

DISTRICT 40 NEWSLETTER

U N I T Y - R E C O V E R Y - S E R V I C E

Step 2

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Tradition 2

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Concept 2

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.

April Assembly

The Area has voted to change the location in an attempt to be better stewards of the monies entrusted to them to carry the message. You will see the information below and a copy of the map. You will notice that the Area Committee Meeting will be on a different day and online only. The April SETA Assembly will be Hybrid so please let everyone know about this **NEW** information.

This assembly is for us, as an Area to help our delegate be better informed on his journey through this year's General Service Conference. I hope you all will be there in person or online so you may let our Delegate be informed of your Group's Conscience on the topics that will be addressed at this year's GSC.

Please note the following schedule updates:

Area Committee Meeting (March 23rd): This meeting will be conducted exclusively online.

Assembly Meeting (April 6th): This will be a hybrid event, accessible both in person and online. **Reminder: This is a new location.**

In-Person Registration: Opens at 7:00 AM
The Assembly Starts at 9:00 AM

New Venue Address:

San Jacinto College North
5800 Uvalde Rd.
Houston, Texas 77049
[Campus Map](#)

Further information on times and on-line access will be posted to the SETA-Announce mail list and on the SETA Website when it is available.

AA GRAPEVINE

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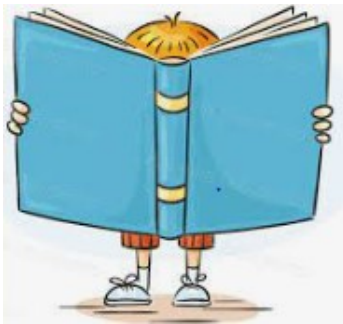
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SCAN QR FOR PAMPHLET

Next District 40 meeting
NOW HYBRID!!!
Tuesday Feb 13, 2024
7-9 pm
Link Here: [Google Meet](#)
Or in person at:
Church of the Holy Apostles
1225 W Grand Pkwy S,
Katy, TX 77494

Alcoholics Anonymous®

Literature



WORKSHOP !!!

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Save the Date!

To have fun, meet new people and let your voice be heard in New York!

A.A. Literature Workshop

March 16, 2024
in the afternoon (definite time TBD)
At COTHA in Katy

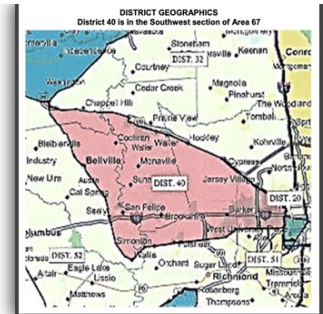
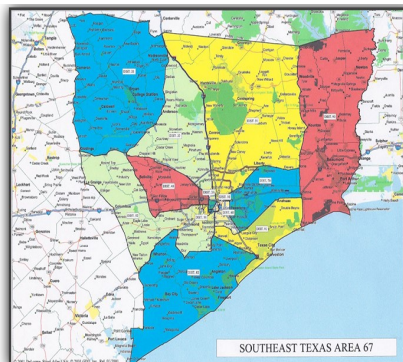
Hosted by the Area 67 Literature Committee

The GSO is asking for YOUR opinion on future changes to AA literature and the writings of the founders. Join with others, have fun and talk! (Snacks are possible too!)

Your ideas will be recorded and reported to the area 67 delegate...who will probably attend this interesting event.

This is your chance to let your voice be heard! Don't miss it!

Watch for more information in next month's newsletter or call, text or email District 40 Literature rep Carol F. at 214-601-0088 or carol.f@aa-seta.org.



SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA 67 APRIL 2024 ASSEMBLY LOCATION



NORTH CAMPUS

- N1 Fine Arts Center
- N2 Interactive Learning Center
- N6 Welcome Center
- N7 Burleson Classroom Building
- N8 Spencer Building
- N9 Brightwell Building
- N10 Wheeler Building/Police
- N11 Bezos Academy Houston – North Shore
- N12** Student Center/Bookstore ASSEMBLY LOCATION
MONUMENT ROOM 2nd FLOOR
- N14 Library
- N15 North Chiller Plant-Main Campus
- N16 Gymnasium
- N17** Science and Allied Health Building BREAKOUT ROOMS
- N18 Industrial Technology-Auto Collision
- N19 General Service Building/Deliveries
- N20 Facilities Services/Storage
- N21 Auxiliary Services
- N22 Baseball Field
- N23 Baseball Training Facility
- N24 Cosmetology and Culinary Center
- N32 North Chiller Plant-CIT
- N33 Center for Industrial Technology



- Accessible Parking
- Accessible Route from Parking
- Accessible Route within Site
- No Accessible Parking
- X No Accessible Route

5800 Uvalde Rd.
Houston, Texas 77049
281-998-6150

An Equal Opportunity Institution
Updated 10/19/2022

District 52 Unity Day Picnic
Food – Fellowship – Fun

March 16, 2024
10:00 am – 6:00 pm

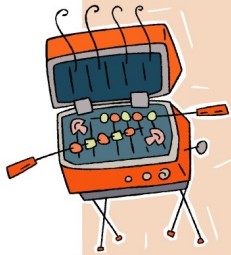
Guest Speakers:

11:00 am Dick U. / Drifters Group - 43 Years.
2:00 pm Carol A. / Tri-Cities Group - 56 Years.

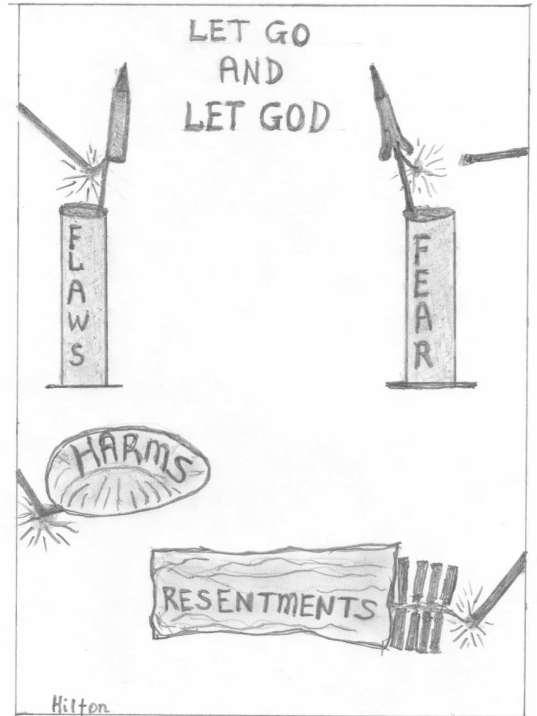
**** District 52 will provide the meats ****
Brisket, Pork & Sausage

District 52 Groups to provide sides.
Baked Beans, Potato Salad, etc...

Contact for additional information:
John M: john.m@aa-seta.org



Rose-Rich Group
925 Spur-10 Rosenberg, TX 77471



DISTRICT
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HACYPAA VIII
Heartland Area Conference of Young People in AA
"Their roots grasped a new soil"

OMAHA, NE
MAY 17-19
2024

REGISTER
NOW!
hacypaa8.com



Wyndham Omaha

655 North 108th Ave, Omaha NE 68154
402-509-5535 (mention HACYPAA to get \$89 room rate)

Unity Conference

February 23rd & 24th, 2024

Parking behind the
Dairy Queen and Health
Department

VENUE CHANGE

408 E 24th Street, Bryan, Texas

Speakers Games Door Prizes UNITY!

PRE-REGISTER FOR \$20
BY FEBRUARY 15TH

PRE-REGISTER NOW:



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"Acceptance is the Answer..."

Friday

5 p.m. - Doors Open
6 p.m. - Dinner

7 p.m. - M. Gary K. from Sulphur Springs
8:30 p.m. - Ricky R. from Jacksonville, Texas

Saturday

9 a.m. - CFC Rito V. Houston, Texas
10:30 a.m. - Ricky R. (Clear Cut Sponsorship
workshop)

12 p.m. - Lunch
1 p.m. - Kim G. (Al-Anon) Elkhart, Texas

3 p.m. - Curtis C. Brenham, Texas
4:30 p.m. - Pat V. (Al-Anon)

6 p.m. - Dinner - Pasta Cookoff!
7:30 p.m. - Sobriety Countdown

8 p.m. Ed M. Louisville, KY

DISTRICT 33
UNITY
CONFERENCE



December Treasurer's Report 2023 Pg 2

SETA DISTRICT 40 --- EXPENSE BY MONTH & TOTAL FOR 2023														
	Budget	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total YTD
DCM	\$ 925	\$ 227.70	\$ 30.00			\$ 134.13	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 134.13	\$ 30.00	\$ 134.13	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 840.09
Alt DCM	\$ 900	\$ 227.70						\$ 296.70					\$ 66.65	\$ 591.05
Secretary / Copying	\$ 150													\$ -
Treasurer	\$ 75									\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00			\$ 30.00
Newsletter	\$ 100													\$ -
PO Box	\$ 160					\$ 166.00								\$ 166.00
Literature Committee	\$ 175												\$ 70.40	\$ 70.40
PI	\$ 560													\$ -
Grapevine	\$ 50													\$ -
CFC	\$ 50													\$ -
TFC	\$ 75													\$ -
Archives Committee	\$ 50													\$ -
GSO 2022 Contribution	\$ 732	\$ 731.98												\$ 731.98
Intergroup 2022 Contribution	\$ 366	\$ 365.99												\$ 365.99
SETA 2022 Contribution	\$ 366	\$ 365.99												\$ 365.99
IT Committee	\$ 50													\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 300	\$ 31.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 31.00	\$ -	\$ 303.00
Gratitude Dinner - Food	\$ -													\$ -
Fellowship Fest	\$ -													\$ -
Traditions Dinner	\$ 1,300					\$ 300.00		\$ 1,748.58						\$ 2,048.58
Service Workshop	\$ 300													\$ -
SWRAASA (Even Years)	\$ -													\$ -
The Forum (Odd Years)	\$ 1,900							\$ 606.61	\$ 652.01	\$ (278.04)	\$ 246.76			\$ 1,227.34
Delegate Report Meeting	\$ -													\$ -
State Convention Hospitality Suite	\$ -													\$ -
SETA 2023 Hospitality Suite - District 40	\$ 300	\$ 400.00									\$ 300.00			\$ 700.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,884	\$ 2,350.36	\$ 55.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 149.13	\$ 527.00	\$ 667.61	\$ 2,210.41	\$ 713.01	\$ (202.04)	\$ 726.89	\$ 61.00	\$ 167.05	\$ 7,440.42

SETA DISTRICT 40 -- GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2023													
District 40 Groups	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
Another Chance Group		\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00				\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00	\$ 600.00
Bear Creek Fellowship							\$ 80.00						\$ 80.00
Beginners Group													\$ -
Broad Highway Group	\$ 3.59			\$ 37.32			\$ 23.27			\$ 4.83			\$ 69.01
Bunker Hill Tuesday A.A. Group											\$ 223.00		\$ 223.00
Chapelwood Tues 8pm													\$ -
Colors of Change Group			\$ 49.21										\$ 49.21
Copperfield Willingness Group								\$ 131.20					\$ 131.20
Daily Reflections Group										\$ 10.00			\$ 10.00
Deep Dive Big Book Study									\$ 60.00				\$ 60.00
Drifter's Group	\$ 73.40							\$ 128.00				\$ 120.00	\$ 319.40
Everything is "Alright Already"			\$ 25.00										\$ 25.00
First Light Group													\$ -
Four Horsemen Group				\$ 40.00					\$ 20.00				\$ 60.00
Fourth Promise Group													\$ -
Friends of Bill W. (Post Oak)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 600.00
Friends of Bill W. (West Houston CC)													\$ -
Fry Road Group		\$ 140.00			\$ 98.00			\$ 98.00			\$ 90.00		\$ 422.00
Fulshear Group													\$ -
God Meeting Group													\$ -
Good Morning Open Book Study Group													\$ -
Hay Una Solucion								\$ 25.00			\$ 80.00		\$ 105.00
High Hopes													\$ -
Hockley Group			\$ 45.00				\$ 45.00				\$ 45.00		\$ 135.00
Houston Young People													\$ -
Journey Group			\$ 24.58					\$ 8.60					\$ 33.18
Just For Today						\$ 31.89			\$ 22.10			\$ 27.18	\$ 80.97
Just The Black Print Group													\$ -
Katy 12 & 12	\$ 48.14	\$ 47.32	\$ 52.20	\$ 39.83	\$ 50.99	\$ 49.02	\$ 79.58	\$ 78.79	\$ 72.32	\$ 84.35	\$ 85.01	\$ 85.09	\$ 710.42
Katy 164 Group		\$ 44.80											\$ 44.80
Katy Big Book													\$ -
Katy Crossroads Group									\$ 60.00			\$ 40.00	\$ 100.00
Katy Keystone Group								\$ 378.00					\$ 378.00
Katy Primary Purpose Group													\$ -
Kingsland Group											\$ 380.00		\$ 380.00
Living Now Group													\$ -
Memorial Going Home Group	\$ 24.75			\$ 37.20			\$ 72.45			\$ 81.60			\$ 196.00
Memorial West Group											\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
Monaville Group													\$ -
Monday Night Men's Supper/Step Study							\$ 7.05						\$ 7.05
New Beginnings Group													\$ -
New Oxford Group													\$ -
Outpost Group (Men's)			\$ 219.00						\$ 250.00				\$ 469.00
Peek Road Group													\$ -
Primary Purpose Group - SGS													\$ -
Rooted in Love Group													\$ -
Rosewood Thursday Night Group	\$ 184.00		\$ 80.80					\$ 75.00		\$ 97.40			\$ 417.20
Rule 82 Group	\$ 50.00			\$ 45.25			\$ 43.53			\$ 50.27			\$ 189.05
Sage-Piney Point													\$ -
Sage-Piney Point Noon Tuesday	\$ 10.08			\$ 16.01			\$ 23.70			\$ 15.79			\$ 65.58
Saturday Solutions Group	\$ 37.60			\$ 15.91			\$ 28.80				\$ 32.64		\$ 114.85
Simply AA													\$ -
Sisters in Serenity				\$ 40.49				\$ 3.60			\$ 0.53		\$ 53.62
Sisters in Sobriety Texas						\$ 129.09	\$ 107.93		\$ 155.68	\$ 94.53	\$ 144.72	\$ 328.84	\$ 960.79
Sober in Brookshire													\$ -
So Far So Good Group													\$ -
Spring Shadows Group													\$ -
Spring Shadows Group													\$ -
Stepping Stones in Recovery Katy													\$ -
Steps in Sobriety	\$ 25.00								\$ 25.00				\$ 50.00
Taking Care of Business													\$ -
Tuesday Night Step Study				\$ 58.00				\$ 53.00					\$ 109.00
There is a Solution Group		\$ 92.00			\$ 35.00								\$ 127.00
38 Principles Group													\$ -
Wednesday Reflections							\$ 13.00					\$ 6.00	\$ 19.00
Westchase Nooners	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00			\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00		\$ 60.00		\$ 400.00
West Memorial													\$ -
Wild West Group	\$ 113.50			\$ 95.85			\$ 81.00			\$ 104.00			\$ 374.35
Working With Others							\$ 100.00						\$ 100.00
White Oak													\$ -
Unknown													\$ -
TOTAL:	\$ 669.96	\$ 574.12	\$ 525.79	\$ 533.66	\$ 441.99	\$ 259.80	\$ 685.29	\$ 1,131.19	\$ 925.10	\$ 552.77	\$ 576.90	\$ 1,670.11	\$ 8,546.68

December 2023—Meeting Minutes Pg 1

DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location:

COTHA Church, 122W. Grand Parkway, Katy, Tx. Rm. 115

Google Meet

Mailing Address:

District 40
PO Box 79119
Houston, Tx. 77279-9119

<https://meet.google.com/scf-xndv-uoe>

doug.d@aa-seta.org DCM
mike.b@aa-seta.org Alt. DCM
theresa.s@aa-seta.org Secretary
ronnie.h@aa-seta.org Treasurer

Date: December 12, 2023

Time: 7:05 – 9:00 PM

Attendees: 14 online, 4 in-person

Call to Order – 7:00 pm, Doug D.

SERENITY PRAYER- Doug

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Theresa S., (Alt. OPEN) accepted.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Ronnie H, (Alt. open) accepted.

DCM Report

Plans for 2024

Doug provided a “GSR Handbook” from another district with the idea that we would do this for our district. He asked all GSRs to review the document and give him feedback at the next meeting in January. Doug stated he plans to review and rewrite the Policy and Procedure Manual. An Ad hoc committee will be formed to make the changes.

SETA Convention

Please review the email from Joel G. There will be a lunchtime Workshop and Dinnertime Entertainment at the 2024 SETA Convention. Flyers are posted on the website.

General Service Conference

The 2024 Proposed Agenda Items (PAI) will be available in February. Doug stated he will let Carol, the Literature Rep., discuss this during her report.

ALT. DCM Report

No report.

GSR Section – Approx 40 minutes

New GSR – introductions, tell us about your home group’s plans for the holidays.

Paul W. is the new GSR for the Fry Rd. Group, replacing Kevin.

Farah – GSR- their group will be having a Group Conscience on December 17th to decide if they will start having a monthly Group Conscience Meeting. She stated that someone has complained about the length of her reports.

Juan – GSR- stated his group had a Christmas Party on December 9th. There were 35 people attending which included family members, since Alcoholism is a family disease. There was a one-hour AA meeting followed by food and dancing.

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Shannon – GSR, Another Chance Group- stated they will host an event on December 31 from 4-7 pm. Doug D. will be the Speaker from 4-5 pm followed by food and fellowship. The event will be at Peace Community Church.

Carol – GSR- stated that Serene Beans Coffee Shop in Katy will have Alcathons on December 25th and December 31st from 6pm to 2am.

Woods Road Group will have a Speaker with Dinner following on December 24th and December 31st. The Katy 164 group will have their regular meeting on December 25th and January 1st at 10am at COTHA.

Peggy – GSR- the ladies in her group will be going to look at Christmas lights and having a meal together. She also stated that her group is small and that all are welcome to attend.

David -Wild West Group- will have their regular meetings on December 25th and January 1st at 6:30 pm at COTHA.

Amanda – The God Group will have their regular meeting on December 24th and December 31st at 9:30 am. Also the Journey Group will be having their 40th anniversary in January.

Topic: Look over and discuss the D31 GSR Handbook (see attached) and see what stands out and what we might want to use.

Discussion:

Marilyn – through chat - there was a suggestion to use first and last name when introducing yourself. Odd since there was a suggestion to vote exactly like group voted. What if GSR gets additional information at Seta? What about Right of Decision? Odd to suggest use first and last name since we are anonymous.

Good topics to discuss. Opportunity to discuss and learn, use both names and Right of Decision.

Marilyn stated she went to a webinar where the GSB Treasurer said groups have stopped sending money to GSO because of lack of transparency with GSB. Lack of accountability, cost containment and how board resignations were handled. People asked the Treasurer what the plan was to pay bills and restore the prudent reserve. His response was to send more money. He also said that groups could email the GSB with reasons why they were using the Power of the Purse. You can go to aa.org, select finance and send your email.

Doug – something we can discuss in early 2024.

Farah – personal opinion, will use first name and last name initial only.

General Sharing Session

Peggy stated a concern from her group and others with the \$1M(one million dollar) deficit at GSO. There is controversy with the Plain Language Book and the lack of transparency. Bob at GSO said there was a drop in literature sales. Concern that Farah's PAI was rejected.

Q. Should we talk to Rick? Can we find out what other districts think?

Doug – send me the question and he will send it out to other DCMs.

Farah stated that GSO did not fully read the PAI, they thought it was an audit concerning numbers but it's really about processes. She heard GSO had too many PAIs. Her group does not want to contribute to GSO.

Doug – we will have roundtables at the April Assembly and Rick will pick some major topics.

David – asked about workshops, when, how many?

Doug – it's best to have workshops on weekends, hybrid so more can attend, past delegates are usually available as speakers, COTHA is usually available on Saturdays, serve food and more will come. Also our Alt. Delegate, Christina, is available to do a workshop on Robert's Rules of Order. The Katy 12&12 group wants to do one on sponsorship.

Shannon – his group wants to do a sponsorship workshop. How long should it be?

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DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives Rep: Lilian K. – absent

CFC Rep: Anne M – I have been approved by TDCJ to begin going into the prisons. I have also partnered with a couple members to get on approved lists for specific jails/prisons. I will let the group know when our next volunteer training program is.

CPC Rep: Open

Grapevine Rep: Wendy F – absent

IT Rep: Peggy A – the IT committee is looking for a secretary and treasurer and anyone with Google Work-space experience.

Houston Intergroup Liaison : Fernando B- no meeting in December.

Literature Rep: Carol F.-

The Area 67 Literature Committee met Nov. 21 and meets at 8:30 p.m. every third Tuesday of the month in the Google meets format. There was an interesting discussion this month about the 117 proposed agenda items (PAIs) for the 2024 General Service Conference. Nearly 60 of those PAIs concern AA literature, a “hot topic” in the fellowship lately. The list of actual agenda items will be published with background material on approximately Feb. 1. The annual round table discussions will be held at the April SETA assembly in order for the area to express its views to the delegate. All AA members are invited to participate in the round table discussions. A large part of the job of the GSR is to inform and poll members of their groups about the issues that will be discussed at the annual General Service Conference and to report those findings to the area delegate (which can most easily be done at the round table discussions).

All are welcome to attend the Area Literature Committee meeting. For more information, contact Carol F. at carol.f@aa-seta.org or call 214-601-0088.

Also, the literature committee will be selling literature at the SETA Convention in January.

Carol would like to spend her budget, \$175 on literature. Approved.

Newsletter Editor: Open Doug is looking for articles for the newsletter.

PI Public Information): OPEN

TFC Rep: Open

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT - Inventory

In progress

AD HOC Committee Report – Outreach

Ask for volunteers for the D40 Outreach Committee (David R. and Jeff A.)

Doug is still trying to get an update on all groups in our district. This can be difficult because GSO and Houston Intergroup often have different information.

OLD BUSINESS:

Open positions 2023 – Alt Secretary, Alt. Treasurer, CPC, Newsletter Editor, PI and TFC

Sobriety requirement for Alt. Secretary? Probably 6 months to a year, not sure, it's in the P&P manual. Ronnie stated requirements can be waived.

Doug stated the SETA Convention needs volunteers, greeters, security, hospitality.

Responsibility STATEMENT: All Together

ADJOURN: 8:30 pm

**2024 District 40
Officers and Committee Representatives**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>
DCM	Doug D	Doug.d@aa-seta.org
Alt DCM	Mike B	Mike.b@aa-seta.org
Secretary	Theresa S	Theresa.s@aa-seta.org
Alt Secretary	Tracey C	
Treasurer	Ronnie H	Ronnie.h@aa-seta.org
Alt Treasurer	Amanda L	
Archives	OPEN	
Newsletter Editor	OPEN	
Grapevine Rep	Wendy F	wendy.f@aa-seta.org
IT Rep	Peggy A	peggy.a@aa-seta.org
Literature Rep	Carol F	carol.f@aa-seta.org
CFC Rep	Anne M	anne.m@aa-seta.org
Intergroup Rep	Fernando B	Fernando.b@aa-seta.org
CPC Rep	Eric C	
PI Rep	OPEN	
TFC	OPEN	

AREA 67 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee	Meeting Date & Time	Location
Archives	2nd Monday of the Month 7pm	Google Meet Link: meet.google.com/uus-pbqk-xip Online Only
CPC - Cooperation with the Professional Community	1st Monday of the Month 7:30p	Zoom ID: 632-634-860 Passcode: 153379
CFC - Correctional Facilities	3rd Wednesday of the Month 7:30p	Zoom ID: 4772549035 Passcode: heartbeat Houston Intergroup 5151 Mitcheldale St, HTX 77092 Conference Room
Grapevine	3rd Thursday of the Month 7:30p	Zoom ID: 114 207 273 Passcode: 610793
Intergroup (Delegate's Meeting)	3rd Thursday Every Other Month 8p	Zoom Call (786)686-6300 for more info
IT - Internet Technologies	4th Saturday of the Month 10am	Google Meet: ID: nqm-vypy-yao
Multi-Lingual	1st Thursday of the Month 7:30p	District 66 4800 5645 Hillcroft Suite 410 HTX, 77036
Literature	3rd Tuesday of the Month 8:30p	Zoom ID: 257 198 925 Passcode: 443980
PI - Public Information	4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30p	Zoom ID: 330 417 285 Passcode: 153379
TFC - Treatment Facility Committee	15th Day of Every Month 7p <i>At times the 15th of the month can fall on a weekend or holiday. When that occurs, the TFC meeting will automatically be held <u>on the following business day</u>.</i>	Zoom ID: 552 569 731 Passcode: 169753