



DISTRICT 31 NEWSLETTER



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District 31 Meetings

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

May 2022

Groups / GSR Listing
 * Indicates present

Mailing Address

District 31 Treasurer
 PO Box 854
 Porter, TX 77365

| Group | GSR / ALT GSR |
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| 1502 Group (Conroe) | Amy C / *Taylor C |
| 190 Group (Point Blank) | *Mike G / Tim D |
| 25th Hour Group (Houston) | Hughdell Y / |
| 494 Lunch Bunch (Porter) | *Lori C /Shawna T |
| Aldine Group (Houston) | |
| Atascocita Group (Humble) | *Donna F / |
| Caney Creek (Grangerland) | |
| Cleveland Camel Group (Cleveland) | Kim S / |
| Conroe-Willis Group (Willis) | Linda M / Moriah M |
| Crosby Helping Hands (Crosby) | |
| Downtown Coldspring Group (Coldspring) | |
| Early Bird Group of Kingwood (Porter) | Billy H / *Kim B |
| Freedom Rings Group (Livingston) | Rick W / |
| Good News Group (Humble) | *Gary P / *Fran H |
| Harmony Group (Huntsville) | |
| Higher Power 4 Group (Houston) | Pamlin C / |
| H.O.W. | *Daryl R |
| How It Works Group (Shepherd) | |

| Group | GSR / ALT GSR |
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| Huntsville Group (Huntsville) | Gary C / |
| Into Action (Kingwood) | *Matthew B / |
| Kingwood Group (Kingwood) | Julia G / |
| Kingwood Men's Group (Kingwood) | |
| Lakeside Group (Porter) | |
| Livingston Unity Group (Livingston) | |
| Making It Count Group (Houston) | |
| No Name Recovery A.A. Group (Livingston) | |
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| Open Door Group (New Waverly) | Andrew F / |
| Porter Group (Porter) | |
| Primary Purpose Group (Riverside) | |
| Recovery Essentials of Trinity (Trinity) | Kelle R / Bruce W |
| Serenity Group of Goodrich (Goodrich) | *Caroline L / Dietrich H |
| Serenity Group of the Woodlands (Spring) | *Kristi N / Andrew B |
| Spring Group (Spring) | *Christine P / Jim M |
| Step By Step Group (Kingwood) | |
| Willis Fellowship Group (Willis) | Larry D / |

| UPCOMING EVENTS |
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| May 20-22 25 th Hour Group Anniversary 87 Lyerly Houston, TX |
| May 21 st How To Chair a Meeting Workshop sponsored by District 31 And Hosted by Recovery Essentials of Trinity 131 N Elm St Trinity Texas 1:00-4:00 pm |
| May 21 st Serenity Group of Goodrich Anniversary |
| June 11 494 Lunch Bunch Anniversary |
| June 17-19 Texas State Convention Austin Hilton Downtown |
| June 26 Delegate Report District 31 Monthly Meeting |
| July 9 & 10 Area Assembly Doubletree Houston Intercontinental |
| Steps 6&7 Workshop sponsored by District 31 and hosted By the Spring Group 1:00-4:00 pm |
| August 19-21 District 90 Convention MCM Elegante Hotel Beaumont Texas |
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| ACTION ITEMS |
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| Discuss how your group would like to participate in hosting the SETA Assembly in October. |
| GSR's and Committee reps send June reports via email since we will have an abbreviated meeting next month. |

| DISTRICT 31 MEETINGS |
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| At the 494 Meeting Hall |
| June 26, 2:00 PM |
| July 17, 2:00 PM |
| August 21, 2:00 PM |
| September 18, 2:00 PM |

| DISTRICT 31 / AREA 67 RECEIPTS | Feb | YTD |
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| 1502 GROUP (CONROE) | | 200.00 |
| ATASCOCITA GROUP (HUMBLE) | | \$40.00 |
| EARLY BIRD GROUP OF KINGWOOD (PORTER) | | \$240.00 |
| GOOD NEWS GROUP (HUMBLE) | | \$240.00 |
| SERENITY GROUP (GOODRICH) | | \$30.00 |
| SERENITY GROUP OF THE WOODLANDS (SPRING) | | \$220.32 |
| SPRING GROUP (SPRING) | | 50.00 |
| WILLIS FELLOWSHIP GROUP (WILLIS) | | \$34.19 |
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| TOTAL INCOME: | | \$1054.51 |

| 2021 -2022 COMMITTEE | |
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| DCM | *Cheryl M |
| Alt. DCM | *Karon M |
| Secretary | *Don M |
| Treasurer | *Eddie M |
| Archives | *Leta D |
| CFC Rep | Bahiyah W |
| CPC Rep | *Mike G |
| Grapevine Rep | *Darryl W |
| Intergroup Liaison | *Patty H |
| IT Rep | *Sergey K |
| Literature Rep | *Christina P |
| PI Rep | *Daryl R |
| TFC Rep | *Taylor C |

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

STEP 5: Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

TRADITION 5 (LONG FORM): Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose — that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

CONCEPT 5 (SHORT FORM): Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

AA Trivia

Q. According to the 12 & 12 each A.A. member has this unique ability which is a gift from God. What is that ability?

A. To identify with and bring recovery to the newcomer. (Page 151)

Q. What is the great paradox identified in this chapter?

A. That we know we can seldom keep the precious gift of sobriety unless we give it away. (Page 152)

Q. The first sentence in the Tradition 5 chapter is the quote, "Shoemaker stick to thy last!" What does the phrase mean?

A: Better one thing supremely well than many badly. (Page 151) Thus our singleness of purpose

Bonus: Where did the phrase "Shoemaker stick to thy last!" come from?

On google that there is a persistent explanation that the origin was the artist Apelles who said this to a cobbler who found fault with the shoes in a painting. Apelles corrected the mistake. The cobbler went on to criticize the shape of the legs when Apelles said "Cobbler, stick to your last!" This may just be an often-repeated google story, though.

Winners-Eddie M, Taylor C, Kim B, and Caroline L.

(Draft-To-Be Approved at the next District Meeting)
District 31 Minutes of May 15, 2022

The District meeting was opened by Cheryl M. at 2:01 pm on May 15, 2022 in person and via ZOOM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

In attendance were Byron T, Caroline L, Christine P, Cheryl M, Chuck L, Darryl W, Daryl R, Don M, Donna F, Doug C, Eddie M, Gary P, Karon M, Kin B, Kristi N, Leta D, Lori C, Mary A, Matthew B, Mike G, Patty H, Sergey K, and Taylor C.

Cheryl M presented Tradition 4 and Kristi N presented Concept 4.

Volunteers for June: Caroline L will present Tradition 5 and Eddie M will present Concept 5.

NEW GSRs/ 1ST TIME VISITORS/GUESTS

- Kim B Alt GSR Early Bird Group
- Sergey K 1502 Group
- Mary A 494 Lunch Bunch

SECRETARY REPORT (Don M)

- Review of April minutes- accepted.
- Please review the newsletter, especially regarding items of your group or committee.
- Special thanks to those filing their reports via email.
- Changes have been made to the roster so please review roster and report errors to D31secretary@gmail.com

TREASURER'S REPORT (Eddie M)

- Total receipts for February was zero. Total expenditures were \$30.00. Negative cash flow of \$30.00.
- Ending checking account balance is \$7992.55.
- Total additional funds necessary to fund the 2022 budget and prudent reserve is \$830.22.
- Grapevine subscriptions aren't showing up under the Grapevine line item.

DCM REPORT (Cheryl M)

- Bought Racks for PI.
- District 31 is hosting the October Assembly.
 - We provide Hospitality Suite, except for coffee, another district is providing that.
 - Patty H volunteered to chair the hospitality committee.
 - We facilitate the GSR Workshop, Tradition presentation and Concept presentation.
- Working on accurate list of groups in our district.
- Working on district packet to take to groups not represented currently at district.
- Next Area Assembly is July 9th and 10th.
- Next District 31 meeting is June 26th.
- Delegate report at June meeting. Meeting will be abbreviated so file your reports electronically.

ALT DCM (Karon M)

- Next workshop How to Chair a Meeting at Recovery Essentials of Trinity May 21st 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
- Attended Intergroup workshop on steps 6 and 7.
- Step 6 and 7 Workshop at Spring Group changing date, more to follow.
- Atascocita Group hosting last workshop, topic is What is an Informed Group Conscience.

GSR REPORTS

Recovery Essentials of Trinity (Kelle R)

- Group excited about upcoming Workshop for How to Chair a Meeting.
- New GSR, Bruce W.
- Group filled Literature and Grapevine spots.
- Group voted to help with hosting Area assembly.
- Group is working to distribute Big Books to local jails, churches and libraries.

Atascocita Group (Donna F)

- Voted to keep speaker meeting third Saturday of the month.
- Had Intergroup phones April 29th-May 2nd.

H.O.W Group (Daryl R)

- Recently lost a member.
- Have collected their prudent reserve, anticipate donating to AA enties.
- Voted to keep old preable.

Serenity Group of Goodrich (Caroline L)

- Anniversary on May 21, world renowned barbeque expert cooking.
- Discussed preamble and decided to keep it.

Early Bird Group of Kingwood (Kim B)

- Group cleaned the building inside and out.
- Having good attendance.

494 Lunch Bunch (Lori C)

- 8th Anniversary June 11 at noon.

Serenity Group of The Woodlands (Kristi N)

- Formed an ad hoc committee to discuss changes to the preamble, voting next month on changes.
- Group agree to host a slot of Hospitality Room.
- Wednesday 8:00 pm meeting changed to young people's meeting.
- Group covering Intergroup phones for Memorial Day weekend.

1502 Group (Taylor C)

- Finalizing a group inventory questionnaire with projected July date.
- Voted to table vote on new preamble.
- Discussing hosting an Archives speaker.

Good News Group (Gary P)

- Anniversary will be September 10th at noon.

190 Group (Mike G)

- Trying to add another Sunday meeting.

Spring Group (Christine P) via email

- Will work on setting new date for July workshop.
- Monday night Big Book Study moved to 7:00 pm.
- Thursday non smoking moved to 7:00 pm.
- New meeting Sunday 7:00 pm hybrid non smoking Promises meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES (Leta D)

- Considering locations for Founder's Day, possibly Kingwood Group. Arranging speakers.

CPC (Mike G)

- Discussed Disaster Response Program to provide meetings in shelters if extended stay.
- Working on restarting the hospital program.

CFC (Bahiyah W) via email

- Still need volunteers to take meetings into requesting facilities. Need female volunteers for BAMBI unit.
- Planning Houston CFC Conference for September continues, need volunteers.

GRAPEVINE (Darryl W) Planning a presentation to district 40.

- Grapevine has a new book, Fun in Sobriety.
- Free subscriptions will be given out at next workshop.
- Grapevine has a controller position open, flyer to be sent out.
- All members who won a free subscription at last workshop now getting Grapevines.

Intergroup Liaison (Patty H)

- Very successful Step 6&7 workshop.
- Click "Events" tab at aahouston.org to find out what events are coming up. Please share this with your groups so their events can get post on the calendar.
- Please update your meeting changes with Intergroup by clicking the Support for AA Groups tab and follow the prompts.
- The bimonthly Intergroup magazine can be read online or delivered through email, see website for details.

IT Open Position

LITERATURE (Christine P)

- Next meeting on the 17th so nothing new to report.

PI (Daryl R)

- Contacting libraries to replace missing Big Books and 12&12's. Need 10 Big Books and 8 12&12's.
- Racks at libraries need to be restocked.

TFC (Taylor C.)

- Committee approved the Bridge the Gap Volunteer pamphlet.
- TFC chair and CFC chair working on bidding the Bridge the Gap conference in 2023.
- Working on meeting guidelines for taking meetings into treatment facilities.
- Please send information to committee if your group is taking meetings into a treatment facility.

OLD BUSINESS

Open positions IT committee position open.

Sergey K stood for IT committee representative and was voted in unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Delegate report at June meeting. Meeting will be abbreviated so file your reports electronically.

CLOSING

The meeting closed at 3:48 pm with the responsibility pledge.

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| <p align="center"><u>SETA Archives Committee</u> Meeting Location: 2nd Sunday of the month @ 1:00 pm Business meeting followed by a work session. 5151 Mitchelldale St Suite B10 Houston, TX 77092 Except assemblies and conventions. 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. 5151 Mitchelldale, Suite B10 Zoom id 477 254 9035 pwd heartbeat 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 330 417 285 Password: 153379 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 7:00 pm 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> <hr/> <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> | |