

2018 JANUARY ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

January 19 - 21, 2018

Holiday Inn-Walden Road

3950 I-10 South and Walden Road

Beaumont, Texas

This we owe to A.A.'s future; to place our common welfare first to keep our Fellowship united. For upon A.A. unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.

AREA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY
Holiday Inn-Walden Road
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Area Committee Meeting
Saturday, January 20, 2018

Open of General Assembly – Kris H.

- Opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- Welcomed all participants to the Area Committee Meeting.
- Reminder for the Area committee members to register to vote.
- Led the GSRs in attendance to the GSR Workshop being held next door.

Preamble to the P & P Manual – Michelle H.

- Encouraged the Area Committee to turn in flyers for announcements and ask the hospitality rooms if they can leave flyers out for members to take.
- Thanked everyone for showing up and serving.

Announcement – Kris H.

- We don't have a Secretary present. Requested minutes and have not received a response. We are taping this morning. Taper can only capture from the front mic. If you have something that needs to be recorded in the minutes, come up to the stage.

Area Committee Roll Call – Rick M.

Secretary's Minutes from October Assembly—Kris H.

- Minutes are not available to approve.

Area Treasurer's Report – Christina S.

Area Delegate Report – Ron C.

Hello my name is Ron and I am an Alcoholic.

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Alternate Delegate Report – Troy B.

- Full Report Tomorrow
- Gratitude Dinner – Short Report
- Just shy of 300 in attendance.
- Ended this year with a balance of \$1,148.00 and \$1,000.00 deposit to the City of Deer Park.
- City of Deer Park will hold the deposit for Jimmy Burke and we are negotiating on using it next year. Next year's cohost is Districts 70/81 and they have agreed to host again there next year.
- Great space, plenty of room.

2018 SETA Convention Chair – Ronnie B.

- Friday Night @ 8 PM – 550 registered.
- Trying to keep it convenient and keep everyone comfortable with the temperature in the main room.

Unfinished Business – Kris H.

- Oficina Intergroupa Hispana D63,64,65
 - No one is planning to stand at this time.
- In October we voted as an area to grant TXSCYPAA another year of grace to have a table at our convention. It was voted down. No other formal recommendations from that committee so it was dissolved. Ron and Troy attended TXSCYPAA and will bring us more information. There has been a lot of communication between the Chair and that organization. We have developed lines of communication between the area and the TXSCYPAA board. More to come.

New Business – Kris H.

- 2020 Convention Chair Elections will be held tomorrow.
- Budget and Finance Policy and Procedure Ad-Hoc Committee
 - Asked for a sense of the Area to allow or instruct the Budget Committee to allow non-budget holder to attend and observe our budget meeting.
 - There is no clear definite policy in writing.
 - Michelle H. clarified that the Ad-Hoc Committee is asking that they be able to attend this budget meeting as observers only as part of our research to see what works and what takes place. Currently, alternates can't attend. No big picture stuff to request right now only the sense of the Area of the Ad-Hoc Committee gaining further data by attending. The purpose is to collect all the past approved information and will put it in one easy to read document to be published and shared. Opportunity to do house cleaning, organize and prepare for those who serve after us. Will present at the July Assembly.
 - Majority favored for it.

Area Committee Sharing Session – Kris H.

- Request for new business to address or ideas for workshops throughout the year:
 - Troy B. requested a job fair or updated Job Descriptions prior to October Elections to address requirements and accountability for each role.
 - Per Ron, it should be reviewed and revised by April. Any changes have to be communicated to the Area Secretary for the purpose of posting.

- Corrie H. has volunteered to act as Area Secretary in the interim while trying to communicate with the position holders.
- To Area Officers – IT is trying to figure out who is in the most need of hardware. See Marshall W.

Service Committee Reports – Committee Chairs

CPC – Vern P. – This quarter the CPC Committee:

- In concert with the PI committee, gave two presentations on PI&CPC service work to Districts 90 & 32 at their District meetings
- Only met in December, due to Chair's illness in November and the January meeting falling on Jan 1st.
- Modified the GSO provided CPC PowerPoint presentation for local use and used it for a mock presentation (training).
- Discussed Intergroup's Ad-Hoc Disaster Response plan, and asked committee members to consider what our role should be for the next meeting.

We have plans to:

- Working with the PI Committee, continue reach out to Districts to give presentations to them about PI & CPC service.
- Working with the PI Committee, we plan to do a mock presentation (for training, education, and entertainment) at the April assembly. We'll probably use our new CPC PowerPoint presentation for this as well.
- Create a Spanish version of our public facing professionals page – we are currently thinking the new WordPress version of the SETA website may reduce the work needed for this.
- Contact local professional schools that train future healthcare, legal/correctional, human resources/employment professionals and offer A.A. presentations.
- At GSO's request, we plan to staff exhibits at two national conferences being held in Houston:
- NADCP: National Association of Drug Court Professionals Conference, Houston Convention Center, 30-June 2, 2018
- NAADAC: Association for Addiction Professionals 5-9, 2018 at the Westin Galleria in Houston

But we need your help:

- The possibilities to carry the message by reaching out to professionals is nearly limitless. But we need people, lots of people. We need members, groups and districts to learn out to carry the message by being "Friendly with our Friends" as Bill liked to call it.
- So, grab a bookmark and try some of the suggested activities, better yet, try them with a friend or sponsee!
- Attend your District's PI/CPC committee meetings
- If your District doesn't have a committee, consider starting one, and standing for its chair position
- Attend the Area CPC meeting, any AA member can attend and be a committee member, you do not have to have an elected position to join in.

So, Join us:

- We meet the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm at the Spring Branch Memorial Club, or you can join via GoToMeeting, meeting ID: 444 - 753 - 277 (<https://global.gotomeeting.com/meeting/join/444753277>). For more information or to help, please contact us at cpc@aa-seta.org.

In Service,

Vern P. – Chairperson, Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) Committee, SETA (Area 67)

Intergroup – Kathleen T. - According to A.A. Guidelines: Central or Intergroup Offices (Published by AAWS):

"A central office (or intergroup) is an A.A. service office that involves partnership among groups in a community—just as A.A. groups themselves are partnerships of individuals. ... It exists to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

Intergroup needs accurate information about meetings and groups, so that this information can be shared with suffering and recovering alcoholics. It is urgent that your Intergroup is informed about changes to meeting schedules. If you are

aware of a change to a scheduled meeting, temporary or otherwise, please contact Intergroup.

Each group in the greater Houston community may elect two Intergroup Delegates. Intergroup Delegates meet on the third Thursday evening of even months (except, December when they meet on the second Thursday). The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 15 at 8:00. Delegates carry information to Houston Intergroup about group needs and activities and carry information about Intergroup's activities back to their group. The Bookstore is open the evenings of Delegate meetings, so this can be a good time to purchase literature and chips.

Service work opportunities by answering Houston Intergroup phones is called Night watch. Individual AA members can make a commitment to answer phones at night while Intergroup is closed. Groups can make a commitment to answer the Intergroup phones over a designated weekend. There are service work opportunities for groups in 2018. **To make a Night watch commitment or get more information, call Houston Intergroup (713-686-6300) and ask for Keli, the Executive Secretary.**

Houston Intergroup will be facilitating a convention. The theme will be "55 years of miracles". It will be held at the Westin Oaks at the Galleria on **June 15, 16 and 17.**

The newsletter for Houston Intergroup, called "The Link" is in e-mail form. It is already sent to SETA e-mail addresses. If you would like a copy sent to your personal e-mail, you can make the request via **www.aahouston.org**.

Houston Intergroup has been funding Sign language interpreters for 1-2 meetings a week in the Houston Area. The need is great for AA friends and sponsors that they can talk with in their own language. If you are fluent in Sign language, prayerfully consider attending meetings with a Sign language interpreter and connecting with deaf alcoholics. Contact information is: **Caryn D. 713-882-3448; cdesanta1@gmail.com.**

Intergrupo Hispano – Manual A.

La Vina – Ascension M.

Multilingual – Arnoldo G.

TFC – Pam F. - Happy New Year Everyone. The Treatment and Accessibilities Committee is looking forward to a productive 2018.

In 2017, we were able to get our TFC Treatment Facility Database started and will continue to update it throughout the year. We will have a demonstration at our April meeting during SETA, showing how we can access the information and pass it on to those who need assistance finding a treatment facility.

I attended a disaster relief planning meeting 11-14 with Peter with Intergroup. After Harvey, it was felt that a disaster plan should be ready when another disaster hits our area. The TFC wants to stay informed and see how we can help when the time comes.

We had our display table setup at the SETA Traditions Dinner in November.

In 2018, while going to our district meetings, we will be speaking and giving information to our GSR's to pass on to their groups on bridging to Gap (BTG). We want to get new people signed up for BTG. We are also asking those whom have signed up in the past (4 years and more) to sign up again. This will also update information already in our BTG database.

The TFC Committee will hold a TFC/Accessibilities workshop during SETA, Saturday, October 13th from 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM.

Our next GoToMeeting is Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7PM. For information on the TFC Committee and how-to logon to our meeting please contact us at tfc-chair@aa-seta.org.

*In Service to be of Service,
Pam Fraser
Area 67 TFC Chair*

District Committee Member Reports – All DCMs.

District 10—Tracy W.

District 20 – Jean P.

District 31 – Tammy Z.

Greetings from District 31! Our district meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2 pm at the 494 Meeting Hall. We still have one open committee position – CFC – but continue to have regular participation by 12-15 GSRs.

I attended the Southwest Regional Forum on behalf of District 31 from Oct 20-22, 2017, in San Antonio. I loved the Forum; for me, it was as if the Service Manual came to life. I grabbed as much information as I could to bring back to my district. We were the 2017 Gratitude Dinner host district, and the event was November 12, 2017. We had just under 300 attendees who signed-in. The decorations were amazing, the food was fantastic, and the speakers were top-notch! I am honored we could be part of this and a Big Thank You to the Gratitude Dinner host, Darren F, for helping to coordinate this event and make it a success.

At our December district meeting, we abbreviated our regular business so District 31 could complete the Area Inventory as a district. Our district IT Chair, Dan P, facilitated this task, and it went much more smoothly than I envisioned it would! After that, we regrouped for some FUN and played AA JEOPARDY. I thought we'd just have a bit of fun, but it turned into something bigger in my eyes. One lady came in with a frown, having a bad day and left with a smile; she said she almost didn't stay; I'm so glad she did. The two teams were a "bit competitive", with some good-natured "remarks" flying back and forth. I don't think I saw anyone leave without a smile on their face, and my heart was filled with gratitude for AA and for our wonderful District.

District 31's Alt DCM, Patty H, is at it again with workshops. Our first workshop will be March 17, 2018, hosted by the Huntsville Group on "How to Chair a Meeting" with Dick S facilitating. We will be finishing updating our Policies and Procedures this year. The Area Archives Committee has agreed to present to our February district meeting on 2/18/18. I'm excited about 2018!

As always, it's an honor and a privilege to serve AA.

*In love and service,
Tammy Z
DCM, District 31*

District 32 – Brian D.

District 33 – Francia P.

District 40 – Deborah G.

Happy New Year from District 40! We are excited for the opportunities that lie ahead.

In November, we introduced the idea of developing a Policies & Procedures manual for our district. This is something that will be worked on in 2018. We fine-tuned everything for our workshop in December. The Caesar salad District 40 contributed to the Gratitude Dinner seemed to be a hit! We were glad to be a part of it!

In December, we held our annual Holiday Party which included tons of food and an Ugly Sweater contest. We voted to stay at Spring Branch Memorial Club for 2018 but changed our start time to 7:15pm in order to secure a larger room. We

also introduced the idea of creating a District 40 website. Our IT Rep is working on gathering the information for this idea.

Our Anonymity Workshop held on December 8th, was a huge success! There were over 40 attendees, representing several groups and some members from other districts. A special thank you to our presenters who sparked a lively Q&A among attendees.

In January, we welcomed several new GSR's and Alt. GSR's. A preliminary P&P manual was distributed to the district to begin the process with lots of feedback. The idea of a district website is also continuing. Both "projects" will be ongoing business for the first few months of 2018.

We welcome all visitors to our district meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Spring Branch Memorial Club starting at 7:15 PM. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 13th. And of course, we still have brownies!

*In Service,
Deborah G.
D40 DCM
dcm-40@aa-seta.org*

District 51 – Steven W.

District 52 – Diana S.

Hello everyone, I pray you had a wonderful time for the holidays with your family and loved ones. We have some positions that need to be filled, and we are trying to encourage others to invite people to just come to the district meeting and ask questions. We've had some success at this, but they are still undecided as to what they should do. We have tried to let people know that the positions are not very hard and that we are here to help each other, that if we are willing to learn and accept advise all is well. I like what Dr. Bob said, "LET'S NOT COMPLICATE THIS THING". So, I'm still attending groups to get more involvement in our service structure.

I'd like to thank Ron who came to sit in on one of our district meetings, to listen and make clear somethings we were having a little trouble with and all went well. Joann and Apurva did a fantastic job on the 12 Concepts and 12 Traditions. It is very important to know our Twelve Traditions first then to concentrate on the Concepts. There are also plans are to have a couple of workshops on subjects that are important to the district and groups. We must remember that we are all one part of a great whole we all need each other to work together for our common welfare to live on for others to have a strong fellowship that's not watered down. We must be informed and use the tools of AA; then we are less likely to get into debates and confusion.

Again, I'd like to thank Ron our Delegate for October's Assembly inviting a Class A trustee form New Orleans and allowing us to lean about all the work they do for their love of AA and that there is no monetary payment; just the love of this program. Also, I and Meeka attended the Regional Forum in San Antonio. My God what a wonderful experience for me. The Spiritual part of this program really was there at least for me. The knowledge, helpfulness, the giving of one's self for our precious AA Program. What an experience with 20 years in this program I felt like I was a newcomer taking in every word asking questions, making mistakes and admitting them. To know I'm not perfect and to allow others to make mistakes brought me back to so many beautiful memories of when I first started service after 1 year in the program. I thank God for all of you.

With much love.

DCM-52

Diana S.

District 63 – Alicia M.

District 64 – Armando H.

District 65 – Bernardino T.

District 66 – Jesus

District 70 – Cynthia B.

The most important thing first, we have changed the day and time for our district meetings. We are still meeting at the West Baytown Club. But instead of meeting in the main room, we are meeting in the annex building on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Our first meeting will be January 10, 2018. We may eventually move the meeting elsewhere, but we decided to take small steps in changing our meeting. The reason we changed the day and time was because in 2017 we had either conflict with other events or we had very poor attendance because of holidays. This happened 4 times out of the 12 meetings for the year.

We are working on our budget for the year. Brady G. is filling in as Treasurer since the previous treasurer and Alternate Treasurer have both stepped down. A request was sent out to the groups for a willing and qualified person to take on this important role.

We decided our first workshop will be on Sponsorship. It will be on a Saturday in March, 2018. A firm date, location and program have not yet been finalized. More will be revealed!!

The Shoemaker Group will be hosting a Marathon meeting at the 2018 SETA Convention in January. They have the noon slot on Saturday. The Shoemaker Group also held its anniversary on November 4th, with AA and Al-anon speakers. Good food and fun!

We participated in the Area Gratitude dinner in November. In addition to our previously agreed-upon part (flyers and save-the-date cards), we helped decorate before the dinner and volunteered at the registration desk. We are looking forward to next year's Gratitude dinner.

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Cynthia B. – DCM District 70*

District 81 – Mitch O.

District 82 – Jeanne

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Introduction of Past Delegates—Kris H.

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Alternate Delegate's Report – Troy B-D

Looking Back:

The Gratitude Dinner in November was amazing. We had a total of 283 registered guests, that large room seemed pretty full. I want to thank again District 31 for hosting and Districts 70 and 82 for their co-hosting. The event would have never happened without the total support of the districts and groups. So, thanks to you too. The final balance for the event was \$1148.16. This amount does not include the \$1000.00 deposit that we have asked the City of Deer Park to hold for next year's event, since we have agreed to host there next year as well.

I would be amiss to not thank my Delegate for a great year, so Thank You Ron! I am looking forward to another year of learning and laughing. (The laughing part likely not due to any of your jokes.)

Looking Forward:

The Houston Intergroup will celebrate 55 years caring the message with a weekend convention to be held June 15th through the 17th 2018 at the Westin Oaks Galleria. Registration is available online at www.aahouston.org.

Our State Convention will be held June 22-24th at the Westin DFW Airport in Irving, Texas.

The Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly will be held October 5th -7th 2018 at the Branson Hilton Hotel in Branson Missouri. Registration is available online at www.swraasa2018.org.

I am looking forward to an incredible year of service with you all. Thank you again for helping me stay sober and in the middle.

Best,

Troy Bush-DiDonato

Alternate Delegate

2018 Convention Update—Ronnie B.

- Thanked everyone on the committee. They did a great job.
- Will have a final report in April.
- Will turn the financials in by April.
- Total Count – 909

2019 Convention Update – Veronica M.

Good morning Family! My name is Veronica M. and I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is 10/02/2009 and my home group is the Santa Fe Group in Santa Fe, Texas. I am your 2019 Convention Chair. Thank you for the honor and the privilege to serve you and thank you for all of your support. Our Committee is still in the process of being formed. Our Convention theme is from the Big Book page 89 where it says, "This is our twelfth suggestion...carry this message to other alcoholics." We have two speakers booked; Chris A. from District 81 and Holly D. from Houston, Texas. We have two pending speakers Marty T. from Tampa, FL and Sister Cathy from California. The Convention will be held on January 18-20, 2019 at the Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston, Texas. Our first committee meeting will be on February 25, 2019 from 2-4 PM at the Moody Gardens Hotel.

Respectfully in Service & Love,

Veronica M.

2019 SETA Convention Chair

Report from New GSR Workshop - Open Workshop:

Saturday, January 20, 2018

7:30am – 8:45am

This workshop was conducted in Spanish and English. As the workshop ended, participants agreed that they liked workshop being bilingual.

Presenters: Chuy Z.

Deborah D.

Number of attendees: 35

GSR packets were provided.

The service structure and the GSR's role was explained. The Service Manual and Area Policy and Procedures Manual were introduced. Area Service Committees were explained. A print screen of the GSR page on the Area website was displayed and explained. The GSR Orientation Power Point was shown and discussed. Copies of the new flyer encouraging SETA Assembly participation were shared and discussed (available online on GSR page – click on SETA website flyer).

Questions were asked and answered concerning:

Service Sponsors

What General Service Representative (GSR) means

District meeting participation

Contents of GSR packets from GSO

How groups and individuals can contribute financially to GSO.

Sincerely,

Kathleen T.

Roll Call for Voting – Rick M. – A roll call was gathered to be informed of how many voting members were present.

Unfinished Business—Kris H.

Open Positions - No one stood.

Area Inventory Update – David S. – When does the inventory end? Is it extended? The last time you can participate is through the SETA website by the end of January. 104 Participants have participated already.

Young People in AA – Kris H. - Brief Update - Dissolution of Ad-Hoc Committee and established contact with a member of the board and currently lining up a time for them to come in and give us a workshop. Possibly the July Assembly.

Budget and Finance Policy and Procedure Ad-Hoc Committee – Michelle H.

- Committee composed of 10 members-geographically the Area is well represented
- Discussed & agreed upon what we will use as committee guides-Traditions/Concepts/Spiritual Principles
 - God-Consciousness
 - Unity
 - Responsibility
 - Inclusiveness
 - Vision
- Committee Member Expectations-
 - Unanimity
 - Work Hard
 - Check In-Ask for help
 - Meet the deadlines-let me know in advance if unable to meet (we can help each other)
 - Share Information

- Be available at Assemblies for reporting/questions
- Meetings- 2 times using Go-To-Meeting
- Reviewed Committee Purpose & created a workable task spreadsheet to track & organize our tasks
- Set up all members in Drop box
- Spent a month collecting all research data from various Area Committee members, archives, policy & have them located in Drop Box
- Preparing all documents for the 2019 Budget Meeting for Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer & Alt. Finance Chair
- Assigned specific tasks to committee members as we review & discuss them
- Lots of brainstorming & history lessons
- Began a list of committee recommendations, motions for final report
- July Assembly deadline for final report
- Meeting at least 2 times a month

New Business—Kris H.

Floor Action - Gus H. for Betsy G. - Motion re: Martha Watson

I'm here today to make a motion to donate \$100 to the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc., as is our custom when we lose a current or past delegate in our area, or a current or past trustee in our region. We lost our Panel 31 Past Delegate, Martha Watson, on December 7th of last year. A longtime member of Area 67, she passed away near Dallas after complications from a stroke. Martha was 89 years old, and on December 31st of last year would have completed 44 years of sobriety. She was very much looking forward to reaching that milestone.

Martha was definitely a force to be reckoned with; however, her knowledge of steps, traditions, and concepts was unmatched, in the opinion of this student.

In addition to serving as SETA's Panel 31 delegate (1981-1982), Martha also served as an Appointed Committee Member on the Trustee's CFC Committee at the General Service Board.

Martha belonged to the Rosewood Group, which she helped form and regularly attended the Working With Others Group, both in West Houston.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Gerber, Panel 59 Past Delegate

Paul M. with a second. All in favor. No opposed. **Motion passed.** Treasurer was instructed.

Announcements – Kris H.

- It is that time of year to find the 2020 Convention Chair. Bryan/College Station is very difficult to find a venue in that neck of the woods. Bryan/ College station folks like going to Galveston. Reviewed Job Requirements.
- SETA CFC Chair - Chris D. - Awarded 2019 International CFC - Looking at the first weekend in November of 2019. Will put together a planning committee. E-mail the SETA CFC Chair or Alternate Chair. Roy will be heading it up. Chris to put together a SETA announce.
- Next Assembly we will be doing the Roundtables. We will have a mock conference with Facilitators and Groups. Discuss the issues they will be talking about at the GSC and give Ron the feelings off the Area on Agenda Items.
- We will have the initial Budget Presentation.
- We will vote on the Budget in July.

Suggestions for Future Assemblies - Kris H.

- TFC Workshop in October
- Encourage people to get involved in Standing Service Committees
- Ice Cream Social - Evan

Announcements – Michelle H.

Close Meeting – Kris H.