for info. Quarterly - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>
<p align="center"><u>SETA Literature Committee</u> Third Tuesday of the month via Zoom. Email Literature chair to attend. Quarterly - SETA Assembly @ 4:30 pm</p>	