



## District 70 Newsletter

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District 70 meets at 7:00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Kelley's Country Cooking 7011 Spencer Hwy in Pasadena, TX

Any AA member may attend and we hope you will join us! Come at 6:00pm for food & fellowship!

**November 10 Guest Speaker**  
**Mike D., Area 67 Archives Chair**

*Everyone who attends the District 70 meeting will be entered in a drawing for \$40 of literature for their home group.*

*District 70 includes*

*Baytown, Channelview, Clear Lake, Dayton, Deer Park, La Porte, Pasadena, Seabrook, part of League City, part of Webster, and outlying cities east of Mount Belvieu between Highway 90 and I-10*



### Service Opportunities

#### Open Officer Positions

Alt DCM  
Alt Treasurer  
Alt Secretary

#### Open Committee Chairs

Archives  
Correctional Facilities  
Cooperation with Professional Community  
Finance & Budget  
Grapevine  
Intergroup Liaison  
Literature  
Treatment Facilities

*For more information about any service positions please contact our DCM at [deborah.t@aa-seta.org](mailto:deborah.t@aa-seta.org)*

Newsletter Committee meets 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month 3pm at The Camel Lodge 2211-B Spencer Hwy, Pasadena Contact [sara.b@aa-seta.org](mailto:sara.b@aa-seta.org)

Public Information Committee meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month 6pm at Deer Park UMC, 1300 E 13<sup>th</sup> St, Deer Park Contact [charlie.w@aa-seta.org](mailto:charlie.w@aa-seta.org)

## Group Headlines & Happenings



### SHOEMAKER GROUP

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday November 6, 2021

2:00-6:00pm

Speakers-Potluck-Fellowship

Location: Deer Park United Methodist Church  
1300 E 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Deer Park, TX

Send your group news and special events to [sara.b@aa-seta.org](mailto:sara.b@aa-seta.org)



- Nov 12-14** **Spirit of Houston Conference**  
Hyatt Regency Katy Fwy, Houston, TX  
[www.sohconf.com](http://www.sohconf.com)
- Nov 12-14** **4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Corrections Conference**  
New Orleans, LA  
In Person and Virtual  
[www.nationalcorrectionsconference.org](http://www.nationalcorrectionsconference.org)
- Nov 19-21** **44<sup>th</sup> Brazos Conference**  
Camp Allen, Navasota, TX  
<http://brazosconference.org>
- Dec 4** **District 70 Workshop**  
**How AA Is (Not) Structured**  
The Wheelhouse, Deer Park, TX
- Jan 21-23** **60<sup>th</sup> SETA Convention**  
Houston CityPlace Marriott, Spring, TX

#### **\*\*IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SETA**

**CONVENTION CHAIR:** It is very important that you **PREREGISTER** for the 2022 SETA Convention! Our total ballroom capacity is approximately 1100! The hotel is working with us to accommodate as many as possible, but the Fire Marshall for the Springwoods Village area is pretty strict, so we are unsure if they will force us to cap registration. Go here to pre-register to ensure you can attend: <https://setaconvention.org/registration>



SCAN TO REGISTER FOR SETA CONVENTION



## THE “ASK IT BASKET”

The “Ask It Basket” format is a discussion meeting where attendees write down a question about AA recovery and place it in a basket. Then the chairperson draws from the basket and anyone in the meeting may give their experience on the topic, or alternatively, each person pulls a question from the basket and answers it or offers it to the group if they do not know or have experience with the topic.

This meeting format has been around a long time and actually developed from an experience at the 1953 General Service Conference.

Someone made a last-minute request for a “gripe box” and Dennis Manders, a non-alcoholic GSO employee, was tasked with obtaining a suitable “fair-sized box with a slot in the top and a lock to keep it secure (or more probably, anonymous)”.

He tried several stationary stores and other sources with no luck. Feeling like a failure, he made his way back to the conference hotel and along the way passed a sporting goods store where he saw a fishing creel in the display window that fit the specifications. He purchased the creel and got some peculiar looks, but it lasted 32 years.

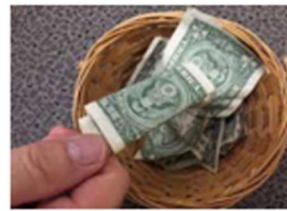


Over time, the “Gripe Box” became the “Question Box”, and in 1958 it became the beloved “Ask It Basket”.

There are many types of AA meetings and variety keeps the AA experience fresh and interesting. If you haven’t attended an Ask it Basket meeting, you might enjoy trying one.

Each time you put money in the basket at an AA meeting, you are giving crucial support to District 70, Area 67, Intergroup and AA World Services. “Each of these entities provides essential services to make more and better 12<sup>th</sup> step work possible. Financial support from groups is vital to ensure the service structure functions at full strength. Groups are encouraged to adopt a specific contribution plan, through an informed group conscience, for each of these entities. No contribution toward carrying the message is too small.”

*Self-Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix*



**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT**

A1 GROUP  
NORTHSHORE GROUP  
EASY DOES IT MEN’S GROUP  
SHOEMAKER GROUP  
SUNSET GROUP  
WORKING WITH OTHERS

**SEND DONATIONS FOR DISTRICT 70 TO  
P.O. BOX 1502  
DEER PARK, TX 77536**

