



# 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

## November 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	Dave
Serenity Group – Woodlands	Stephanie F *
Spring Group	Steffanie / Kate M*
Step By Step Group (Kingwood)	
Waterfront Group (Humble House)	Jonathan*
Willis Fellowship Group (Willis)	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BRING FRIENDS

NEW Grapevine Meeting (**Flyer**) presented by  
 This Side of the Lake Group **Fridays at NOON**  
 17400 El Camino Real, Suite 800  
 Webster, TX 77058

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

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

40<sup>th</sup> Annual Yellow Rose – online registration NOW  
 Feb 2-3-4, 2024 Trinity Pines  
<https://www.yellowroseconference.org/>

### **D31 November Founders Day was a great success!!**

Thank you to all that helped and participated.  
 The Bar is set high for 2024.

*Will Donna F be able to top it????  
 STAY TUNED*

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Ask your group treasurer to *always include Group ID numbers and the district number* on all CHECKS and/or contributions. (This is for GSO, AREA or District contributions.)
2. Inform the D31 DCM of the monthly/quarterly dates and times of your home group conscience meetings.
3. SETA in January needs HOSPITALITY help. Ask DCM for details.

**DISTRICT 31  
 MEETINGS (2p-4p)**  
 At the 494 Meeting Hall  
 October 22  
 November 19  
 December 17

**ASSEMBLY DATES**  
 Next mtg held at  
 SETA in Galveston  
 Jan 19-21, 2024

DISTRICT 31 / AREA 67 RECEIPTS	OCT	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)	121.03	869.97
SPRING GROUP		100.00
Waterfront Group (Humble)		100.00
WILLIS FELLOWSHIP GROUP (WILLIS)		54.72
<b>TOTAL INCOME YTD: Since August</b>		<b>3,195.73</b>

2023 -2024 COMMITTEE	
DCM	Jennifer C
Alt. DCM Interim	Nosa
Secretary	Fran H
Treasurer	Kristi N
Archives	Donna F
CFC Rep	Eddie M
CPC Rep	OPEN
Grapevine Rep	Leslie S
Intergroup Liaison	Leta D
IT Rep	Sergey K
Literature Rep	OPEN
PI Rep	Byron T
ALT PI	OPEN
TFC Rep	Taylor C

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

**STEP 11** Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

**TRADITION 11** (LONG FORM) Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think AA ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as AA members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us."

**CONCEPT 11** (SHORT FORM) The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

## AA Trivia

### Tradition 11

### Concept 11

Our final **DEPENDENCY** on them will always be great indeed. They will perform most of the **ROUTINE** labor.

12 Concepts Illustrated  
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## CHALLENGE OF the MONTH

Ask ourselves:

How does our District 31  
 and our Groups  
 "Carry the message?"

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

Jennifer opened the meeting at 2:05 November 19, 2023 with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**In attendance:** Nos, Jennifer, Leta, Cheryl, Catherine W, Meredith, Julie, Doug, Jonathan, Amy, Taylor, Leslie, Dave, Caroline and Chuck, Morgan, Amber, Patty H, Kate, Don, Donna, Kristi, Byron, Stephanie.

Nosa presented Tradition 11 and Jennifer C presented Concept 11, Don M presented Concept 11.

Volunteers for December: Tradition12-Donna F, Concept 12-Byron.

**NEW GSR/ 1<sup>ST</sup> TIME VISITORS/GUESTS**

Dave, new GSR for Goodrich Serenity Group (Caroline & Chuck L brought Dave to first D31 meeting)

**SECRETARY REPORT** (Jennifer C)

The October minutes needed a 'date' correction and then approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** (Kristi N)

- Total receipts were \$1,879.08 and total expenditures were \$121.03 leaving a negative cash flow for the month of **(\$1,758.05)** Ending checking account balance is \$6,152.56. Less our prudent reserve of \$1,875.00.
- We have a balance of \$4,277.56.
- Met with Finance Ad-Hoc committee and will present to group the proposed 2024 Budget for discussion

**DCM REPORT** (Jennifer C)

- Are we doing enough to "carry the message"
- QR Code that links to meeting list now available (Kate?)
- Attended Kingwood Group Workshop "How to Chair a Meeting"
- Reviewed AA Service Manual – shared with D31 pages 3-4-5 / Description of the function of General Service
- Our D31 Delegate to visit in March. We need to prepare questions for the delegate to take to GSO.
- Reminder to all GSR's. YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT REPRESENTATIVE in AA. To affect change you must be informed.

**ALT DCM** (Nosa)

- Nosa's first meeting as Alt DCM for D31
- Will seek out help for 2024 Workshops
- Planning Dec 17 D31 holiday festivities

**GSR REPORTS**

**Atascocita Group** (Don M) in person and via email

- Group voted to reduce prudent reserve to 2 months
- Group voted to hold new election procedure
- Group proposed to make Book Study meetings "Closed" – vote next month
- Group proposed to create Event Committee
- ELECTIONS for trusted servants December 3
- Group 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary December 10 / 11am-4pm
- Group Inventory results were give today (11/17) more details to come.

**Good News Group** (Fran)

- Elections in December for Trusted Servants
- Still host online capabilities for Meetings held T-W-TH at 7:30 pm
- Tues - Open / Wed – Book Study / Th - Closed

**Kingwood Group** (Julie) in person

- Workshop held 11/18 very successful (How to Chair a Meeting)
- Group struggling to make rent and have increased suggested donation to \$4
- Good election participation and spirit of rotation

**Waterfront Group** (Jonathan)

- Golf outing in November successful
- Will host breakfast on Thanksgiving after 9am meeting
- Voted to host a meeting on "fifth" Friday of month with music themed (Recovery Unplugged)

**1502 Group** (Amy)

- Added 6:30am meeting on Monday & Wednesday
- Group created an "event coordinator" position as a trusted servant to organize 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in February
- Group will host "how to chair a meeting" workshop in 2024
- Group still to vote a final approval for new meeting format
- Thanksgiving will host noon meeting followed by lunch
- Group will be open over the holidays

**Early Bird Group** (Meredith - alt GSR) in person

- Group Conscience met with several topics discussed.
- GC voted NO to the group starting a facebook page.
- Group wants to host workshop in 2024. Will work with Nosa on topic ideas and dates
- Many group members participating in Yellow Rose conference in February 2024

**Spring Group** (Steffanie J / Kate)

- Spanish speaking Wednesday mtg added to Intergroup calendar in Nov
- Annual Italian night & cake auction a success
- Holiday party set for December 9<sup>th</sup> at Knights of Columbus off Geneva Dr

**Goodrich – Serenity** (Dave)

- Dec 15 annual holiday party / meeting / finger foods / white elephant exchange
- Meeting M and Friday at 6:30 PM / 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Speaker / 1<sup>st</sup> Friday GC / 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Birthdays

**Woodlands – Serenity** (Stephanie)

- Openings for trusted servants
- Potluck on Thanksgiving
- New Year's Eve Dance
- Intergroup Phones in December
- Friday nights 9pm-11pm GAME NIGHT

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ARCHIVES** (Donna F) in person

- Founder's Day was great success. Thanks to Donna F for her hard work and to the following:
  - Groups for putting together Story Boards
  - Eddie for presenting Houston AA History
  - Panel of D31 old timers and their stories (Milton, Randy, Daryl and Ralph)
  - Good News Group members for help in setting up Lamb of God Church Hall
  - **THANKS To ALL WHO ATTENDED.**

**GRAPEVINE** (Leslie S) in person and via email.

- The Grapevine App is out and can be downloaded at your app store.
- PODCASTS available
- Books 20% off November 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of the year with free shipping.
- Grapevine will be 80 next June and they're looking for submissions about your favorite GV stories. Due by Dec 15
- Would like a 2024 Workshop on GV Writing

**Intergroup Liaison (Leta D)**

- Hired FT administrator
- Elected new Trustees
- LINK seeking editor
- Winter Open House December 9<sup>th</sup> 10-2

**IT** (Cheryl M)

- Committee meeting last Tuesday of the month instead of Thursday via Google Meets.
- Working on Private Drive for Policies & Procedures and minutes

**LITERATURE** (Open)

**PI** (Byron T) in person and via email

- Been working on restarting Humble Road Group on 7418 East Houston Road.
- Needs help with PI / would like to prepare presentation for Houston Super Neighborhoods

**TFC** (Taylor C)

- Area met 11/15
- Official subcommittee for Bridging the Gap was formed. Don M is chair
- Gaining momentum
- Reminder that first 48 hours released from a treatment, jail or pre-release program is crucial to sobriety.

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

Open position for D31 Literature Chair; Cooperation with Professional Committee (CPC); and alternate for PIT

- DCM read job descriptions and position requirements
- GSRs asked to share at Groups

Kristi (treasurer) presented 2024 budget put together by Ad Hoc Committee

- GSRs asked to take budget to GROUPS and ask their GC if they believe the proposed budget in good use of D31 funds. Seek input

SETA 2024 seeking D31 Groups to volunteer at convention (Need security & Hospitality workers)

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

**DCM Talking to GSRs “ REMINDER” You are the most important VOICE to your GROUPS and back to District and AREA.**

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## **CLOSING**

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