



DISTRICT 31 NEWSLETTER



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District 31 Meetings

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

July 2022

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 / *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
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)	
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
July 31 st 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
September 9-11 SETA CFC Conference Doubletree 15747 JFK Bl.
September 15, 2022, Deadline for agenda items for General Service Conference
September 22-25 National Archives Workshop Wyndham Hotel North Little Rock Arkansas
October 1 & 2 SETA Assembly DoubleTree JFK
October 31, 2022, Deadline for the Fifth Edition of the Big Book. https://www.aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th
January 13-15 SETA Convention MCM Elegante Hotel Beaumont

ACTION ITEMS

Discuss how your group would like to participate in hosting the SETA Assembly in October.
 Patty H is chairing an ad hoc committee for the Hospitality Suite. Groups are needed to cover a meal.
 English and Spanish volunteers are needed to cover the registration desk.

DISTRICT 31 MEETINGS

At the 494 Meeting Hall
 August 21, 2:00 PM
 September 18, 2:00 PM
 October 16, 2:00 PM
 November 20, 2:00 PM

DISTRICT 31 / AREA 67 RECEIPTS	June	YTD
1502 GROUP (CONROE)		360.00
ATASCOCITA GROUP (HUMBLE)		\$40.00
EARLY BIRD GROUP OF KINGWOOD (PORTER)		\$240.00
GOOD NEWS GROUP (HUMBLE)		\$240.00
LAKESIDE GROUP		\$15.42
SERENITY GROUP (GOODRICH)		\$60.00
SERENITY GROUP OF THE WOODLANDS (SPRING)		\$399.41
SPRING GROUP (SPRING)		50.00
WILLIS FELLOWSHIP GROUP (WILLIS)		\$34.19
Other	\$40.00	\$40.00
TOTAL INCOME:		\$1479.02

2021 -2022 COMMITTEE	
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 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. In the Tradition 7 chapter, it talks about the place in A.A. where spirituality and money would mix, Where was that?

A. in the hat! Page 163

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
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Congratulations to Patty H and Eddie M for their correct answers.

(Draft-To-Be Approved at the next District Meeting)
District 31 Minutes of July 17, 2022

The district meeting was opened by Cheryl M. at 2:07 pm on July 17, 2022 in person and via ZOOM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

In attendance were Alaina R, Amy C, Byron T, Catherine W, Caroline L, Christine P, Cheryl M, Darryl W, Daryl R, Don M, Doug C, Eddie M, Gary P, Hughdell Y, Kathy B, Karacinda D, Karon M, Leta D, Matthew B, Mike G, Patty H, Sergey K, and Taylor C.

Caroline L presented Tradition 7 and Eddie M presented Concept 7.

Volunteers for June: Patty H will present Tradition 8 and Don M will present Concept 8.

NEW GSRs/ 1ST TIME VISITORS/GUESTS

- Catherine W
- Kathy B
- Alaina R

SECRETARY REPORT (Don M)

- Review of June 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 the roster and report errors to D31secretary@gmail.com

TREASURER'S REPORT (Eddie M)

- Total receipts for June were \$40.00. Total expenditures were \$325.17. Negative cash flow of \$285.17.
- Ending checking account balance is \$7992.55.
- Total additional funds necessary to fund the 2022 budget and prudent reserve is \$357.50.

DCM REPORT (Cheryl M)

- Attended July SETA Assembly, excited to see so many District 31 members there.
- Early on Saturday morning I attended the DCM Sharing meeting. We discussed how to get more participation in our District meetings. Most felt that adding food and fellowship would help.
 - We also discussed using the SETA G Suite email and share drive services. The IT team is working on them, but currently there are only a couple of districts actively using them.
 - We were also reminded that the deadline for submitting **Agenda Items for the 2023 GSO conference is September 15, 2022**, and the deadline to submit your **recovery story for the 5th Edition of the Big Book (<https://www.aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th>) is 10/31/2022.**
- Saturday afternoon we all participated in an Area Inventory session to identify how the Area can better serve our groups. The session was led by a prior delegate, Troy D. and involved a hot potato type circle rating the area suggested. Then breakout sessions were held to come up with suggestions of ways to implement those items.
- For the business portion of the Assembly:
 - Voting Results
 - Darryl W stood for and was elected at the Area Grapevine Committee Chair.
 - The 2023 SETA Budget was presented and approved.
 - The wording for P&P Manual Editorial changes was approved.
 - Area approved supporting the submission of a bid to hold the 2023 or 2024 Nation Bridge the Gap Conference in Houston (no funding was needed from the Area).
- Taylor C submitted an agenda item for the October Assembly to provide Translator vests for the Spanish Translators.
- The next SETA Convention is being held in Beaumont at the MCM Elegante Hotel on January 13-15, 2023
- Our next District meeting will be on Sunday August 21st and will be a hybrid meeting.
- Next Area Assembly is October 1st & 2nd.
- Next District 31 meeting is August 21st.

ALT DCM (Karon M)

- Kudos to Essentials of Trinity and Ron C for How to Chair a Meeting Workshop.
- July 31st Steps 6 and 7 Workshop at Spring Group, Art G from District 90 will chair. Come to the workshop and get commitments from 2 or 3 friends to come with you.
- October 22nd, tentative, what is an Informed Group Conscience workshop hosted by Atascocita Group. Past delegates Troy D and Ron C will host.

GSR REPORTS

Into Action (Matthew B)

- Attendance picking up, 20 in person and 20 on Zoom.

Atascocita Group (Donna F via email, Catherine in person)

- Group working on filling trusted servant positions, three filled at last Group Conscience, others considering it.
- Next Speaker Meeting August 13, Ron H with 32 years sober.
- Attended SETA Assembly
- Members volunteered to complete building remodel.
- Had Intergroup phones July 1-5.

H.O.W Group (Daryl R)

- Recently lost a member, wife donated all AA material.
- August 8th one year anniversary, celebration not planned yet.
- Had to write a cross talk mention in meeting preamble.
- Generally 5 to 7 people, closed meeting.

Serenity Group of Goodrich (Caroline L)

- Monday and Wednesday meetings growing, 10-18, all meetings 6:30 pm. Monday and Friday in person, Wednesday Zoom id
- Speaker meeting Friday August 12th 6:30. Stephanie from Atascocita with 1 year.
- Recent birthdays of 1, 33 and 34 years

25th Hour Group (Darryl W)

- Group conscience getting good participation.
- Covering Intergroup phones one weekend in August.

494 Lunch Bunch (Karacinda D)

- Group Conscience voted to request installation of a speaker system to assist in hearing meetings better.
- AWOL ends in 2 weeks, may start it up again.
- Group purchased silverware to improve set for birthday dinners.
- All meetings are Hybrid, Zoom id 7144993468
- Prayers for Lori C, she is in the hospital.

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 (Amy C)

- Meetings M-F Noon, 6pm & 8pm. Sat & Sun 10am, Noon, 6pm & 8pm. Last Saturday 8pm Birthday Night
- Voted to keep old preamble.
- Preparing for group inventory.

Good News Group (Gary P)

- Anniversary will be September 10th at noon.

190 Group (Mike G)

- Attendance is up.
- Group anniversary October 8th, after noon meeting. Planning Al-anon and AA speakers. More to follow.

Spring Group (Christine P) via email

- July 31st Workshop, Steps 6 & 7 1-4 pm.
 - Group considering IT position, requesting advice from groups with IT position.
 - Birthday night last Saturday 6:30 pm eat, 7:30 meeting.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES (Leta D) in person and via email

- Founders Day Planning continues.
 - Suggesting groups come and present how their group was formed.
 - Decided on Good News Group venue for Founders Day.
 - Looking for ways to improve attendance at Founders Day. Considering a more festive atmosphere, with families invited. Checking with Good News Group venue to consider options.
 - Tentatively 2nd Saturday in November.
 - Area Archives chair requested to attend to get submissions from groups.
 - Planning sign up sheet for food items.
- National Archives Workshop September 22-25, Wyndham Hotel North Little Rock Arkansas

CPC (Mike G) in person and via email

- Committee made contact with Fort Bend County DWI court, and they requested a presentation.
- Checking with Montgomery County DWI court.
- Continuing preparation on Bridging the Gap with hospitals.

CFC (Bahiyah W)

- No Report

GRAPEVINE (Darryl W) in person and via email.

- Kudos to Alaina R for creating the District 31 Grapevine board, she really stepped up.
- Free subscriptions will be given out at next workshop.
- Darryl W elected chair of the SETA Grapevine Committee.
- All members who won a free subscription at last workshop now getting Grapevines.
- Encourage everyone to subscribe to the Grapevine.
- Planning a presentation to district 40.

Intergroup Liaison (Patty H) in person and via email

- Intergroup bookstore open Monday-Friday 10 am until 4 pm.
- Intergroup had conference and meeting facilities that can be rented.
- Intergroup has 24/7 phone service with opportunities for groups to participate in this necessary service.
- The bimonthly Intergroup magazine can be read online or delivered through email, see website for details.
- Please update any meeting schedule changes on Intergroup website.
- Upcoming are the Events Committee inviting you to an "all volunteers" zoom meeting on August 10th at 7pm for participation in the Summer open house. Events chair is Casey M. at caseymckinney@gmail.com and 713-894-1798.
- Intergroup Summer Open House is August 27th 10-3pm. There will be speakers, a raffle, a food truck, and lots of fellowship. I have provided several flyers that I hope you share with your group. Please contact me with any questions concerning AA Intergroup Houston.

IT (Sergey K) in person

- The IT committee is working on G Suites until July 31st.
- After July the IT committee will focus on updating the old website.

LITERATURE (Christine P) in person

- Nothing new to report.

PI (Daryl R) in person

- Working on delivering Big Books and 12&12's to libraries.
- Need locations of racks previously distributed.
- Have new racks available if any groups have a place to put them.
- Kudos to Intergroup for delivery of materials.

- **TFC** (Taylor C.) via email
- TFC Service Committee gained support of the area to put in a bid for a Bridge the Gap, National Workshop Weekend.
- Ron C., AA guest speaker, presented over zoom a brief dialogue of the importance of traditions in AA service work and the responsibility trusted leaders have to serve our fellowship. Ron C. will be giving another talk on their service concepts next weekend at district 40.
- The TFC Service Committee made an announcement that there would be an effort to host more group speakers in the future
- New announcement from subcommittee on bridging the gap volunteer signups. A form will be going out to the area soon via [SETA Announce] that is being used as a tool for those individuals interested in signing up to be reserve in our volunteer database for bridging the gap in area 67.
- I recently reached out to Woodlands Springs Behavioral Health, following up a request from our Area CPC/PI committee, in helping initiate a new meeting to be brought in. No contact connection made yet.
- If anyone knows of a facility near them that might be interested in learning more about the resources AA can provide in service to our community, please reach out to me with your recommendations.

OLD BUSINESS

October Assembly Hosting Status Update

Patty H is chairing the ad-hoc committee for the Hospitality Suite - needs groups to willing to cover a meal.

For Registration on Saturday morning we are looking for a couple of volunteers who are fluent in Spanish & English to cover registration desk.

Taylor C. will be doing the English GSR Presentation, still working on the Spanish presentation. Don M will be doing the Tradition presentation, Cheryl M will be doing the Concept presentation. Coffee and the AA meeting are being covered by another district.

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSING

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

<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>	