



# 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

## SEPTEMBER 2023

**Groups / GSR Listing**

\* Indicates present or online

## 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 / Eddie
Conroe-Willis Group (Willis)	Jonna N *
Crosby Helping Hands (Crosby)	
Early Bird Group of Kingwood (Porter)	Annelisa S*/Meredith
Freedom Rings Group (Livingston)	Rick W
Good News Group (Humble)	Fran H* / Bob M
Higher Power 4 Group (Houston)	Pamlin C
H.O.W. / Livingston	Daryl R*
Huntsville Group (Huntsville)	Gary C

Group	GSR / ALT GSR
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)	James W
Open Door Group (New Waverly)	
Porter Group (Porter)	
Primary Purpose Group	
Recovery Essentials of Trinity (Trinity)	Kayla H / Bruce W
Serenity Group - Goodrich	Caroline L / Dietrich H
Serenity Group – Woodlands	Stephanie *
Spring Group	Steffanie F* / Kate M*
Step By Step Group (Kingwood)	
Waterfront Group (Humble House)	Jonathan *
Willis Fellowship Group (Willis)	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BRING FRIENDS

Sep 30 – Saturday 11:30-1:45 D60 Workshop

“How to Chair a Meeting”

Third Tradition Group 5656 Belarbor St Houston 77033 **FLYER**

Oct 21 – Intergroup 60<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary **SAVE THE DATE**

Oct 28 – Halloween/Dance/Games – Atascocita Grp 8pm

2805 South Houston Ave (Costume optional) **FLYER**

Oct 27029 TXSCYPAA south shore harbor resort **FLYER**

Nov 4 – D31 Founders Day (Old-timers) **FLYER GREAT PANEL!**

14900 East FM 1960, Humble, Lamb of God Fellowship Hall

Bring a Friend, Sponsee, Group... 11-2 Lunch provided

Nov 10-12 – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Corrections Conf

Oklahoma City, OK **FLYER**

Jan 19-21, 2024 SETA Mood Gardens, Galveston **REGISTER**

<https://www.2024setaconvention.org/>

## ACTION ITEMS – REMINDERS

### SETA Committee Needs

1. Open position – IT Manager

2. Hospitality Needs – Volunteers & Monies

*Check with your DCM for details of how you can help!*

*GO TO WEBSITE for more on SETA*

<https://www.2024setaconvention.org/>

Committee participation needed! For information Contact

Chair: [joel.q@aa-seta.org](mailto:joel.q@aa-seta.org) Co-Chair at [tina.s@aa-seta.org](mailto:tina.s@aa-seta.org)

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

**October 22**

November 19

December 17

### **ASSEMBLY DATES**

Sheraton

Oct 14-15, 2023

DISTRICT 31 / AREA 67 RECEIPTS	AUGUST	To Date
1502 GROUP (CONROE) 240 680		920.00
ATASCOCITA GROUP		20.00
CAMEL GROUP		30.00
GOOD NEWS GROUP		540.00
The HOW Group (Goodrich)		15.00
INTO ACTION GROUP		189.15
OPEN DOOR GROUP (NEW WAVERLY)		125.00
RECOVERY ESSENTIALS GROUP		171.89
SERENITY GROUP GOODRICH (GOODRICH)		60.00
SERENITY GROUP WOODLANDS (SPRING)	109.12	748.94
SPRING GROUP	50.00	100.00
Waterfront Group (Humble)	100.00	100.00
WILLIS FELLOWSHIP GROUP (WILLIS)		54.72
<b>TOTAL INCOME YTD:</b>		3,074.70

2023 -2024 COMMITTEE	
DCM	Jennifer C
Alt. DCM Interim	Doug C
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	OPEN
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 9** Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

**TRADITION 9** (LONG FORM) Each AA group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our AA General Service Committee. They are the custodians of AA Tradition and the receivers of voluntary AA contributions by which we maintain our AA General Service Office at NY. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the AA Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in AA are but trusted and experienced service of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

**CONCEPT 9** (SHORT FORM) Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

## AA Trivia

### Trad #9

Great **SUFFERING** and **LOVE** are AA's disciplinarians, we need no others.

Pg 174 in the 12x12

### Concept 9

Or leaders do not drive by mandate, they lead by example. We say to them, "Act for us, but do not **BOSS US**."

12 Concepts Illustrated

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## DCM CHALLENGE OF MONTH

Challenge every GSR to bring a friend or someone new to the district meetings.

**(Draft-To-Be Approved at the next District Meeting)**  
**District 31 Minutes of September 16, 2023**

September 16 at 2:00 pm, Jennifer C. opened the district meeting at the 494-meeting hall with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**In attendance:** Jennifer C, Fran H, Doug C, Kristi N, Daryl R, Steffanie J, Kate M, Karacinda D, Stephanie, Patty H, Annelisa S, Taylor C, Sergey K, Amber C, Jonna N  
On Line: Mike G (190), Daryl (HOW), Jonna/Tamara (Willis), Leta

**Presentations** Tradition #9 Fran / Concept # 9 Byron T

**Volunteers for OCTOBER:** Tradition #10 OPEN Concept # 10 OPEN

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

Guests: Amber,

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SECRETARY REPORT** (Fran)

- Minutes Approve for August
- Assembly, Flyers, Newsletter emailed
- Continue to update mailing list/roster

**TREASURER's REPORT** (Kristi N) via email

- Total receipts were \$259.12 and total expenditures were \$233.50 leaving a positive cash flow for the month of \$25.62. Ending checking account balance is \$7,785.19 less our prudent reserve of \$1,875.00.
- We have a balance of \$5,910.19
- Everyone asked to check their budget line items to make sure they know how much they have left to spend this year. We now have enough money to cover the remaining budgeted items for 2023. If you are thinking you might go over your budget and need more money, it will have to be brought to District (as a group) to vote for allocation of additional funding.

**DCM REPORT (Jennifer C)**

- The [SETA.ORG](http://SETA.ORG) home page of D31 is being updated to include meeting minutes, newsletters, committee contacts and other pertinent D31 information. Also, the SETA.org shared drive files will be updated with minutes, newsletters, financial reports, etc. Committee chairs are asked to send information to DCM or Secretary to share.
- Plan to provide an update at October meeting regarding visits to groups in D3 using a district map that shows meetings with active GSRs and those without GSRs. Will ask for volunteers to visit groups and do some "role-playing" on how to visit and attract (rather than promote) more group participation.
- I will start reaching out to Area 67 committee chairs and invite them to our district meetings for updates.
- Reminder to all trusted servants that our **Service Manual** provides great information. I.e. Page 11 provides GSRs with information about creating reports and updating information to share. Check out the "What's New Button" on the AA.org website if you do not have a SETA email.
- Young People in AA Item P-4 had been revised and redesigned available for ordering.
- Challenge every GSR to bring a friend or someone new to the district meetings.

**ALT DCM REPORT (Doug C)**

- GV Workshop 7/23 attended by 17l. Gave two 1-year subscriptions away in drawing
- As requested by Area Registrar I am currently reviewing D31 unknown groups and the status of said groups.
- Working with D31 to host another workshop before year-end.

**GSR REPORTS**

**25<sup>th</sup> Hour Group** –Darryl W

- Still meeting in-person.
- Grapevine meeting new on Wednesdays at Noon
- Struggle to get members to commit to service positions. Looking for GSR
- Got rent reduced due to finance struggles since COVID19.
- Still working to get a prudent reserve

**1502 Group** – Amy

- Covering Intergroup phones weekend of October 9

**190 Group** – Mike G \* (online)

- Noon meeting held ONLY on Saturdays (due to decrease in participation during week.)
- Officer Elections upcoming

**494 Lunch Bunch** - Karacinda

- Group renewed Grapevine Subscription
- Hybrid meetings 6 days a week

**Atascocita Group** - Don M via email

- Group decided to move the start time of the group inventory on October 8<sup>th</sup> to noon and will hold a preliminary group discussion of the inventory on Sept 23 (2-4)
- Hosting a Halloween Dance October 28<sup>th</sup> 8-11 pm. (Costumes optional!)
- A proposal to raise the group food budget for birthday night from \$100 to \$200 will be voted at next grp conscience.
- A proposal to reduce the wait time for reconsideration of issues from 6 months to 3 months will be voted on next group conscience.
- All of our trusted servant positions are filled.

**Cleveland Camel Group** - Greg M

- Unable to attend

**Conroe-Willis Group** – Tamara L & Jonnan (online)

- Nothing to report

**Early Bird Group** - Annelisa S

- Nothing to report

**Good News Group** – Fran C\*

- Round Robin/Group Anniversary was huge success (approximately 70 attendees)
- Group Conscience to discuss SETA hospitality support at next meeting
- Elections in November

**H.O.W. Group** – Daryl R\* (online)

- Group 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary October 4 at 6:30 ALL INVITED
- Two birthdays Rochelle B 32 and Daryl 48

**Into Action Group** – Matthew B

- Not in attendance

**Kingwood Group** – Cristina C

- Unable to attend

**Livingston Unity Group** – Linda

- Not in attendance

**Serenity Group (Woodlands)** – Stephanie F \*

- Group hosted INTERGROUP Phones this weekend – great experience

**Spring Group** - Steffanie J\* / Kate M\* New Alt GSR

- Spanish speaking meeting doing ok – hope to see increase in October
- Finished updates to the Meeting format and guidelines
- All trusted servant positions filled

**Waterfront Group** – Jonathan M (absent)

- Golf tournament planned for November 4

## TRIVIA BREAK – THANK YOU Jennifer

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### ARCHIVES Donna F (email)

- No money spent since May.
- Several positions open: Co - Archivist 3) Speaker meeting recorder 4) Newsletter Editor 5) Researcher 6) Archives Service Coordinator. Any interested person can come and be a part of Archives
- Discussed & voted on "according to committee WHO are considered Old-timers?" Vote to consider 35-50 years
- **Founders Day, Nov 4, 2023** –Location secured, speakers committed
  - Asking groups to do a story board for Founders Day / Supplies-Instructions handed out
  - Announced Panel: Milton H, Gene J, Randy H, Daryl W, Eddie R

#### CFC Eddie M

- Main objective of Conference held Sept 15-17 was to recruit AA's to help bring the message to incarcerated alcoholics. Panels included those involved doing the work and those AA's who have benefitted. Onsite opportunity to sign up, get training and authorization to go into Texas Dept of Criminal Justice facilities.
- Blue Can donations to CFC literature for Area 67 was \$6,168.94 from 36 groups. If your group needs blue can or information reach out to CFC committee.
- Henry N is the new Harris County Jail (HCJ) Administrator for 12-step programs. HCJ wants to re-start AA in the post-pandemic era. Many inmates want AA and scheduling meetings continues to be difficult. The program is run through Chaplain's offices because AA is considered religious program. He would like to bring in the current edition of the Big Book and also in different languages. New meetings may be started on weekends. He is interested in how BTG may help released inmates. Training and even meetings for the HCJ staff may also be an option. He provided his contact information for the committee.

#### INTERGROUP Leta D (email)

- Attached Delegate report and Next Delegate meeting October 19 at 8:00 pm

#### GRAPEVINE Leslie S\*

#### LITERATURE - OPEN

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION Byron T\*

- Working to establish East Mt Houston meeting
- Would like to host a workshop before year-end

#### TFC Taylor C \*

#### IT Sergey K \*

- Asked group to move from Zoom to Google Workshop (Savings of \$199)
- Group approved and IT will work to update and use Google Workspace going forward

#### OLD BUSINESS – for September Meeting

- D31 Literature Chair OPEN – elect replacement
- Move October D31 Meeting Date

#### NEW BUSINESS – for September Meeting

- Update D31 Policies & Procedures
- Discuss Funds for line items (misc) in budget
- SETA 2024 asking Districts to participate/host Hospitality Rooms/ Jan 2024 SETA Meeting (Galveston)
- Discuss D31 hosting another workshop before year-end

#### CLOSING

Meeting closed by Jennifer C. at 3:55 p.m. with the Responsibility Pledge