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DISTRICT #40 NEWSLETTER

UNITY - RECOVERY - SERVICE

Special Meeting

Tuesday November 22nd 7 - 9 PM

Meeting ID - 963 200 4641 Passcode - 383759

Service Sponsors Make It Easier !

Jackie S., District 40 DCM

How are you feeling about starting your new service position?

Thinking back to the beginning of this term, I was excited but nervous to start the DCM service position! I felt prepared due to the six years of experience serving in various D40 positions, plus I came to this position with 2 years' experience chairing the Area Literature Committee meeting on Zoom. But mostly, I felt prepared because I have a close relationship with my Service Sponsor. I met her at my first D40 meeting as an incoming GSR. She was being celebrated for attending D40 meetings for 25 years without

missing one! Yes attendance is kept at D40 meetings. We studied the Traditions one on one, I chaired a twelve month Concept

study with her as the speaker, we met for dinner prior to each District meeting to discuss any questions I had, and we met at the Area assembly on Friday nights for dinner to discuss the weekend agenda. She included me

for breakfast and lunch at Assemblies and Forums when she had invited other people to dine with us and share their service experience. She encouraged me to call the GSO and ask questions.

Through her I met other past Delegates and Trustees and got to hear the work they were privileged to have worked on. She made all of my A.A. service positions easier and very enjoyable! I have

Step II

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 II

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

Concept II

The trustees should always have the best possible committee, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern .

Next District Meetings (Zoom)

Tuesday December 13th 7 - 9 PM

Meeting ID - 824 4810 5482

Passcode - 072830

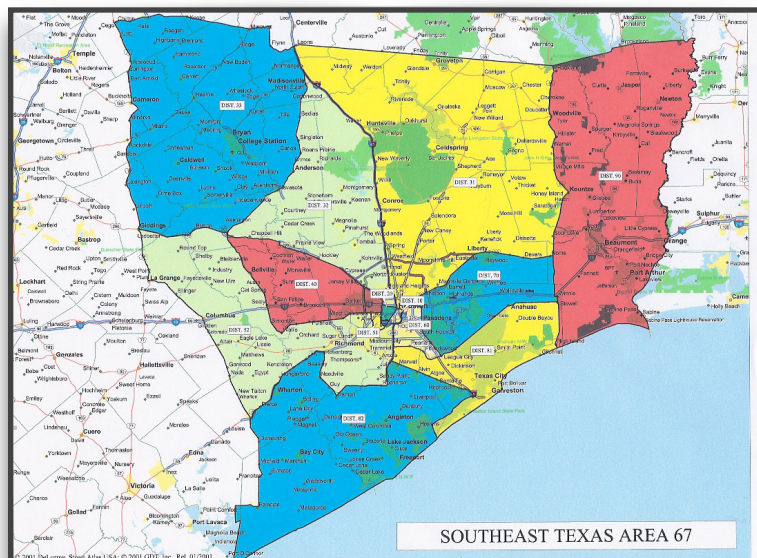
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known her for 8 years now and I am sad to say her health is declining. She has not been able to attend as many A.A. service events this year like she used to. I miss her terribly. Please pray for her. Betsy G.

SWRAASA 2022

Doug D., District 40 Alt-DCM

What can I say but it is good to get back to in person events. I started my trip with a few friends driving to Hobby airport. What a surprise, when we are walking through the airport, we start running into others from our area. We had time to sit and talk before the flight and also before the flight home. It is like the meeting before and after the meeting.



What is a service assembly you might ask yourself, it was a lot of workshops on many different topics ranging from the traditions, the concepts, different positions, different committees, Technology and our history. Let's face it I love the history of AA, to know where we came from to make sure we learn from those lessons, rule 62 comes to mind. But again, the meeting before and after, the people we talk to before, during and after those workshops are an added bonus. I heard about springtime in the Ozarks, and I think I will try to go next year. I think it was when I was sitting in one of the hospitality suites, where you grab a cup of coffee or a snack and sit down and just join in the conversation. It is nice to be surrounded by others that love AA as much as I do.

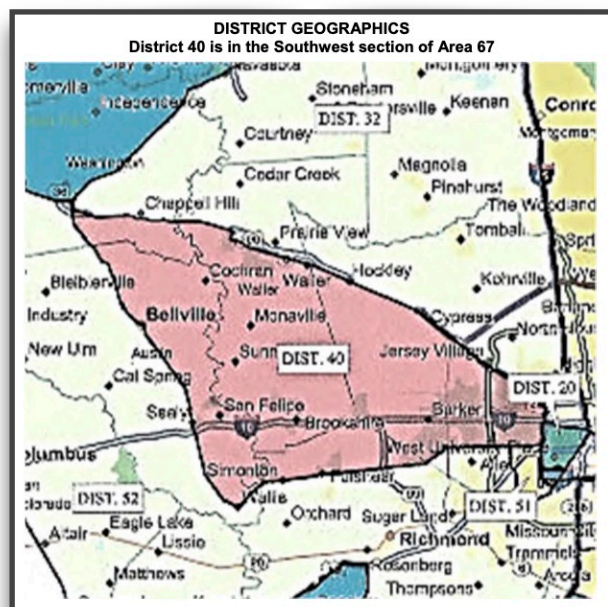
Let's get into some of the workshops, I started out in technology in AA, thinking it may shed some more light on the current technologies but it went through the evolution of technology from the beginning and that started with a telephone call from Bill to Dr Bob. I have the PowerPoint from that that I will put out in the D40 share when it gets setup. There were even radio shows like "We the People" that publicized AA but that was before the traditions. If this is your thing you should look at naatw.org.

The GSR workshop, this was a key one along with the DCM I wanted to attend. To see what new information I could use to get the new GSRs in the next rotation a head start. I will have to say it was a lot of what I heard when I came in and what we send out now. The GSR position in the service manual lists all the material you should read and understand, and as a newcomer coming into AA has a better chance of understanding the program when they get a sponsor, a service sponsor can help the transition of a new GSR into service. I remember I heard that I should get one

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at my first District 40 meeting. It has helped me out and we still meet a few times a month. One of the things that always stayed with me and I don't remember where I read it but the GSR is the keeper of Traditions in their home group. They talked at this workshop about strengthening your group, relying on the resources available to you like your service sponsor, elder statesmen, DCM, Area Chair, GSO, Box 459 and the service manual. Also the pamphlets you get in your GSR kit, like the home group, P 28 "informed group conscience" that is right after it talks about the spirit of rotation. But it is one the most important positions in AA, the conduit between your home group and AA as a whole. That is why I will like to see what District 40 can do in the coming rotation on increasing our GSRs attendance at area assemblies.

The DCM workshop had some great ideas in this one. It's all about communication, to and from the GSRs and getting out to the quiet groups. We will look into setting up an outreach committee to go visit those groups that do not have a current GSR or maybe not even a registered group with GSO. The District's job is to keep the groups informed even if they don't have a GSR. Also, I would like to have a portion in the D40 meeting for the GSRs to tell us about their group. To have a GSR sharing session to discuss topics on any issue at their home group and let the GSRs share their experience, strength and hope on those issues they have dealt with. I have already started my list of other incoming DCMs that were there that I talked with, ate with and shared our expectations with on our rotation as DCMs.



Involving the alternate sounded like I could learn some good skills on working with Mike B in our rotation. It covered a lot of what Jackie has done with me over these past 2 years. Keeping them included in all correspondence and going over the agenda before they are sent out. Everything in AA should be transparent and if something would happen to me Mike should have all the information at his disposal if needed. Go over their Job description and see if anything needs to be added or changed. But this workshop was geared to alt delegates but they made exceptions due to many of us being incoming DCMs and Alt DCMS. It boils down to us as your DCM and Alt DCM need to work together to make this district the best we can and that can only be done with everyone's cooperation.

I did buy the whole weekend's audio so I can reply to them as a matter of fact I need to upload them on my phone so I can listen to them to and from work. but I think it was the past trustees that really got me. A past class A, a non-alcoholic, went through a story and talked about her service

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sponsor and her service manual that had notes in it from her service sponsor like “read this again” and “don’t skip this”. If you did not know, every class A has to get a service sponsor and go through the tradition and concepts so they know how this society functions. She quoted the Jesuits a few times and it was a great way to sum up this program. The one that still stays with me is what is service? It is what your prayer life looks like when it gets up on its knees and walks around.

Now get your calendars out and start making plans for Oct 11-13, 2024 it will be in Richardson Texas, outside Dallas and 2 years later in Houston. This will be a great way to get more members in your home group into what service is.

Demystifying
AA World Services'
COMPREHENSIVE MEDIA PLAN
A strategic plan to connect and communicate AA's program of recovery in the spaces we occupy.

- A free online event hosted by Area 83, Eastern Ontario
- A four-part series of panel discussions with General Service Office staff and those working with the plan
- English-French Interpretation will be provided
- To Register please visit: <https://registration.aa.org/aa-cmp>

Meeting codes will be sent later in an email.

Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 EST

November 16
"Carrying the Message"
An Introduction to the Comprehensive media plan

November 23
"Is AA Advertising?"
Google Grants & More

November 30
"AA on Social Media"
LinkedIn, Instagram & YouTube

December 7
"Apps, Websites, & Content Creation"

Upcoming Events

If you ever want to add events to the newsletter please email them to Fernando.b@aa-seta.org

happy holidays

Sober Celebrations – 5609 3rd St, Katy

12 Hour Holiday AA Alcolthon Meetings

Thanksgiving Nov 24, 2022 (Thursday)
Christmas Dec 25, 2022 (Sunday)
New Year's Eve Dec 31, 2022 (Saturday)

If you're looking for serenity after the holiday celebrations with family and friends, come join the AA fellowship for any of the 12 hour alcolthon meetings beginning at 7:00 pm on each holiday listed and continuing every 1½ hour until 7:00 am the following morning. Please feel free to bring food to share if you are able. Looking forward to sharing fellowship and serenity during the holidays!

2119 Woods Road
Brookshire, TX

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
November 12, 2022

2PM - Poker Tournament Begins
3PM - Bingo
5PM - Speaker
6PM - FISH FRY w/all the trimmings
6:30 - Bake Sale/50-50 Raffle
7PM - Poker Con't

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**Pamphlet of the Month -
October**
A.A. for the Older Alcoholic
Scan the QR code or [click here](#)



September Treasurer's Report for District 40

SETA DISTRICT 40 -- GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2022													
District 40 Groups	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
Another Chance Group													\$ -
Bear Creek Fellowship													\$ -
Business Group													\$ -
Broad Highway Group							\$ 20.20		\$ 8.60				\$ 28.80
Bunkerhill Tuesday A.A. Group			\$ 147.00										\$ 147.00
Chapelwood Tues 8pm		\$ 90.45						\$ 343.00					\$ 433.45
Colors of Change Group			\$ 55.50										\$ 55.50
Copperfield WWingress Group		\$ 147.00											\$ 147.00
Daily Reflections Group							\$ 7.53		\$ 5.00				\$ 12.53
Drifter's Group 0000053041													\$ -
Everything is "Alright Already"													\$ -
First Light Group													\$ -
Four Horsemen Group		\$ 58.00		\$ 17.38									\$ 75.38
Fourth Promise Group													\$ -
Fry Road Group		\$ 80.00			\$ 100.00			\$ 150.00					\$ 330.00
Friends of Bill W. (Post Oak)	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 150.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00				\$ 500.00
Friends of Bill W. (West Houston CC)													\$ -
Futhear Group													\$ -
God Meeting Group						\$ 72.00							\$ 72.00
Good Morning Open Book Study Group						\$ 31.30							\$ 31.30
High Hopes								\$ 8.00					\$ 8.00
Hockley Group	\$ 45.00												\$ 45.00
Houston Young People			\$ 14.24	\$ 12.89									\$ 27.13
Journey Group							\$ 14.41						\$ 14.41
Just For Today	\$ 120.80												\$ 120.80
Just The Black Print Group													\$ -
Katy 1/2 & 1/2	\$ 134.31	\$ 52.19		\$ 141.90			\$ 51.49	\$ 338.95	\$ 48.99				\$ 767.83
Katy 161 Group													\$ -
Katy Big Book													\$ -
Katy Crossroads Group	\$ 25.80		\$ 40.20			\$ 40.00			\$ 40.00				\$ 146.00
Katy Primary Purpose Group													\$ -
Kingsland Group													\$ -
Litka New Group													\$ -
Memorial Gains Home Group	\$ 43.35			\$ 77.40			\$ 53.00						\$ 173.75
Memorial West Group													\$ -
Men's Support/Step Study Group													\$ -
Monroe Group													\$ -
New Brazilians group													\$ -
New Oxford Group													\$ -
Our Common Journey Group (Closed in 2017)								\$ 223.60					\$ 223.60
Outpost Group (Men's)				\$ 125.00					\$ 200.00				\$ 325.00
Peak Road Group													\$ -
Primary Purpose Group - SGS							\$ 192.77						\$ 192.77
Rooted in Love Group													\$ -
Rosewood Thursday Night Group								\$ 227.25					\$ 227.25
Rule 52 Group	\$ 49.00			\$ 46.38			\$ 49.54						\$ 144.92
Sage-Piney Point													\$ -
Sage-Piney Point News Tuesday		\$ 8.78		\$ 118.04			\$ 30.00						\$ 156.82
Saturday Solutions Group		\$ 35.00	\$ 19.60				\$ 19.30						\$ 73.90
Simply AA													\$ -
Sisters in Serenity	\$ 25.00												\$ 25.00
Sober in Brookshire													\$ -
So Far So Good Group													\$ -
Spring Shadows Group													\$ -
Spring Shadows Group													\$ -
Stepping Stones in Recovery Katy													\$ -
Steps in Sobriety													\$ -
Talking Care of Business													\$ -
Tuesday Night Step Study					\$ 48.25			\$ 47.83					\$ 116.08
There Is a Solution Group							\$ 74.78						\$ 74.78
36 Principles Group													\$ -
Wednesday Reflections													\$ -
Wednesday Nooners								\$ 50.00					\$ 50.00
West Memorial													\$ -
Wild West Group	\$ 22.87			\$ 83.49			\$ 79.38						\$ 185.74
Workin' With Others		\$ 200.00											\$ 200.00
White Oak													\$ 10.00
Unknown			\$ 10.00										\$ 10.00
TOTAL:	\$ 916.13	\$ 785.66	\$ 335.19	\$ 499.59	\$ 318.28	\$ 112.00	\$ 623.70	\$ 1,480.63	\$ 340.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,141.74

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DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location:

ZOOM
Meeting ID: 824 4810 5482
Passcode: 072830

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doug.d@aa-seta.org Alt. DCM
natalie.a@aa-seta.org Secretary
ronnie.h@aa-seta.org Treasurer

Mailing Address:

District 40
PO Box 19085
Houston, Tx. 77024-9085

Date: September 13, 2022

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Attendees: 35

Call to Order – 7:00 pm, Jackie S. – Serenity Prayer

Reading of Meeting Guidelines – Jackie S/Doug D.

PRE-AMBLE –Carol F.

UNITY DECLARATION - Marti B.

INTRODUCTIONS – Name/Home Group/Service Position

Welcome Mali C. and Rick O

TRADITION/CONCEPT –

Tradition IX -Melanie G./ Concept IX – Carol F. THANK YOU!

Volunteers for Tradition X – Gary S. / Concept X – Theresa S.

DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Natalie A., (Alt. Ed S.) accepted as corrected

Treasurer's Report – Ronnie H. (Alt. Eugenie C.) accepted

GSR General Sharing Session: Farrah E. shared that her home group passed a motion to submit a Proposed Agenda item to the GSC committee regarding "AA accepting Google Grants.

.DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS: (limited 1-2 mins)

- **Archives Rep.** – Mike B.
- **CFC Rep.** – Marcus S.

CPC Rep – Bill A.

Sept 2nd Don P and Michael from CPC gave a CPC presentation for Fort Bend Criminal Court it went very well. Also we are reaching out to surrounding counties.

Sept 18th and 19th is the Big Texas Rally For Recovery at George R Brown convention center. We meet on the first Monday of the month at 7:30pm and are holding elections next month. Please come join us

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Grapevine Rep – Gary S. Greetings:

- SETA Grapevine met on Thursday 22 August 2022
- SETA Grapevine is currently creating a powerpoint for digital districts.
- SETA Grapevine has purchased a chromebook for onsite subscriptions, a dolly for carrying grapevine supplies, and poster material for a new display board.
- SETA Grapevine has tabled discussion on adding an IT rep to our positions. We are still discussing how to get all Grapevine members up to speed technology wise.
- SETA Grapevine has given out 10 free subscriptions out at Champions 50th Anniversary event
- As District 40 Grapevine Rep I've decided to use majority of the District 40 Grapevine funds to get group subscriptions. If your group is interested in getting subscriptions, contact me and let me know how many do you want between tonight and October 9th. First come first serve. Remainder of the funds will be allocated between World Service Grapevine and SETA Grapevine 50/50.
- I will not stand for District 40 Grapevine Rep for the upcoming term, due to active California residency.
- Please follow Grapevine on Instagram on Alcoholicsanonymous_gv
- Please subscribe to Grapevine and consider nominating alcoholics as Grapevine Reps
- Next SETA Grapevine meeting will be on Third Thursday 15 September 2022 at 19:00 CDT on zoom. Meeting details are in the Newsletter.
- Thank you for letting me be of service.
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- **IT Rep** – Peggy A.
- **Houston Intergroup Liaison** – Mitch A.
- **Literature Rep** – Dan K.

District 40 Literature Rep Report- September 13th, 2022

- **Purpose:** The purpose of the literature committee is to raise the awareness for AA conference approved literature, audiovisual, and other special items.
- The Area literature committee met on Tuesday, August 16th via Zoom with 3 attendees. Our Chairperson, gave his report, highlighting his experience with remaining objective in conversations and controlling emotions, particularly in conversations regarding the Plain Language edition of Big Book. The alt chair gave a brief report on the giveaways provided to the Traditions Dinner. The committee discussed how in the future we could better collaborate with other Area Committees, and what might make sense to do so. Ideas that were discussed were quarterly sharing sessions at assembly, and CPC, PI and TFC as good committees to focus on collaborating with.
- This month's pamphlet is "Is There A Problem Drinker in the Workplace:
https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/p-54_isthereanaaintheworkplace.pdf
Many organizations — corporations, unions and governmental agencies — have established programs to work with employees whose personal problems have affected their job performance and their families. Labor and management are increasingly aware of the disease of alcoholism and its high financial and human costs and recognize the benefits of helping their employees. To employers, supervisors and personnel professionals Alcoholics Anonymous can make available to labor, management, medical, social services, human resources and

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employee assistance program professionals the cumulative experience of more than two million recovered alcoholics now living comfortable and productive lives without alcohol. A.A. is available in virtually every community with more than 66,000 groups in the United States and Canada alone. A.A. can help organizations, corporations and businesses, regardless of size, contact men and women who have achieved sobriety, and are willing to share their experience freely with anyone who seeks help. The A.A. Fellowship is nonprofessional and available at no cost; its primary purpose is the personal recovery and continued sobriety of those alcoholics who turn to it for help. The A.A. approach is based on the ability of recovered alcoholics to help those who are still drinking.

- **Next Area Literature meeting on Zoom, September 20th, 2022 @ 8:30PM**

- **Newsletter Editor** – Fernando B.

- **PI Rep** – Theresa S.

PI Committee Purpose- "Like all of A.A., the primary purpose of members involved with public information service is to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Working together, members of local Public Information committees convey A.A. information to the general public, including the media. The committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month on zoom. The login information is in the D40 newsletter. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The committee last met on August 23 rd . The Committee Chair is trying to set up appointments with local TV stations to get them to air the new GSO PSA's but her phone calls are not being returned. We will keep trying. D70 is hosting a Unity Picnic on September 17, from 10 am – 2 pm and the Pi committee will have a display table there. All are welcome to attend.

District 40 still has 3 adopt-a-racks ready to give-away to GSRs who are interested. Just contact me at theresa.s@aa-seta.org.

- **TFC Rep** – Matt G.

Guest Speaker – Alt. Delegate, Rick M. – Power Point presentation on Third Legacy Procedure

New Business:

District 40 Elections (Facilitator – Rick M.)

- DCM – 1st vote Doug 12/Mike 10/Chloe 2
2nd vote Doug 14/Mike10/Chloe 1
3rd vote Doug 14/Mike 10
4th vote Doug 14/Mike 9
5th vote Doug 17/Mike 8
- Alt. DCM – Mike 19/Chloe 5
- Secretary – Theresa S.
Dan motion/Gary 2nd
- Alt. Secretary – Chloe
Ronnie H. motion/Bill A. 2nd
- Treasurer – 1st Vote Ronnie H. 15/Evan L. 7
2/3 vote
- Alt. Treasurer- Evan L

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- Fernando B. motion/Doug D. 2nd
- Archives – open
- CPC – open
- CFC – open
- Grapevine Rep – Hilton
Fernando B. motion/Doug D. 2nd
- IT Rep – Peggy A.
Mike B motion/Dan K. 2nd
- Intergroup – Fernando B. 10/Carol F. 7
- Literature – Carol F.
Fernando B. motion/Doug D. 2nd
- Newsletter Editor – open
- PI Rep – open
- TFC – Matt G.
Fernando B. motion/Ronnie H. 2nd

Motion: District 40 Inventory requested, remaining business items to be addressed at October meeting, due to going overtime.

District 40 2023 Hybrid Meeting AdHoc Committee – call for volunteers

Adjourn: 9:46 pm Responsibility Statement/ Deborah D.

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District 40 Officers and Committee Representatives

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>
DCM	Jackie S.	jackie.s@aa-seta.org
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CPC Rep	Bill A.	adams_bill13@yahoo.com
PI Rep	Theresa S.	theresa.s@aa-seta.org
TFC	Matt G.	matt.g@aa-seta.org

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Area 67 Committee Meetings

Committee	Meeting Date and Time	Location
Archives	2nd Sunday of the Month 1:00 pm	Zoom ID - 858 6157 6627 Passcode - 423970 Houston Intergroup 5151 Mitchelldale St. Houston, Tx 77092 Conference Room
Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)	1st Monday of the Month 7:30 pm	Zoom ID - 632 634 860 Passcode - 153379
Correctional Facilities (CFC)	3rd Wednesday of the Month 7:30 pm	Houston Intergroup 5151 Mitchelldale St. Houston, Tx 77092 Conference Room Zoom ID - 477 254 9035 Passcode - heartbeat
Grapevine	3rd Thursday of every Month, 7:30 pm	Zoom Password - 114 207 273 Passcode - 610793
Intergroup (Delegate's Meeting)	3rd Thursday of every other Month, 8:00 pm	Currently on Zoom Call (713) 686-6300 for more info
Internet Technologies (IT)	4th Saturday of the Month 10:00 am	Google Meet ID - nqm-vypy-yso
Literature	3rd Tuesday of the Month 8:30 pm	Zoom ID - 257 198 925 Passcode - 443980
Multi-Lingual	1st Thursday of the Month 7:30 pm	District 66 4800 5645 Hillcroft Suite 410 Houston, TX 77036
Public Information (PI)	4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30 pm	Zoom ID - 330 417 285 Passcode - 153379
Treatment Facility Committee (TFC)	2nd Monday of the Month, 7:00 pm	Zoom ID - 552 569 731 Passcode - 169753