



# 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

## FEBRUARY 2023

**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 /Leta D
190 Group (Point Blank)	Mike G / Tim D
25th Hour Group (Houston)	
494 Lunch Bunch (Porter)	Karacinda D
Aldine Group (Houston)	
Atascocita Group (Humble)	Don M
Caney Creek (Grangerland)	
Cleveland Camel Group (Cleveland)	Greg M /
Conroe-Willis Group (Willis)	James H /
Crosby Helping Hands (Crosby)	
Duck Group	Joel G
Early Bird Group of Kingwood (Porter)	Marty W/Hope T
Freedom Rings Group (Livingston)	Rick W /
Good News Group (Humble)	Fran C
Harmony Group (Huntsville)	
Higher Power 4 Group (Houston)	Pamlin C /
H.O.W.	Daryl R/Cody K
How It Works Group (Shepherd)	

Group	GSR / ALT GSR
Huntsville Group (Huntsville)	Gary C /
Into Action (Kingwood)	Matthew B /
Kingwood Group (Kingwood)	Cristina C /Julia G
Kingwood Men's Group (Kingwood)	Rick H
Lakeside Group (Porter)	
Livingston Unity Group (Livingston)	Linda T
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)	Kayla H / Bruce W
Serenity Group of Goodrich (Goodrich)	Caroline L / Dietrich H
Serenity Group of the Woodlands (Spring)	Kristi N / Andrew B
Spring Group (Spring)	Jennifer C/Steffanie J
Step By Step Group (Kingwood)	
Willis Fellowship Group (Willis)	Larry D /

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BRING FRIENDS

- MAR 5 WORKSHOP Service** – GREAT WORKSHOP!  
Thank you Atascocita Group for hosting
- MAR 11 WORKSHOP 3r Step/Tradition** Tri-Cities Group  
3pm-4:30 2425 FM 1092 Rd., Missouri City 77459 (flyer)
- MAR 19 D31 meeting** CFC Representatives to attend  
Educate group and solicit support and help
- MAR 25 ANNIVERSARY 49 years!** 1502 Conroe **CELEBRATES**  
1-6pm BBQ, Door Prizes, 50/50 raffle/SPEAKERS/ live band/DJ
- April 14-15 ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND** Lufkin, TX  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1602 Dina St. [www.lufkingroup.org](http://www.lufkingroup.org) for details
- Apr 24-30 General Service Conf., Brooklyn NY
- June 9-11 76<sup>th</sup> State Convention San Antonio TX
- Oct 7-9 SWRAASA Renaissance Conv Cntr, Tula OK
- Nov 4 – D31 Founders Day (Old-timers) SAVE THE DATE**

## ACTION ITEMS – REMINDER

### FEEDBACK TO DCM for 73<sup>rd</sup> Conference!

Delegate Rick M and Alternate Christi  
 Presented final Conference Agenda items  
 For discussion at April Assembly

### Requested INPUT

#### ALL GSR's and Committee Reps asked to

1. Talk to Home Groups
2. Provide feedback to Delegates for the Assembly
3. Agenda and Feedback Forms provided

## DISTRICT 31 MEETINGS (2p-4p) At the 494 Meeting Hall

January 22, 2023  
 February 19, 2023  
**March 19, 2023**  
 April 16, 2023  
 May 21, 2023

## ASSEMBLY DATES

Double Tree Houston  
Intercontinental  
 Jan 22-23, 2023  
**April 1-2, 2023**  
 July 8-9, 2023  
 Oct 14-15, 2023

DISTRICT 31 / AREA 67 RECEIPTS	2023	To Date
1502 GROUP (CONROE)		\$240.00
CAMEL GROUP		\$20.00
INTO ACTION GROUP		\$80.90
SERENITY GROUP OF GOODRICH (GOODRICH)		\$30.00
SERENITY GROUP OF THE WOODLANDS (SPRING)		\$152.79
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>		\$523.69

2023 -2024 COMMITTEE	
DCM	Karon M
Alt. DCM	Marty W
Secretary	Fran H
Treasurer	Kristi N
Archives	Donna F
CFC Rep	Eddie M
CPC Rep	Mike G
Grapevine Rep	Leslie S
Intergroup Liaison	Leta D
IT Rep	Sergey K
Literature Rep	<b>Leann P</b>
PI Rep	Byron T
TFC Rep	Taylor C

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

**STEP 2**  
 "Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

**TRADITION 2 (LONG FORM)**  
 "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience."

**CONCEPT 2 (SHORT FORM):**  
 "The General Service Conference of AA has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs."

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**DID YOU KNOW**

**Who can vote in an Area Assembly?**  
 Any AA member can participate in the Area Assembly but here is who can vote:

Delegate	Past Delegates of SETA
Alternate Delegate	Past Delegates from other
Area Officers	have lived in this Area for
Liaisons to Inter-Group	two or more years
District Committee Members	Chairpersons of all Assembly
General Service Representatives	approved committees

Source: SETA Homepage

**AA Trivia**  
*No Trivia this month*

BE OF SERVICE  
 FOLLOW TRADITIONS  
 KNOW OUR CONCEPTS  
 ONE DAY AT A TIME

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**CHECK OUT the Grapevine Minutes**  
*Two Ways to RECORD your Story*



**DON'T  
 SHARE  
 A SELFIE**

Share Your  
**Experience, Strength & Hope**

**(Draft-To-Be Approved at the next District Meeting)**  
**District 31 Minutes of February 19, 2023**

February 19 at 2:00 pm, Karon M. opened the district meeting at the 494-meeting hall with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Zoom not available due to last minute IT unavailability. Those in attendance discussed alternate IT support for future meetings. Updates to come.

**In attendance:** Karon M, Marty W., Fran C, Donna F, Eddie M, Mike G, Leslie S, Leta, Leann P, Amy C, Don M, Luis A, Greg M, Hope T, Cristina C, Linda T, Jennifer C, Steffanie J, Patty H, Doug C

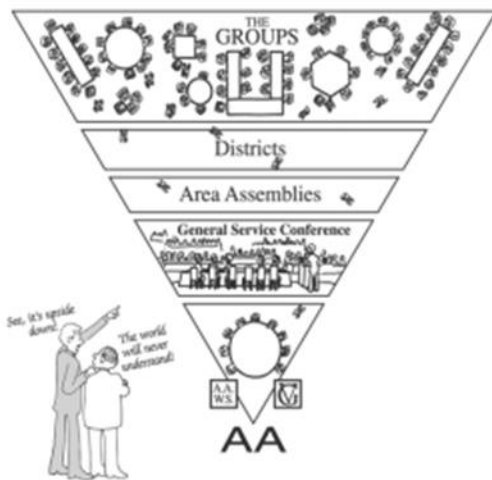
**Presentation:** Leta D. **Tradition #2** – Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depend upon AA Unity. How to work together as groups means we each need to consider others and in faith must find real strength in unity. Leta talked about Trust as the principle. Eddie M. **Concept #1** The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of the Fellowship. In 1955, the AA groups confirmed the GSC permanent charter – the actual voice and effective conscience for our whole society. Eddie talked about the UPSIDE down Triangle and the spirit of rotation as trusted servants.

**Volunteers for March:** Tradition #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Concept #3 \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW GSRs / First TIME VISITORS / GUESTS**

- o District Representative, Rick M and Alternate, Christina S
- o Wayne (1502 group secretary) – visitor and first time attendee to D31 meeting

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENTATION**



Area Delegate, **Rick M** and Alternate Delegate, **Christina S** attended D31 meeting today in preparation for the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference. The purpose of their visit was to ask for our participation in the Conference process.

**GSR's and DCM's**

So that I, your Area Delegate can be as informed as possible when I attend the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference, please review the following suggestions. If possible, I would appreciate your attention in this matter.

- Have your group/committee review the Conference agenda and pick three items (or more if you so desire) that are important to your group/committee and have a thorough discussion of those items.
- Using the provided feedback form, let me know if the group/committee agrees or disagrees with the item.
- Include any comments in the comments section you feel are pertinent and/or informative.
- The form is fillable, so you can save it and fill it out electronically. Then email it to me or:
- Print it out and fill in by hand. Either scan it and email it or send me a photo of it.

I truly appreciate your time and consideration in this matter. Thank you for your participation in the Conference process.

In love and service,

Rick M.

Handouts were provided to all in attendance and can be found (Spanish and English) on the Website <http://www.aa-seta.org/site>

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### SECRETARY REPORT (Fran C)

- Review of January Minutes – Accepted.
- Please review newsletter for accuracy, especially items for your group or committee
- Roster changes in progress – forward updates to [D31secretary@gmail.com](mailto:D31secretary@gmail.com)

### TREASURER'S REPORT (Kristi N) via email

- Kristi unable to attend today but provided her treasurer's report given by Karon M.
- Total receipts were \$523.69, leaving a positive cash flow for the month of \$240.01. The ending checking account balance is \$6,459.21 less our prudent reserve of \$1,875.00.
- We have a balance of \$4,584.21.
- Per the January treasurer's report, we had a balance of \$4,344.20 starting Jan. 1, 2023.
- Marty W., Alt DCM, did not use allotted SETA convention expenses of \$230.00 for lodging in January.

### DCM REPORT (Karon M)

- Our meeting agenda changed for today to accommodate a discussion and solicit feedback regarding the final 73<sup>rd</sup> GSC agenda released last week. Our thanks to Delegate, Rick M and Alt Delegate Christina S for their time to inform and answer questions.
- Had a wonderful experience at the GV Writing workshop at Spring Group this month. Encourage all of you to attend a writing workshop. Thanks to the group and Leslie for leading it.
- If you would like discuss something at a D31 meeting, please reach out to me directly.

### ALT DCM REPORT (Marty W)

- A huge shout-out and thank you to the Spring Group for hosting a spectacular GV writing workshop this month. Learned a lot about the Grapevine and the writing process.
- Sadly, I must resign my position as Alternate DCM for D31 for personal matters. It has been an honor to serve as a trusted servant at the group and district levels.

## GSR REPORTS

### 1502 Group - Amy C

- **49<sup>th</sup> Group Anniversary on March 25** – 1:00p-6:00p – Conroe, TX (flyers available)
  - **Live band, 50/50 raffle, speakers and more**
- March 2 holding Group Inventory Thursday at 7:05pm
- Group updating written meeting format for chairpersons
- Birthdays celebrated last Saturday of month. 5pm eat & fellowship / 6pm Celebration!

### 190 Group - Mike G

- Group has noticed an uptick in attendance.
- Still having a difficult time recruiting Trusted Servants for the Group.
- Book study reading **Dr. Bob & Good Old Timers**. Great interest and Great read.

### 494 Lunch Bunch Karacinda via Email

- Janet C – beloved member with 46 years passed away Feb. 1, 2023. Special thanks to all who attended the Celebration of Her Life on February 10. She was a shining example to all.
- **"Boston Bob" celebrates 50 years of sobriety** and the group will celebrate at Noon, Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> with a potluck/meeting celebration. Come join us to celebrate.

### Atascocita Group - Don M via email

- Group elected Luis as Alt GSR
- Group voted to keep current preamble.
- Group is having a **Service Workshop March 5<sup>th</sup>**, Noon – 3:00 p.m. (Flyer available)
  - What is Service? **All are welcome to attend. Bring a friend or sponsee.**
    - Workshop Panelists: Patty H, Ron C, and Troy D
- Group voted to restart donations to AA entities.

### **Cleveland Camel Group** - Greg M

- Group donation for rent at church increased (w/utilities) (Spanish AA also meets in same location)
- Group has had a decline in income but have not had to touch prudent reserve but might need to do so.
- Second Saturday of month Speaker meeting. (6p food & fellowship / 7p speaker)
  - Eddie R, from area archives spoke in February
- Group conscience meets 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 5:30pm

### **Conroe-Willis Group** – James H (not in attendance)

Tim, Group Chair and Wayne, Group Secretary representing today

- Club building and grounds are in process of being sold. Transition begins April 1<sup>st</sup>. Updates to come.
- Group and Members are actively seeking a new location but in the meantime groups continue meeting
- Speakers meeting continues every Friday night at 8pm (Fellowship & Food at 7pm)

### **Early Bird Group** - Hope T

- Hope asked the group for suggestions or experience from District members regarding a question brought to the group about allowing meeting attendance and participation of different people with issues other than alcohol. Early Bird Group not in favor (safety and tradition concerns). Group tabled and forwarded the request to the Steering Committee of 494. Comments included following guidelines of BB, traditions and remaining true to the primary purpose.

### **Good News Group** – Fran C

- Group conscience March 7<sup>th</sup>
- Seeking new GSR and Alternate

### **H.O.W. Group** – Daryl R

- Noon Meetings and Tuesday 6:30 AA Literature Study

### **Into Action Group** – Matthew B

- Group meetings schedule M-F 7:00 am (zoom/in person) Sat 7:30am (zoom/in person)
- Sunday at 7:30 am ZOOM ONLY

### **Kingwood Group** – Cristina C / ALT Julia G

- March 26 will hold a Group Inventory 12-3pm
- Group conscience now meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month
- Group 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planned for April. Details to come.
- Christina asked for experience with handling person onsite that is clearly impaired but not a safety threat. Brief discussion held with suggestions made for her to take back to her group conscience.

### **Livingston Unity Group** - Linda

- New Friday night meeting started at 10pm around the outdoor Fire Pit
- Working to build fellowship

### **Serenity Group of the Woodlands** – Kristi

- No report

### **Spring Group** – Jennifer C / ALT Steffanie J

- TFC Rep, Taylor C, attended our recent group conscience and presented information about working with Treatment facilities. In the past, our Group used to be active with the Cypress Treatment Center. Group members have a desire to re-engage in this service work. After Taylor's presentation, five members are committed to coordinate and reach out to local treatment facilities and another group member will begin attending the AREA TFC meetings.
- Our group hosted a very **successful Writing Workshop** thanks to Leslie's guidance and our group member's organization skills. There were attendees from around the entire District and Area. Feedback has been positive. Thanks to all who participated.
- As she steps down, we want to give a special thanks to Marty for her service

## **TRIVIA BREAK** (Karon)

No trivia this month

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ARCHIVES** (Donna F) via email

- Founders Day confirmed for **Saturday, Nov. 4** *Mark your calendars! Bring a friend or two and enjoy food, fellowship and stories from those that have walked before us! Flyer w/details to follow.* Lamb of God Church, Social Hall, Humble, TX
- Church fee for rental (10am-4pm) is \$150.00.

### **CFC** (Eddie M) via Email

- CFC Representatives will attend the March D31 meeting to educate and solicit support.
- Thanks and appreciation to groups and members for the Blue Can contributions which make it possible to bring meetings and provide Big Books, 12 & 12's and other AA approved literature to those incarcerated.

### **CPC** (Michael G) via Email

- CPC working to increase meeting attendance and participation
- Established following tasks/goals for committee.
  - Build relationships in D31 with
    - a. Probation offices
    - b. DWI courts
    - c. Medical and Nursing programs
    - d. Mental Health organizations
- CPC participants responsible for establishing and improving execution of tasks as assigned

### **GRAPEVINE** (Leslie S) via email

- STORY submissions wanted
  - Young & Sober stories due March 15 (ICYPAA celebrates 65 years!)
  - Mid-Sobriety Challenges stories due April 15
  - **SHARE YOUR AUDIO STORY – Two ways to record your experience, strength, hope**

#### **TELL STORY THROUGH VOICEMAIL SYSTEM**

- . Call VM system at 559-726-1216
- . Press 1 to hear tips and begin recording your story after tone
- . When finished recording Press # and you will be prompted to save your story by pressing 1
- . Press 2 to give AA GV permission to use your story

#### **DO IT YOURSELF**

- . Use your own digital recorder, smartphone or other mobile device (WAVE and MP3 files accepted)
- . Send your recording to email: [webcoord@agrapevine.org](mailto:webcoord@agrapevine.org)

LISTEN to GV stories online: <https://www.agrapevine.org/magazine>

- AREA Grapevine updates
  - GV Subscription Drive planning in process. Details to come!
  - Group agreed the Writing Workshop hosted by Spring Group on Feb 12 was great success.
    - BIG thanks Nate, Jennifer and Steffanie for organizing and hosting event. The workshop gave tips on the writing process and reminded members that everyone has a story that could help another suffering alcoholic. *Most importantly, the GV continues to be a meeting in print for our military personnel and those that are homebound.*
  - Writing workshops planned for other Districts:
    - March 25 1:00p-3:00p at the BAC in Clute TX
    - May 5 in League City area. Details to come (D70)
  - Thank your group representatives for their participation and service.

## **INTERGROUP LIAISON** (Leta D) via email

- **Financials**
  - 2023 Budget Approved
  - \$5k reserved for air conditioning unit (no A/C unit original to location) needed for hosting events
  - YTD finances/expenses reviewed and inline to date. Bookstore income over budget
  - Report reviewed for 21 vs 22 phone calls, chip sales reviewed (asked Leta to provide #s for this report)
- **Literature**
  - Jacketless booklet in stock and available
  - Voted to digitize Meeting Directory (updates w/software) cost effective. Also printable if needed
  - Printed Bookmark with QR code (*links directly to Intergroup Website Meeting Directory*) now being distributed to correctional facilities and treatment centers.
- **Office**
  - Welcome Casey – new bookstore Assistant. Kelly stepping down and a committee (with criteria established are in process to replace her)
  - Board of Trustees held elections for two positions and both were filled
  - Bookstore Closed April 7 – Good Friday

## **IT** (Sergey K) not in attendance. No report

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## **LITERATURE** (Leann P)

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## **PUBLIC INFORMATION** (Byron T) not in attendance

- Seeking a ride to monthly D31 meetings if anyone can help.

## **TFC** (Taylor C) via email

- AREA TFC Committee Meeting
  - Feb 15<sup>th</sup> first meeting under the guidance of new Chair, Chris G. Chris replaced Kendyl W.
  - Time provided to meet and greet all attendees.
  - Chris introduced himself into the new role and presented a comprehensive TFC mission, vision and goals document. He provided everyone new insights into the long-term direction and responsibility of the area committee and needs for service.
  - Attendees (many active and interested group and district representatives) graciously volunteered to work with the Chris and the committee on area upcoming projects to accomplish these goals.
- Current Projects of TFC
  - Treatment Facility Mapping initiatives
  - Updates to area literature such as B.T.G. bookmarks and tri-fold pamphlets
  - Bridging the Gap National Workshop Weekend (Host/Planning Committee)
- CALL for OPEN positions for the Area Committee
  - Literature, IT, Alternate-Chair, Alt-Secretary, Alt-Treasurer
  - Bilingual Rep position FILLED
- **March 15 @ 7pm Next Meeting via zoom**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **o District Member Voting**

- Karon M: "It was brought to my attention, with the New Year, that we should clarify the vote process for new district members as there are some members of D31 that hold two positions: 1) a committee position and 2) a GSR position for their home group. We want to make it clearly understood that if you are voting at Area you are entitled TO ONE VOTE as a GSR for your group. Only the DCM and ALT DCM have votes on behalf of the district.
- At our district level, D31 has a current policy that allows votes in both positions and the group today discussed:
  - o Patricia H asked that each GSR ask their Groups to actively seek to fill the GSR and Alternate trusted servant positions
  - o Doug talked about the need for Rotations at Groups for trusted servants and the importance of this practice.
  - o Many members shared their experience and frustration with the lack of willingness and commitment by home group members to serve as trusted servants and/or participate at the service level.
  - o DCM asked if the group would like to vote to keep the policy at the district level the same at this time. Majority was Yes.

### **o Storage of D31 Supplies**

- Over the years, D31 has accumulated many bins of supplies that have moved from garage to garage. The group is seeking to find a central location where items are accessible to more than one or two people. Items include but not limited to:
  - o Paper goods, Coffee Urn, etc. (used for meetings)
    - With group 494 approval these supplies will be stored at 494
  - o Items for Public Information
    - Leann is currently collecting all items – including literature racks, and literature and will need a space for storage
  - o Posters for Founders Day (Old Timers / Archive materials) (Donna H temporarily storing these posters at her home.)
- Discussion held and it was agreed to have an Ad-Hoc committee
  - o Patricia H. will obtain pricing for storage facilities and provide D31 with the information at next meeting.
  - o Leann will do district inventory of all literature and materials to determine amount of space required.

## **CLOSING**

DCM reminded all that two CFC representatives will attend our March 19 D31 meeting.

Meeting closed by Karon M. at 3:45 p.m. with the Responsibility Pledge