

Southeast Texas Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous



1st Quarter Assembly Minutes **Saturday & Sunday** **January 25-27, 2020**

Moody Gardens Hotel
7 Hope Blvd.
Galveston, TX 77554

***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 Committee Meeting Saturday, January 25, 2020

Open of Area Committee Meeting – Rick M.

- Welcomed everyone to 2020 and the SETA Convention
- Thanked everyone for being there and their service to Alcoholics Anonymous
- Opened meeting with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

Preamble to SETA Policies and Procedures Manual – Christina S.

- Read the Preamble to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual

Area Committee Roll Call – Tammy Z.

- 40 Area Committee Members in attendance
- See Page 27-28 for table of Area Committee Roll Call

Introductions Past Delegates, Trustees, Special Guests – Rick M.

- Past Delegates Present – Deborah D., Betsy G.

Secretary's Minutes – Deborah B.

- Minimal printing of the minutes this Assembly to see if we can get closer to going paperless
- Had some problems with SETA announce in emailing out the minutes; however, Rick M. was able to send them out within the 30-day deadline prior to the Assembly
- October 2019 Area Minutes were accepted as submitted by the Area Committee

Treasurer's Report – Ron S.

- Operating Fund beginning 1/1/2019 is \$70,811.62. Deposits to Operating Funds is \$50,569.18. Checks written on Operating are \$49,568.69. Net change of \$1,000.49. Total Bank Balance Ending 12/31/2019 of \$71,812.11.
- First box is our Operating Funds broken down by each quarter.
- Second box is our Gratitude Dinner Fund breakdown as of 9/30/2019 is \$2,889.
 - How the Finance Committee has decided to handle the \$900 reimbursement of the Gratitude Dinner Funds which was based on the vote at the October Assembly, is to return the \$800 to 2 separate groups within District 40 which were \$500 and \$300 donations; the remaining \$100 was from the 7th Tradition basket passed at the last Gratitude Dinner, there is no way to know where that came from so the Assembly voted to move that the General Funds.
 - The Gratitude Dinner Funds box will no longer be on the treasurer's report starting at the April Assembly once the \$800 has been reimbursed.
- Third box is our Convention Fund broken down which shows an ending balance as of 12/31/2019 is \$23,208.22.
- Funds Ending Balance as of 12/31/2019 is \$71,812.11. Convention Loss Reserve is \$4,000; Gratitude Dinner Fund is \$2,889; Convention Fund is \$15,000; State Convention Loss Reserve is \$3,000; Prudent Reserve is \$39,150.15; Unrestricted Funds according to the latest bank statement is \$7,772.96. As of today, January 25, 2020, the Unrestricted Funds are \$7,171.87 because there have been checks written the statement was sent out.
- Second page of the report reflects everything that was spent for the year; At the bottom is an Assembly Action of \$2,000 that was spent on the Regional Forum that the assembly approved.
- Last three pages of the report are the breakdown of group contributions for the 4th Quarter and the YTD
- Emails coming in about checks from group contributions not being deposited; might be having issues with the post office and/or mail, will be talking to the Postmaster to see if there is any way to fix this.
- My (Ron S., Area Treasurer) truck was broken into on Tuesday, the area laptop was stolen but nothing has happened to the checking/saving account. However, the SETA Convention checking book was stolen; has been addressed, checks have been cancelled, nothing is missing, and the bank is aware of it. Will be closing the account and will open a new one on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. The bank has been notified and a police report was filed.
- Catherine G., DCM for District 81 came to the mic and stated that the KISS Group is listed under District 70 on the treasurer's report and should be listed under District 81. The group filled out all of the paperwork, but it is still listed under District 70.
- Report is accepted as submitted by Area Committee

2021 Hotel Search Ad Hoc Committee Update – Christina S.
Request for Sense of the Area on Ad Hoc Committee Proposal

Background:

The Area Alternate Chair is tasked with working on an ad-hoc committee to acquire bids for the area assembly for a two-day meeting place for the months of April, July, & October with accommodations for travelers.

Our committee reviewed three different types of venues:

Hotels - Kathleen T. requested bids from several hotels in the area. The two most reasonable bids were from the Sheraton North Houston and DoubleTree Intercontinental. The Sheraton North Houston is offering a room rate of \$89 a night and \$3,000 for the ballroom, 8 breakout rooms and a Hospitality room for the entire weekend. The DoubleTree Intercontinental is offering a room rate of \$89 a night and \$2,600 for the ballroom, 7 breakout rooms and a Hospitality room for the entire weekend.

Community Centers – Michelle H. requested bids for several community centers in the area. The community centers do not meet our requirement for our breakout rooms. Most community centers averaged one to four breakout rooms with an average price of \$3,200 for the weekend, setup and clean up are our responsibility, security personnel are required for large attendee numbers and not all centers have accommodations for making coffee.

Schools – Christina S. requested bids from several local schools. Most of the schools stated that 2021/2022 was too far out to commit or did not return phone calls. We did receive one response this was \$1,200 for a main meeting space, 10 breakout rooms and a hospitality room for the weekend; however, we would be required to setup and clean up our meeting space.

Sense of the Area:

The Area Assembly Hotel Bid Ad Hoc Committee would like to get a sense of the Area Assembly on our recommendation that the Area Assembly sign a contract with the DoubleTree by Hilton Houston Intercontinental for the April, July, & October 2021 and 2022 SETA Assembly.

This recommendation was approved with substantial unanimity by the Finance Committee.

- The sense of the Area Committee is to move forward with the proposed contract signing; this will be proposed to the Area Assembly on Sunday, January 26, 2020 for a further sense of the Area.
- Concerns with moving to DoubleTree:
 - Eddie R. wanted to know if the DoubleTree would honor the contract by not cancelling on us the way the Sheraton North Houston has in the past; Christina S. stated that the DoubleTree bent over backwards to take care of us while we were there in July 2019 and really want us to be there but there are no guarantees.
 - Jackie S. was concerned that the ballroom was not big enough to put the committee displays in the back of the room and that the people manning the displays would have to choose between being in the assembly or being at the tables outside the ballroom. She posed the question of if there is a larger room available to include everything? Christina S. stated that the ballroom we were in last July 2019 was the largest room that the DoubleTree had and that the displays would have to be in the hallway outside of the ballroom like before.
 - David L. wanted to know if we could get more breakout rooms because CPC shared a room with PI at the July 2019 assembly, and it was overcrowded. Christina S. stated that each breakout room at the DoubleTree would cost an additional \$200/day; if we did 8 breakout rooms it would \$3000 and if we did 9 breakout rooms it would be \$3400 per assembly. Rick M. apologized for scheduling those committees together in the same room at the Sheraton, so he picked the biggest room at the DoubleTree and put the CPC and PI committees together. Although Rick will not be Chair in the 2021 rotation when we could possibly be at the DoubleTree, it would be possible to put an additional committee in the ballroom and separate the CPC and PI committees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Open Position – Multilingual Chair

- Pedro A. is willing to stand; will be voted on at Area Assembly on Sunday, January 26, 2020

Open Position – Brazos Valley Intergroup

- This position has been vacated
- It will be put on April 2020 Assembly agenda

Finance Committee Motion to Add Line Item to Budget – Michelle H.

Motion for Line Item Additions to Area Budget

Submitted By: Michelle H., Area Finance Chair

Motion: *The Finance Committee to add the line items ‘Regional Forum Host’ and ‘SWRAASA Host’ to the Quarterly Assemblies Budget Worksheets.*

Background: *In efforts to prepare for the 2021 Proposed Area Budget Meeting the Area Finance Committee would like to have all of the budget worksheets accurately represent the needs and actions of the Area.*

At our July 2019 Area Assembly, Melissa R, 2019 Regional Forum Host Committee Chair requested \$2000 for the hosting expenses of the 2019 Regional Forum. The motion passed unanimously. Due to that recent business, the Area Finance Committee feels that is important to document this expense in all of the appropriate areas to eliminate the potential of it falling through the cracks with rotations (22 years is a long time to try and remember details). So, even though it will carry a \$0 budget for many years, by adding the line item it will serve as the reminder the Budget Committee needs to prepare financially as the timeframe approaches. The 2019 Regional Forum budget and actuals data can be inserted into the budget worksheet for future reference & historical purposes.

Which leads us to SWRAASA, the second Regional event. Our current Alt. Delegate reported to the Area Finance Committee in April 2019, after attending SWRDA that the 2026 SWRAASA will be hosted by Area 67 (SETA) and appropriate funds will need to be considered. This Reginal Event is not funded by GSO, so as Host Area the bulk of the expenses will be SETA’s responsibility. This information led us to do more research and it was discovered that in 2002 the Area passed a motion to set aside \$5000 seed money for hosting SWRAASA.

07/14/02 The original motion and second that "the profits from the Convention in Beaumont be earmarked to fully fund the Delegate to the General Service Conference in 2003 and to provide additional seed money for the SWRAASA bid in 2004, if we win the bid." was withdrawn. Tony submitted that "SETA set aside \$5000 as seed money in the event that SETA gets the bid for the 2004 SWRAASA. The motion was seconded and passed.

10/06/02 The treasurer’s report was amended to include the \$5000 restricted seed money for SWRAASA. Motion was approved as amended.

How much money will be needed to host is not known at this time, but the current Alt. Delegate will be able inform us more and report back after the next SWRADA in March 2020. The above motion does not state adding a line item to the budget, so the Area Finance/Budget Committee cannot do that without the Area’s approval. Again, by adding the line item it serves as a helpful tool in the budget process and maintaining historical financial records for the Area as a whole.

- Since the Gratitude Dinner Fund box is being removed from the Treasurer’s Report, it could be replaced with a box for SWRAASA if we needed a place to accurately explain/report the funds up until 2026
- Michelle H. stated that if these line items were added to the Budget, we could avoid having to make a motion every time there is a regional event in our area.
- Sense of Area Committee is all in favor; The motion will be voted on at the Area Assembly on Sunday, January 26, 2020

Hospitality Suite at 2020 International Convention – Troy B-D.

- Southwest Regional delegates have agreed to host a hospitality suite at the 2020 International Convention in Detroit
- Looking for a sense of the area to support it in one of two ways:

- Volunteers who are attending the convention to host and serve as greeters in the suite
- Financial contribution from the area
 - So far Kansas is the only one who has committed to a \$500 contribution
 - No specific amount requested; just a sense of the area's willingness to contribute
- Concerns:
 - Veronica asked if there would be a chairperson or if Troy will be hosting it? And if we would be funding it? Troy stated that the Southwest Regional delegates already have a volunteer to coordinate/fulltime host which includes an adjourning room to stay in. The financial contribution he is asking for would cover the cost of the suite and treats! No full-on meals. Just snacks, drinks and trinkets or a pin for folks to have and trade around the convention.
- Sense of Area Committee was to possibly support the proposal; Will be presented to the Area Assembly on Sunday, January 26, 2020
 - Minority Opinion – Tammy Z. stated that people financially support the area by sending their contributions in for area business; she is unclear as to how contributing to this hosting event supports the area. Troy stated that this is all the information he has and not sure that he will have any more clarity by April 2020.

Announcements – Christina S.

- There are Hosts for all Assemblies for 2020
 - 82 will be hosting April
 - 90 will be hosting July
 - 65 will be hosting October

Close Meeting – Responsibility Statement

Area Assembly Meeting Sunday, January 26, 2020

Open of General Assembly – Rick M.

- Opened meeting with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
- Talked about all of the accomplishments that SETA and its committees have accomplished in 2019

Preamble to SETA Policies and Procedures Manual – Christina S.

- Read the Preamble to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual

Area Committee Roll Call – Tammy Z.

- 35 Area Committee Members in attendance
- See Page 27-28 for table of Area Committee Roll Call

Recognize New GSRs, Past Delegates & Guest(s) – Rick M.

- All GSRs, Past Delegates and Guests introduced themselves
- Welcomed and thanked for their service

Secretary's Minutes – Deborah B.

- October 2019 Assembly Minutes were accepted as submitted by the Area Assembly

Treasurer's Report – Ron S.

- See Saturday, January 25, 2020 Report
- Accepted as presented by the Area Assembly

Delegate Report – Troy B-D.

Based on the Communications Audit completed in 2018, GSO has implemented a new Communications Department that will be led by Clement C. It will handle communications for the General Service Board, AAWS and by formal contractual agreement AAGV (staff, magazines and corporate board).

General Service Conference will be April 19-25, 2020 – 2020 GSC – Rye Brook, NY.

July 2-5, 2020 – AA International Convention – Detroit, MI (the Southwest Regional Areas will host a hospitality suite over the weekend, and we will need volunteers to help host. Watch SETA Announce for more information soon).

CPC has launched their static LinkedIn page for AA, comments/questions or concerns can be directed to the CPC desk currently staffed by Diana. <https://www.linkedin.com/company/aaworldservicesinc?>

Accessibilities has coordinated with PI on our announcement of the new ASL translation of the Big Book, the 12&12 will be available in ASL in early 2020.

As we discussed in July, the expansion of GSO to the 8th Floor will be completed in February 2020 and will house the Publishing Department.

Grapevine is continuing to publish audio stories on its YouTube Channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI9uFLJ_aXT3-At0PIPWUQ/videos

Grapevine has also registered a new domain name for La Viña – www.aalavina.org. More will be revealed on any plans to use this new URL for our Spanish-speaking membership.

The Grapevine board has approved changing the name of the English magazine back to its original AA Grapevine and Spanish magazine AA La Viña, also including the line 'International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous'.

A post-production draft of the Regional Forum video was presented to committee, including additional footage shot at our Southwest Regional Forum in Houston. This project should be completed in the near future. We will have some famous feet!

Our Southwest Regional Forum in Houston had an attendance of 425.

There was some misinformation given at the Forum, when it was stated that the Final Report of the General Service Conference is posted online at AA.org. It is not posted online however, there will be discussion about this at the next conference.

Hospitality Suite at 2020 International Convention – Troy B-D.

- See Saturday, January 25, 2020 Report
- Concerns:
 - Deanna F., DCM for District 40, stated that her district's budget had to be cut by 1/3 for the upcoming year and that Intergroup is "flying by the seat of their pants" so with those concerns at the local level, she would like others to consider do they want their funds to go to an international event?
 - Tammy Z. feels that the money is given to the Area and should be used to support the Area. By using these funds for an international convention, it would be a misappropriation of funds.
 - Tony W. stated that since we just moved \$2000 from Gratitude Dinner Fund into the General Fund, that GSRs should take it back to their groups and see if they want to use it or part of it as a contribution to the International Convention or something with fellowship involved.
 - Michelle H. stated that we may be buying a new laptop and should be mindful of that as well.
- Sense of Area in Favor of Financial Contribution to 2020 International Convention Hospitality Suite:
 - Not in Favor: 42
 - In Favor: 44
- Agenda item will be put together and presented/debated in April 2020

Alternate Delegate Report – Kris H.

It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through the current rotation.

Events this year will include the 70th General Service Conference in April, the 2020 Texas State Convention in June at Ft. Worth, the 2020 Detroit Convention in July, and SWRAASA at Amarillo in October.

I'm looking forward to attending SWARDA in March. Last year, at that event, I was overwhelmed by the training and support provided by past Delegates from across the Southwest Region, all of whom attend in Oklahoma City every year at their own expense.

I'd like to thank Danny and the Convention Committee for asking me to host the GSR Workshop yesterday. I really enjoyed doing that and meeting a lot of our new GSRs.

Also, I'm looking forward to serving on the ad hoc committee regarding cloud base solutions for IT needs within our Area.

I hope that each of you will not hesitate to contact me at delegate-alt@aa-seta.org at any time throughout the year if there is any way that you think I could be of service to you or your home group.

In service,

Kris H.

P69/A67 Alternate Delegate

2020 SETA Convention Update – Danny G.

1630 Attendees; 105 AI-Anon

It was a Little bit of a challenge planning because of the less time but we put God in charge

Wrap-up meeting will be February 9th; We will discuss what we could have done better and what did go well; we will be sure to pass that info along to future convention chairs

If you have anything on what we could have done better, please email me at the convention email.

Thank you to the Area Committee, the GSRs and everyone for all their support and hard work

2021 SETA Convention Update – Debi F.

The 2021 SETA Convention committee will have an impromptu meeting on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. after the 2020 SETA Convention is over. We will be meeting in the Boardroom on the 9th floor of Moody Gardens. Anyone interested in serving, please plan to join us, or reach out to me to be included on future meeting announcements.

Most of the committee positions have been filled, except for Greeters, Marathon Meetings, Literature, AV, Grapevine, IT, Scholarships, Security, and Transportation.

Most of the speakers have been booked, we just need one more, plus the GSO and Spanish speakers have yet to be chosen. The taper has been chosen.

There are "save the date" postcards on the table outside the ballroom. Please take some back to your groups.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Love in service,

Debi F.

Chair, 2021 SETA Convention

2019 Regional Forum Final Report – Ron C.

Dear AA Friends,

Greetings from all of your friends at your General Service Office!

Please find a copy of the 2019 Southwest Regional Forum Final Report. Only last names of Class A Trustees and non-A.A. employees appear in this report. Please feel free to make additional copies.

This Final Report is posted on G.S.O.'s A.A. Website in the Regional Forums portal.

Please note, once translation is completed, the Southwest Regional Forum Final Report in Spanish will be available at aa.org.

In Fellowship,

Sandra W.

Staff Coordinator

Regional Forums

2019 Regional Forum Final Report – Pam F.

When I realized that the SW regional forum would be in area 67 in 2019 and that it only happens every 22 years, I knew I wanted to be a part of it, not only attend. While attending the 2020 budget meeting I was one of the ones selected to be funded by the area to attend. I also volunteered to be registration chair.

From the opening orientation for 1st time attendees Friday night to the closing remarks on Sunday afternoon it was a remarkable weekend.

Starting Friday night hearing Jimmy D., SW regional trustee, explain how forums got started to "stay in touch with the fellowship" in 1975 to the board presentations and ending with the GSO general manager presentation on "Our Great Responsibility" the forum was kicked off.

Saturday morning: I attended a presentation on What does "Carrying the Message" Mean Today? Then listened to our own delegate Troy give a full workshop on Concept Nine breaking down sound structure, good leadership and responsibility.

Saturday evening: I chose first to attend the "Service Sponsorship" workshop which addressed things like "why do I need two sponsors" and "how do we as service sponsors take people through the traditions". Secondly, I chose to go to the Traditions workshop. I learned more about the history of long form and the short form of the traditions. How the traditions came about from the pioneering age, which saw what worked, what didn't work, what works better to their shared experience. We talked about outside issues we don't always notice. The most important thing I took away was: Unity comes a close second to sobriety.

The highlight of Saturday (for me) was the skit "Dorothy goes to the International Convention". Seeing all my area 67 trusted servants and friends was incredible. The Wizard of Oz theme was wonderful and who knew we have so many breakout stars in the area. In a weekend that can be businesslike and on the serious side, it was refreshing and so much fun.

Sunday morning added more sharing sessions from attendees. There were also sharing sessions from past delegates and closing remarks.

I want to encourage everyone to read a copy of the forum final report located on the GSO website. It is 42 pages long, but all the information is there from the entire weekend. You can read everyone's presentations. You will learn about GSO, trustees, finances, getting new group numbers (and why) and so much more. You will get notes from all the workshops held. So, if you could not make it or like me can't remember it all, it is worth reading (you can also print it).

Thank you, area 67 for allowing me and others to go events like the forum. An event I might never have the opportunity to attend and continuing to do so every year.

81 years, 71 languages and two old drunk dudes. It's amazing what can happen when we talk, listen and share.

Gratefully submitted,
Pam. F

2019 Regional Forum Final Report – Jackie S.

My name is Jackie and I am currently serving as your Area Literature Committee Chair. My name was one of three names pulled from the drawing as a winner of an Area paid hotel room for the 2019 Southeast Regional Forum. What a weekend that was! I volunteered for a couple hours as a "Red Hat" Greeter and also at the Registration table. As interesting as the GSO presentations were some of the most memorable experiences I had revolved around the people I visited with while dining.

I enjoyed having breakfast with a past Trustee and hearing all about her time in service.

At lunchtime, there was a long line at the dining room, so I was seated with the three people next to me in line. A different past trustee from the morning, along with the manager of the Deaf Intergroup of Central Texas, Norma A. and also, her sponsee. We were intrigued with Norma's service work story. Norma and The Deaf Intergroup of Central Texas were the topic of an article in the April 2019 Box 459 newsletter. In November of last year, a new ASL (American Sign Language) Big Book and 12 and 12 came out. It is available to view in full on video on the aa.org website and a DVD can be ordered from the online bookstore.

For dinner, our whole Literature Committee was invited to have dinner with the GSO Literature assignment staff person, Steve S. He was gathering information from us on the service work we have been doing in our perspective Literature service positions to possibly be compiled in the new Literature Committee Workbook. There was also a lady having dinner with us who had worked as a GSO Staff person for 10 years but had retired many years ago. I found it amazing that she was still interested in attending the forum in her home region.

I had an interesting experience during Troy's Leadership interactive presentation. He asked all of us to divide into small groups and discuss; "How to get good leadership from our membership?" I listened while each person shared, and I never had time to express my opinion. At the end, they all expected me to go to the mic and tell our groups ideas, because they thought I was a good leader. But remember, I didn't say anything. I guess a good leader doesn't talk?

Oh, and that was the best Ice Cream social I ever socialized at! Outstanding event! Again, I met more interesting people from Colorado!

Thanks,
Jackie S.

2019 Regional Forum Final Report – Stephy O.

First, I would like to thank all of SETA in entirety for welcoming me as a family, this will always be a favorite memory of mine. When I heard SETA would be holding a lottery for free accommodations I did what I always do when I get excited, first I pray and say, "Oh God please I want to win this!!" and then I do as I have been taught and say in prayer, "Sorry God, if it's your will, this would be awesome, how can I be of service" and I am happy it was his will! I am a blessed woman. Since receiving the gift of sobriety 7/7/2013 I have not missed a single assembly, conference (area specific) forum or event unless due to hospitalizations and even then, just the big ones..... like brain surgeries. I have been known to beg my way out of hospitals, just saying. 😊

However, as you can imagine, I wasn't able to work for a few years and I lived only on disability and sometimes my District would send me. I learned quickly to pack the car, pack the room and pack the snacks so that as many as possible could enjoy the beauty of AA events. Well, I have, of course, my beloved sisters from NETA who decided they would all stay with me and so another year we would all be together to do our favorite event, the Forum!!! I had the privilege of surprising them with the room and they had the privilege of helping with registration! We used to serve together in NETA, so it was the perfect weekend for us and for me. As well, I was extremely sick but having my sisters so close meant the world but watching my NETA family members file in and others I have met across our region that I knew was surreal. I was surrounded by my delegates, past present Northeast and Southeast, the chairs, the committee chairs and of course just my family. I had the ultimate appreciation of watching my NETA family members see I was in GREAT hands with my new SETA family, and many of them asked. The forums are always so rich with things we of course don't get to see or experience just in the meetings. I learn more, see more, feel more and thus love more, I always say its AA on steroids! I would encourage anyone to attend and learn as much as you can while there. It's truly an opportunity of a lifetime I believe. One of our most favorite moments was working the registration table with those from AAWS. We had great fun and I hope they left with the warmth only we Texans can give. Finally, I would like to explain why I wish to thank ALL of SETA. If you are here and you are NOT a trusted servant or chair or hold any position, I am talking to you too. I have been all over this Area for work, medical and some fun and I have yet to attend a meeting where someone didn't give me a hug I badly needed. YOU are my family and there were so many of YOU at the forum, I fell in love with my new AREA home all over again.

Thank you, SETA! Be blessed. Stephy O.

2021 Hotel Search Ad Hoc Committee Update – Christina S.

- See Saturday, January 25, 2020 for *Request for Sense of the Area on Ad Hoc Committee Proposal*
- Concerns/Questions:
 - Same concerns/questions were addressed on Sunday, January 26th that were already answered on Saturday, January 25th
 - Troy B-D. asked if we could later on add additional breakout rooms if we needed them. Christina S. said we definitely could.
 - Allise asked if the hospitality suite could be used for a breakout room; Christina S. said possibly
 - Sarah O. asked what the size difference is in the ballroom at the Sheraton vs. the DoubleTree; DoubleTree is smaller but holds the same number of chairs and the committees will be set up outside of the ballroom
- An overwhelming sense of the Area Assembly is in agreement to move forward with the proposed contract signing.

Roll Call for Voting – Tammy Z.

- 99 voting members were present at roll call (105 members were signed in)

NEW BUSINESS

Open Position – Multilingual Chair

- Pedro A. is willing to stand for the position and was voted in by the Area Assembly

Finance Committee Motion to Add Line Item to Budget – Michelle H.

- See Saturday, January 25, 2020 for the *Motion for Line Item Additions to Area Budget*
- Motion was passed with Unanimity by the Area Assembly

Announcements – Rick M.

- New Ad Hoc Committee was requested to be put together by the IT committee with regards to Cloud Services for our Area; IT does not have the necessary time and resources to handle; Ron C. will put together the committee with members of the IT committee and members that are not IT members; Looking for service that do and do not best suit our area
- Ad Hoc Inventory Committee results was to do an inventory of the Area Committee; has asked Jon S., Past Delegate, will look into that

- Job Description Reviews occur in even number years of our rotation; all those that hold a position, including DCMs are required to review their job descriptions; Tammy Z. will chair this phantom committee regarding the descriptions; want to have on the agenda for the July 2020 assembly
- GSR Workshops were addressed in the Ad Hoc Inventory Committee; they stated that there needed to be some changes to the GSR Workshops, specifically the Advanced GSR workshop and to make it continual throughout the rotation and that each workshop is always different to gain further knowledge; Christina S. will be looking into these improvements.

Announcements – Christina S.

- There are Hosts for all Assemblies for 2020
 - 82 will be hosting April
 - 90 will be hosting July
 - 65 will be hosting October
- 30th Annual Unity Conference, February 21-22, 2020 in District 33
- 2021 Budget Meeting at the Spring Branch Memorial Club on February 29th
- Grapevine Writing Workshop sponsored by District 31 on March 14th
- 74th Annual Texas State Convention is June 12-14 in Fort Worth, TX
- 2020 International Convention in Detroit, MI on July 2-5, 2020
- SWAARSA in Amarillo, TX in October 2020

Close Meeting – Responsibility Statement

GSR Workshop

Opened with Serenity Prayer followed by introductions.

Hosted by Kris H.-P69/A67 Alt Delegate

Current GSRs are all considered as Panel 69 GSRs in correspondence to our Delegate Troy B-D's Panel number. Each term lasts for two years corresponding to the Delegate's term. Thus, anyone starting as GSR now is starting halfway through the current panel rotation.

Focused presentation on the material contained on the GSR webpage of www.aa-seta.org
Went through the process of making sure that everyone present was opted in to SETA-Announce mail list.

Discussed AA Service Manual and Service Sponsorship. Encouraged everyone to spend time reviewing the contents of the GSR page.

Discussed the Area Calendar and the expected events that GSRs are expected to attend. These included the Group Conscience meetings of the group they represent, the monthly District meetings and the quarterly Area Assemblies.

Area Assembly Agendas, Assembly Minutes, Treasurer's Reports and other SETA-Announce Correspondence give GSRs the information they need to take back and share with their group.

October of even years is the election assembly, and many positions are elected by Third Legacy Procedure. April Assembly is typically focused on Round Tables considering upcoming General Service Conference Agenda Items that the Delegate selects in order to gain a broad perspective of the views of the members of our Area.

Get with DCMs, Area Officers and past Delegates to get hooked up with a service sponsor.

Covered the Area Contact page to send emails to specific trusted servants.

Closed with Responsibility Statement.

Service Committee Reports

Archives – Eddie R.

I'm an Alcoholic and my Problem is Eddie,

I want to say Good Day and Happy New Year to All for the Year 2020...

Sense the Oct Assembly the Archives Committee has had a slim agenda but was still able to share the AA History of S/E Texas where it presented itself...

The weekend of the Regional Forum was a success with the "Spread" we were able to put out at the last minute. We were directed that we were allowed 2 tables but by the start of day 2 we had 4 tables full of SETA History that included a display given to us that morning from the Distritos Linguistico which got a LOT of attention from the Spanish Speaking side of the fellowship. (Muchas Gracias)

We also took it upon ourselves to attend the National AA Archives Workshop in Detroit MI this year where we were able to receive a Well Spring of information on handling archival materials as well as digitizing and cloud storage. We also purchased recordings of all the speakers and workshops, so nothing was missed. I was particularly impressed with the story of how The Oxford Group was able to reach our Co-Founders before they ever met of which our newest display is based.

On Oct 19th I was invited to present the History of AA in Houston and how ours was the First Meeting West of the Mississippi. I was told there was an attendance of about 60 people (paying customers no less) where I "Pitched" the Oxford Group story and received some really good feedback. This encouragement had me pulling the pieces together for our new display.

As was announced at the Oct Assembly we received an offer from Intergroup to move our Repository to their facility. This move would bring us back to our Original Home and save the Area a considerable amount of money on rent. After negotiations on rent and needed remodeling the move itself was executed on 14 Dec 2019 which gave time to tidy up the old space in order to leave on the best of terms with the management company. We now have a room full of stacked boxes and disassembled shelving to set up which might be a chore but more importantly...We have room to grow.

With that being said I want to thank all the dedicated committee members and volunteers who gave their Time and Talents to our cause on both the prep and move weekends that ran back-to-back. I also want to thank our Current Alt Delegate, Area Chair, Intergroup's Executive Secretary and Board of Trustees for making this move possible.

In Love and Service

Eddie R.

Area 67 Archives Committee Chair

CFC – Roy E.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as the CFC chair. In the year of 2019, we had raised almost \$70,000 for books through our blue can program. All of which went for literature for prisons and jails. Our correspondence program has accumulated 100 willing participants to write letters to incarcerated members and to help out with our pre-release program. If you want to participate in this there are sign-up sheets and pamphlets at our table. There is a number of meetings you can attend in our area 67 prisons every day. Come on out and make a meeting. Good chance you'll get hooked. A number of workshops/ presentations are scheduled for 2020 including a TDCJ training at our local Intergroup office or maybe at one of our local groups or clubs here in District 81 or somewhere in our AREA in the next few months. SETA CFC hosted the National Corrections Conference in November at the Double Tree. We had 389 registered attendees including 42 scholarships. 204 for the banquet. 317 room nights were booked which was way over original guarantee. There were people from over 51 areas that participated. We had meetings at six correctional facilities attended by 24 conference attendees. We had received \$4000 of Seed money and \$5000 was returned to NCC Advisory Committee at the close of the conference and another \$2000 was sent in when we tallied up. Want to thank the committees that supported this as well as Troy who opened this thing up and thank our other trusted servants. The conference itself was a success as noted by all of the attendees. There was a strong message of recovery behind the walls communicated by all who attended

That's it for my report and once again thank you for letting me serve

Roy E. SETA CFC Chair

CPC – Dave L.

CPC Committee Purpose – *“Members of C.P.C. committees inform professionals and future professionals about A.A.— what we are, where we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do. They attempt to establish better communication between A.A.s and professionals, and to find simple, effective ways of cooperating without affiliating.”* – reprinted from *Cooperation with the Professional Community Workbook, page 5, with permission from A.A. World Services, Inc.*

This quarter the CPC Committee:

- Current committee chairs:
 - CPC Chair – David L.
 - Alternate CPC Chair – Rosemary J.
 - CPC Secretary – Rita
 - Alt. Secretary – Kristi A.
 - CPC Veteran/Military/Police/Fire Department Chair – Bill A.
 - CPC Clergy Chair – Kristi N.
 - CPC Hospital Chair – Elissa R.
 - CPC Court Chair – Rosemary J.
- Open Positions within CPC Committee:
 - CPC School professionals Chair
 - CPC Business/Employee Assistance Program Chair
- Continued the process of creating a new 12-step Hospital Program for Area 67 similar to the one currently being implemented in Western Washington (Area 72) and Area 93 in Central California:
 - Met with MD Anderson West Houston staff.
 - Provided needed A.A. literature and information
 - Connecting with central/main MD Anderson campus

- Meeting with Methodist West Houston staff – January 30th
- Continue to actively present to program to targeted hospitals and areas where we have a sufficient number of members to perform the 12-step calls - need A.A. members to help – please contact CPC Chair or attend a CPC monthly meeting for more information
- Presentation by Bill A. and Vern P. to the main VA hospital staff and other administration in Houston went well!
 - 20+ staff members in attendance
 - Working to begin requested new A.A. daytime meetings.
- Sent letters and calls to the Probation departments lead by Rosemary J.
- Creating position descriptions for sub-committee roles

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.

- 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 ZOOM, meeting ID: 632 634 860 (<https://zoom.us/j/632634860>).

For more information or to help, please contact us at cpc@aa-seta.org

In Service,

David L. – Chairperson, Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) Committee, SETA (Area 67)

Rosemary J. – Alternate Chairperson, Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) Committee, SETA (Area 67)

Finance – Michelle H.

- Committee continues to meet monthly using Zoom on the 3rd Saturday at 10:00 am, except during Assembly months. The Zoom link does not change each month & can be found on the Area Finance Webpage.
- We are adding more resources to our Finance Webpage each month it seems. This will be our main source of communication to the Area concerning all things Finance. Please use this resource for meeting, committee & budget information, minutes & Finance Committee webmail links.
- Received bank statements from Treasurer for verification. Ron is doing his job; he is reporting accurately. I believe this is important to talk about because it builds transparency, security & trust.
- Committee reviewed SCAP Chair job description to help Area Treasurer understand the allocation of SCAP funds.
- 2021 Proposed Budget Meeting preparations have begun. Budget Meeting will be held on February 29, 2020 1:30-3:30 pm at the SBMC, flyer has been linked on webpage. We want to try out having this meeting open to all, understanding that non budget holders will attend as observers only.
- A motion for budget worksheet line items to be added will be submitted to Area Chair for the January Assembly. Need to add Regional Forum/SWRAASA Host line items.
- Three committee members are creating a power point presentation to address the Area members concerns & misunderstanding of fully funding the Delegate to the GSC. A workshop will be held at the April 2020 Assembly immediately following the budget presentation.
- A Committee Lottery System has been created by the Finance Committee to implement at the 2021 Budget Meeting. The committee agreed unanimously on the following system-
 - Lottery Committee Lottery Candidates:
 - National Archive Workshop
 - CFC Convention
 - IT NAATW Workshop
 - TFC Bridge the Gap
 - The Committee Lottery Candidates will be placed in a “hat” each year.
 - Previous years funded workshop will not be placed in the “hat” the following year.
 - The committee pulled from the “hat” will be funded to attend their workshop. However, if the Area is able to fund all Committee Lottery Candidates, we will.
 - If a Committee would like to switch positions in the lottery. Both Committees Chair must agree with the switch.
 - If any Committee would like to be added to the Committee Lottery rotation. The “new” Workshop will be added to the next year’s “hat”.

- Any Committee can submit a motion to the Assembly to obtain funds to attend their workshop outside of the lottery.
- Reviewed the Archives Committee's lease offer from Intergroup to move their repository to their location. Finance Committee supports this offer & believes it to be a healthy decision for the Area as a whole at this time.
- Gratitude Dinner funds were discussed & a final plan for said funds were agreed upon unanimously by committee to help Area Treasurer carry out the duties as requested by Assembly.
- Committee continues to work on 'tracker' items, our goal is to have them all completed by the end of year.
- No January meeting held; committee checked in via email with ongoing projects updates.
- Prepared for January Quarterly Assembly-
 - Motion regarding budget worksheet line items submitted to Area Chair 45 days in advance.
 - Quarterly committee report compiled for minutes.
- Made several notes of upcoming items for Finance to review throughout the Area's new business at January Assembly.

Grapevine – Kimberly L.

2020 Carry the Message Project: WANT TO HELP ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC?

"AA is more than a set of principles; it is a Society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth will die." -Bill W., July 1955, The Language of the Heart.

Area 67 Grapevine committee would like to encourage our districts, groups and individuals to take part in this project. I'm sure some of you will say, I do subscribe, yet do you know if the one sitting next to you in a meeting does? Or the guy that has just managed to scrape together a whole year without having to escape into the bottle? Or your sponsee or even your sponsor? How about your local jail or doctor's office? We all can do a little more than what we are doing. Evening if you just mention to others about the message in print. Or maybe become your group's or district's Grapevine Rep. We welcome any way you wish to take part in this project. Your area committee will be collecting the count of all subscriptions for the next 6 months. I ask you DCMs to keep tally for all groups that submit evidence of new subscriptions from January to the last day of June.

Thank you for the opportunity to help carry the message in print,
Kimberly L.
Area 67 Grapevine Chair

AA Grapevine YouTube Channel:

In 2017, the General Service Conference recommended "that AA Grapevine create a Google for Nonprofits account limited to the YouTube Nonprofit Program." AA Grapevine, Inc. is currently displaying content on the channel, consistent with AA principles and copyrights. The channel was first populated with AAWS' engaging, Conference-approved PSA: "Doors", an animated version of a member's recorded story for the GV Audio Project and two behind-the-scenes clips from the plant where the magazines are printed. We have since added a timeline of the making of our Big Book as well as a discussion from one of our non-alcoholic Class A Trustees on the use of AA Grapevine in CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) work. Expansion of the AA Grapevine YouTube collection is in process, with the ultimate goal of hosting video content that may be of use or interest to members, the general public and the professional community. The first series will fall under the umbrella of "Explainer Videos" that will serve to convey useful information on various topics with the purpose of streamlining access to multimedia content. This has been launched with the release of animated videos celebrating our 75 Year Anniversary in both English and Spanish. The "comments section" on the YouTube page are disabled. Please go to www.youtube.com/c/AAGrapevine to view our YouTube page. Any questions or feedback related to the AA Grapevine YouTube Channel should be sent to prodcoord@aagrapevine.org.

IT – Stephenie O.

Hello SETA, 67,

My name is Stephy O. and I am an alcoholic. I am your panel 69 IT committee chair, and this is the official report from your IT Committee of super digital heroes.

The IT Committee is charged with oversight of the Area's Information Technology Assets: Hardware, Software and the Area's Website.

This oversight includes updates to all equipment/assets in addition to the current website and the new website under construction.

(Purpose of Website - http://www.aa-seta.org/itpolicy/GL_Web_Guidelines.pdf)

The purpose of the website shall be to assist the Southeast Texas Area (SETA) in the execution of its mission by facilitating the exchange of information about A.A. activity within Area 67 and the general service structure within which it resides. It is intended to be a communication tool for those involved in General Service within the Southeast Texas Area as well as to provide the individual A.A. member with information about our General Services and Area 67 related A.A. activities.

Committee Meetings:

Monthly on the 4th Saturday 10 am to 12 pm at the SBMC⁽¹⁾

1200 Blalock, Suite 378, Room C

Houston, TX 77055

Quarterly at the SETA Area Assembly, Saturday 4:45 pm to 6 pm

Our Committee includes

A Webmaster, Postmaster, Secretary, Committee chair many committee members all committed to your technological needs as they relate to SETA 67.

1. Currently our website is implementing special coding and/buildouts for specific SETA needs such as password specific functions, translations, and updating of information.
2. As we trudge along, the IT committee specifically, has found many processes and procedures to be outdated. Thus, we have been making decisions and plans to update our documents on procedures.
3. As well, our webmaster has been working through the needs of our website now, the very near future and then the future needs. We have realized we, as a committee, would need additional opinion and/or input about the technological needs of our future website. We decided an ADHOC committee should be put together and charged with the research of possibilities for nonprofit websites such as ours (i.e. cloud storage capabilities, mapping capabilities, and online meeting capabilities). We felt such future needs would help be verified and decided upon with outside opinions, yet IT members would be present when possible to support any questions, concerns, or research explanations needed. Our ADHOC would be chaired by Past Delegate Ron and members were selected. Copies of IT ADHOC Committee Scope of Work will be available per individual request via email.

Final reminders on submitting items for posting on the website:

1. To members submitting documents to be posted on the website: Please be advised the Area's Guidelines for the Website Prohibit us from publishing certain content, including last names, personal phone numbers and personal e-mail address. When we get these kinds of request, we have to reject the request and ask for it to be corrected.
2. While the rejections are slowing down, please reread and be familiar with the SETA Web Guidelines.
3. As well, make sure if you are submitting something for posting for your district, make sure to let your DCM know. We have received duplicates and information not shared correctly.
4. Also, make certain you spell the names of the individuals involved correctly.

(Full document to be found at http://www.aa-seta.org/itpolicy/GL_Web_Guidelines.pdf)

La Viña – Alicia M.

The Hispanic districts have been present to the permanent committee of the southern zone, they also have assemblies and conventions in the area and Hispanics accompany their districts to the magazine raffles and workshops in the groups of their district.

And have workshops twice a year in the districts once in February and once in August.

You are all invited to the next workshop on February 23, 2020 at district 64 on Sunday at 10:00 AM onwards.

District	Treasury	Literature	Literature Treasury	Subscriptions
63	\$200.00	\$319.00	\$60.50	130
64	\$213.50	\$0.00	\$411.95	185
65	\$210.00	\$1,341.00	\$243.00	192
66	\$325.00	\$2,712.75	\$291.00	183
Total Subscriptions				690

Happy 24 Hours!
Alicia M.

Literature – Jackie S.

My name is Jackie S.; I am the Area Literature Committee Chair.

The purpose of the Literature Committee is to raise the awareness for A.A. Conference-approved literature, audiovisual and other special items.

The Area literature committee has been meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 8:30 – 9:30 PM using ZOOM online meetings. We also meet during the quarterly SETA assemblies at 4:30 PM on Saturday. We do not meet this weekend during the convention. There is a display table outside this room that our SETA Literature committee has planned and prepared for you and all the convention guests. The many different pamphlets are for you to read and share with your home group for free. Your group contributions to the Area have paid for them! Please know that there is also a SETA convention literature table and its contents are for sale. It is mostly books.

Our October committee meeting was spent discussing what our favorite part was and what our most challenging part was as a presenter at the Literature Workshop during the October assembly. It was a good opportunity to share our personal experiences about that type of service work. Most importantly, we all agreed to try and be available to present our literature workshop topics again if anyone is interested in having us.

Our November committee meeting was productive in getting an Alternate Chair – Hilton L. and a temporary secretary Willie S. Yea! Then we all shared and discussed what we planned on sending in to the General Service Office as a response to the first A.A. Literature Committee Workbook questionnaire. We learned a lot from each other. At each meeting, we try to announce any new Literature items on the “What’s New” link on aa.org. The new American Sign Language videos showed up in November.

We started the December ZOOM meeting off with a Holiday Party! We each wore a holiday related hat and brought holiday jokes to share for the first few minutes. It was a fun way to start the meeting. Later, we discussed the purpose of A.A. Literature giveaways, and then we voted on what the Literature giveaways would be this year. And we as a committee chose which pamphlets to purchase for our display table for this weekend. It feels so good when decisions are made as a group!

Our January meeting was just 4 days ago, and we mostly thought of ideas of what we can do together and have fun this weekend!

DCM’s - If your district does not have a literature rep, please consider attending our committee meeting in their place temporarily. Everyone, please know that you do not have to hold a literature service position to be on the Literature Committee. If you have any questions about the committee, please come by our display table this weekend.

All are welcome! We look forward to meeting you!
Lastly, we plan to giveaway (1) English and (1) Spanish book time TBD today.

Multi-Lingual – OPEN

No Report

Newsletter – Annette C.

No Report Submitted

PI – Amy E.

No Report Submitted

SCAP – Melanie M.

No Report Submitted

TFC – Sarah O.

Dear Area, 67,

The TFC committee continues to update and maintain the Treatment Facilities Data Base

- If you have treatment facilities that have opened in your area, please e-mail me the name and location. I will be happy to get in contact with them and get them on the list. If you have questions about a facility in your area, call or e-mail me your location and I will be happy to send you the information

Districts continue to work hard facilitating ongoing meetings in Area 67.

- West Oaks Hospital has reached out for assistance in setting up an outpatient meeting.

Service Opportunities

- Alternate Chair
- Secretary

For more information please contact Sarah O.

Brazos Valley Intergroup – OPEN

No Report

Houston Intergroup – Dan K.

- Intergroup is collecting and has a list of speakers to share with you for “Group Speaker Nights”. If you would like to share your experience, strength and hope, please contact Intergroup at 713-686-6300 to get added to the list.
- Intergroup is working on the 2020 Meeting Directory soon. Please verify your group’s information is correct. Meeting schedules can be updated on the website at <http://aahouston.org/support-for-aa-groups/meeting-schedule>, by phone, or at Intergroup.
- Upcoming Workshop:
 - March 28th 10am-3pm
 - Service in AA- How Can I Be of Service?
 - \$15 registration includes lunch and materials packet
 - Register online, by phone or in person

9th District Intergroup – Lori H.

9th district IG meets next April 19th at 2pm. West gate Baptist church in Beaumont Texas.

Oficina Intergruppal Hispana (D63, 64, 65) – Edwin C.

No Report Submitted

Intergrupa Hispano Del SW (D66 & 67) – Andres P.

This intergroup consist of a service board and five auxiliary committees, PI, Twelve step, Literature, editorial and archives, and events and festivities. We also have a webpage- www.intergrupohispanohouston.us

At the moment the PI committee is working with El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala consulates. We meet every Saturday from 6-8 PM and we visit groups every Friday. We have 14-18 RIs in our meetings. At the moment there are a total of 28 groups in our intergroup. Once a month we meet with the northside intergroup with the objective to better the service to the community.

In December 2019, the intergroup had our service elections for the service board and committees. Our new chairperson – Esteban F., Secretary – Enrique M., Treasurer – Peter R.

Also, we would like to thank everyone that came to our Southwest Intergroup 15th year anniversary on January 12, 2020.

With the help of Vern, we have started the process of putting our Spanish meeting publishes in the Meeting Guide app.

Our next state intergroup forum will be on March 5-7, 2021 at 1910 N. Britain Rd., Irving, TX 75601.

District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

District 10 – Katherine M.
No Report Submitted

District 20 – Jakalyn R.

- District 20 had an amazing year in 2019. We started increasing our GSRs that represent groups in our district, and also increased our attendance for the monthly meetings. We are also working to recruit people who will serve as liaison's to committees of SETA. District 20 meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 8:00-9:30 pm. Here are some of the things that we accomplished in 2019:
- We had a very successful Bar-B-Que lunch at Lambda that allowed us to get people to commit to being GSRs.
- We completed the study of the Concepts in the A.A. Service Manual. A member of District 20 lead the discussion, which encouraged stimulating and educational discussions about the Concepts.
- Sarah L., Alternate GSR, agreed to talk about the committees of SETA, which started in November. She has provided information on two committees in each meeting, and she has agreed to continue talking about committees in 2020. This is our way of educating people about how a liaison can benefit from attending SETA committees and representing District 20 at these meetings.
- We read and had discussions on the following pamphlets: 1. "The AA Group...where it all begins" (This took us several monthly meetings before we finished it), 2. "G.S.R. General Service Representative," and 3. "A.A.'s Legacy of Service."
- On Sept. 28, District 20 sponsored a successful two-hour workshop entitled "More Will Be Revealed: What Your Sponsor Might Not Be Telling You." The workshop covered better ways to communicate in sobriety, plus an outline of the service structure, how the General Service Office is organized, and what a GSR contributes to the service structure. We received extremely positive written comments after the workshop. We decided to split the workshop into two parts next year, as we can more easily and thoroughly cover the material.
- In October at the AA Regional Forum, Alternate DCM George S. represented District 20 in a Wizard of Oz-themed skit to promote the International Convention next summer in Detroit. He got to play the Scarecrow.
- In November, District 20 voted to contribute \$500 each to Intergroup, the General Service Office and SETA. We also voted to buy two Grapevine subscriptions for District 20 that we can share. We investigated the possibility of providing Big Books to the public libraries in our district. However, we learned that another group is already fulfilling that need.
- In November at Round Up, we had a table at the event, where we provided materials about District 20, and talked with individuals about being GSRs from their groups that are not yet represented at District 20 meetings.
- Since we focused on service by studying the Concepts, and working on dark groups, we invited Betsy G. and Ron C. to share their stories about service and what service meant to them. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear two great stories that inspired us to continue inviting others to join us in service work for Alcoholics Anonymous.
- At our December meeting, we had the opportunity to hear, our Delegate, Troy D.'s report on the General Service Conference. Kris H. was present in his role as Alternate Delegate. As usual, Troy was an outstanding speaker, and he and Kris answered questions that some of our members had about his experiences at the conference.
- Finally, we would like to express feelings of gratitude to Betsy G. for being a major partner to District 20 in our journey through 2019. Her willingness to come to our district meetings, help us talk through changes and challenges, and answering questions when we needed direction have been very valuable. Thank you, Betsy for allowing us to grow, change, develop and learn from our experiences as a district.
- In 2020 we are very excited, since we had four new GSRs representing different groups at our January meeting.
- Our Alternate DCM, George S. started studying the geography of our district, and realized that we have 50-75 groups in the medical center and to 610 South that have never been on our Dark and Light group list. We have a great opportunity to provide information to these new groups about District 20 and support them in electing GSRs to come represent their groups at our district meetings.
- We will continue to contact our Dark groups at Lambda and other areas of our district to increase our attendance at district and area meetings.
- We are planning a lunch event for the medical center groups and the new groups we have discovered, since our lunch at Lambda last year was such a success.
- We have decided to have two workshops this year, since we realized that we needed to divide up our last workshop into two workshops. We had great attendance last year; therefore, we are looking forward to providing these workshops.

- Jeff A., our Treasurer, has agreed to continue helping us read and discuss A.A. pamphlets. He did a great job leading us in the discussion of the pamphlet, "The 'God' Word." It provided all of us an opportunity to see how we can support our fellow members of A.A. that are Atheist or Agnostic.
- Betsy G. will be a part of District 20 for a long time.

District 31 – Patty H.
Greetings from District 31!

I am Patty H., the new District 31 DCM, and I very excited about service in our district. District 31 has over 40 groups and we are located in the northeast corner of the Southeast Texas area 67. We meet the third Sunday of every month at 2pm-4pm at the 494-meeting hall in Porter, Tx.

Since last assembly in October, we have been very busy. November 16th, we had a wonderfully successful Founders' day with over 50 in attendance. Thanks to our Archives chair Rick C. the speakers and food were fantastic.

In December, we had a festive and fun District meeting/Christmas party with a delicious pot luck dinner and a hilarious AA "Wheel of Trivia" game with laughter, head ping pong basketball, and the winners got lots of chocolate. District 31 knows how to party!

We had our first district meeting this year on January 19th. Over 30 people in attendance as we continue our dedication to service. Our alternate DCM is Cheryl M. and she has great plans for Fantastic workshops this year! Our first workshop will be March 14th at the Spring Group in collaboration with the Area Grapevine committee to share with us how to write our story and submit it. I am so very grateful to have such wonderful and service minded colleagues in District 31.

We absolutely love AA Trivia and CHOCOLATE and We are determined to have fun, be of service, and support each other. If you have any really good AA trivia, please let me know.

We have continued to produce our own GSR handbook that has provided our GSRs with important and encouraging information. If you're interested in our handbook, I would be happy to show it to you!

I am EXCITED and so very grateful for this opportunity to be of Service.

In Loving Service,
Patty H.
DCM District 31

District 32 – Rick L.

District 32 meets on the second Sunday of each month at Champions club. We have the support of 10-15 GSRs at most meetings. We have assembled a great group of GSRs and committee persons to help us carry the message to alcoholics.

We are planning several workshops with topics surrounding literature and CPC.

Our first workshop of the year will focus on literature and the group pamphlet. The date is Feb 22 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in the Heights.

We continue to distribute literature including Big Books and newcomer packets to groups in the district.

We have elected a new Secretary and a new Alt DCM. We are also looking to fill vacant committee positions. All GSRs were asked to bring interested members to the next district meeting.

We are grateful for the financial support of the groups in District 32 and are challenged to find more ways to distribute our financial resources. We are discussing additional ways to carry the message possibly by funding ASL translators for meetings in the district. The members will continue to discuss this in the coming months.

We conclude each meeting with a group sharing session where each GSR is invited to share problems and solutions.

All members were encouraged to announce the annual SETA convention next week in Galveston.

Rick L
DCM D32

District 33 – Tony W.

Tony W, DCM33. We have 34 groups and, after research and some updating, 99 active meetings a week. I've been visiting meetings looking for dark ones and there are some, actually 36 meetings off from Area's Registry. Two though, Plantersville and Navasota have been found actually booming and thriving but had no idea about District or our function. This last quarter, 30% of meetings are represented by GSR's at District which is down 5% but still up from a year ago. Looking to see what's needed to update our list with the Area Registrar and/or GSO next.

Tony A. continues to do a stellar job as CPC. Monthly updates on all the meetings he's had, and he submitted his Yearly Budget for CPC in December which was unanimously approved. Also, District Secretary Suzanne M. is doing a wonderful job.

Mike D. Delegate Panel 49 resigned from the Treasury and the District for health reasons. He got a standing ovation, lots of hugs and some tears (mostly mine) and many warm goodbyes. It was a spectacular moment in our otherwise tumultuous day.

Finances are still growing and good, and I promised not to mention Troy's name anywhere in this part. I made my first motion as DCM in December to send the person paying the money back to the treasury either a Thank You card or a Christmas card from District. I was lambasted for suggesting we "thank people for doing what they're supposed to do" and the motion did not receive a second. Subsequently dropped. I'll refrain from further comment on that.

We had a bit of discord within the District as one of our committees decided to inform us that they "were a separate service structure than District, have their own guidelines and their own budget" which they altered within the sub-committee but still are using Group funds. At our next District Committee though, an apology for misstatement and a plea for consideration were heard and discussed to adjust their (our) Committee prudent reserve to a certain figure. That figure isn't important and this particular juncture.

Meeting Guide has also been an area of contention. In talking with appsupport@aa.org we were informed we could actually have our database either manually entered or downloaded to Houston intergroup who has been offering assistance for some time now. I read the letter from AAWS stating the facts and asked if someone wanted to motion to move forward with it. Motion was seconded and approved by all parties but BVIG, who subsequently stood up and resigned, and left the meeting. We are trying to work thru that as we speak here.

That all happened at our second Round Robin District last week including a chili dinner and *great* speaker from Temple hosted by the Cameron Group. The entire District show up for this and were seated and ready at 1:42 when we walked in. The meeting went on then concluded as per time restraints and the entire District except one got up and left without eating or hearing the speaker. Again, I refrain from comment.

We have a new treatment facility in our county. It'll eventually have 32 beds and right now we get five to seven new meeting attendees at two meetings a week. We carry a meeting in there as well, but it's a secret.

Brazos Valley Council on Alcohol and Substance (BVCASA) contacted us thru TDCJ Parole Division about meetings for men and women on Fri, Sat and Sun from 7:00PM to 8:00PM for both male and female volunteers. No response after replying back and setting it up, but we did get word from Washington County Jail on the meetings set up in May and literature having been already delivered. That hit a snag within county last year, but it is resolved now and moving forward to schedule and vetting attendees.

Since there's no presentation now, I will write this owed this apology. "To all affected, at the last Assembly, I errantly spoke of the Unity Conference Gratitude Luncheon as a fund raiser. It is not and no money is exchanged. The entire' is provided by the Unity Conference Committee and the rest is potluck. I truly apologize if I caused question to or offended anyone else, I haven't yet heard from yet. That was not my intention. There were reasons why it happened but never an excuse. It falls on me, so to that I humbly apologize. And to that end I must say the Luncheon seemed a great success. The Brazos Club was packed with full bellies and the speaker was really good. Next is the District 33 Unity Conference on February 21-22 in Kurten Texas. Eight speakers, all four meals provided, workshops and daycare provided.

District 40 – Reino F.
Greetings from District 40!!

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock Rd Bldg. #378, Room B Houston, TX 77055 starting at 7:15pm.

At the November meeting our SETA Panel 69 Delegate Troy B. and Alt. Delegate Kris H. present the delegates report.

Our current committee positions are filled but we are missing 3 the Archives, PI & TFC.

At the December meeting we had the holiday dinner and the meeting.

At the January meeting, we had the Grapevine Area Committee chair Kimberly L. present the Grapevine & La Viña to the members and showed how we can try and get subscriptions going.

At the January meeting we had elections to change the Treasurer. Rick N had to step down and Alt Treasurer Mike W. stepped up to take it and the we elected Scott B to be the Alternate Treasurer.

At the SETA Convention Jan 24th – 26th our District's 3 groups Katy 12 x 12, Rule 62 & Wild West is sponsoring the Friday night dinner in the Houston Intergroup Room.

In Service,
Reino F.
D40 DCM
dcm-40@aa-seta.org

District 51 – Steven W.
No Report Submitted

District 52 – Meece' T.
Greetings, from District 52!

District 52 meeting every first Tuesday of the month at Fort Bend Council, at 10435 Green bough, Suite 250, Stafford, TX 77477 7:00pm-8:30pm.

- Rebuilding has become our primary focus, going out and establishing relationships with each group 38 registered within our District has become a very slow process. every group We continue into the New Year with the same goal that each group will be touched by year end. However, I continue to be right sized and have surrendered to our Ultimate Authority the outcome. Each committee member has adopted 5 groups, committing to connecting them to AA as a whole. When contacting each group, we are ensuring that the group information is current, they are still meeting, at same dates and times, assisting the Delegate in keeping the roster current.
 - November 2019: The committee has re-prioritized its goals to include GSR sharing sessions and Service manual training. The committee chair had an epiphany during October Area Assembly, to care for the individuals who attend the meeting monthly. The Committee was queried as to how the Chair could serve the existing members better. I would like to have anyone who works for District 52 to have grown and become better for their service.
 - The Committee voted to send both incoming DCM and Alternate DCM to SWAARSA because we do not have an Alternate this term and we have funds with no stated purpose. The Final report was given for the Southwest Regional Forum by the District Chair and handouts were shared from the General Service Office.
 - December 2019: The Committee continued to make contact with existing groups and welcomed a new GSR from Tri-Cities group, Susan P. and the registration was completed for both Susan and her Alternate. The committee finished the Concepts and were given the Traditions Checklist from the Grapevine along with an article "How to fight fair," Again, this will help GSR's manage group conscious and maybe help a little in their personal lives.
 - January 2020: The Committee experienced two losses, both the Secretary and Treasurer stepped down simultaneously. The District Chair asked the Committee to seek replacements and vowed to continue to move forward. Funds were not collected during the meeting because the Treasurer has all materials for deposit and reporting. The DCM will prepare January and February minutes AND prepare the Treasurer's report for both months. The January minutes are required to remove both individuals from the District bank account. The Secretary and Treasurer's presence are required to conduct this business as well. The DCM has access to the bank account and upon review the deposits have been made except

for a \$50 cash contribution by Sienna Solutions made at the October 2019 meeting. Though this matter is urgent we believe there has been no theft to date.

District 52 is growing. The DCM hopes that everyone who serves within District 52 will be better personally and will learn to communicate the joy of service to all with whom they come into contact.

Meece'(Meeka)T., Trusted Servant, District Committee Member D52

District 60 – Deborah M.

District 60 is trudging along. On the 22nd of Feb. We will be hosting a workshop on sponsorship. From Ebby to present day suggestions from GSO.

In love and service Deborah M. DCM 60

District 62 – Manuel R.

No Report Submitted

District 63 – Jose P.

No Report Submitted

District 64 – Severiano M.

Our District has 17 groups within our district with 14 GSRs. Our District 64 meets every week on Saturdays at 6:00 PM, we change our meetings to Thursdays when there is an event (assemblies or conventions). We actively participate in all our events, Hispanic Assemblies and Hispanic Conventions as well as all events in our area. We participate with all the groups in our District and with other groups when invited.

Our District 64 has 3 active committees, and each have their complete committee members serving on them. These committees meet every Tuesday every 2 weeks. The committee members also go out to different meetings along with the district members.

1. Correctional Committee - this committee is working well; they share their information with our district. They meet every 15 days in our district meeting room.

- The Correctional Committee participates in the following facilities: Navasota, Walls, MTC Cleveland and Holliday.
- They motivate donations to the blue cans
- Treasury Report for Blue Cans in District 64: previously sub-total: \$746.28; Donation to Area 67 - \$300; Current balance: \$446.28.

2. La Vina Committee - This committee is working well. They meet every 15 days at our district meeting room.

- They share with the groups in our district to motivate La Vina.
- They facilitate workshops in every group that requests them.
- Currently they have 195 subscriptions and 6 so far for 2020.
- Next workshop will be held in February 3, 2020 in District 64.
- We selected Ramon J. as the January SETA speaker to relay the History of La Vina.

3. Literature Committee - this committee is working well. They meet every 15 days at our district meeting room.

- Motivates the purchase of literature.
- We have an ample selection of Service Literature.

The organizing committee for the Asamblea Sur de Texas which is the South Texas Hispanic Assembly will be held in Houston, Texas on a date to be determined in November 2020.

We hope to continue working with Area 67 and with our Delegate and all Area service members. We thank you for your support and giving us this time to relay our district report.

In service,

Severiano M., DCM
Arturo B., Alt. DCM

District 65 – Arnulfo C.

Greetings from all of us that form District 65 of Alcoholics Anonymous wishing that you are having a happy 24 hours of sobriety. Our District consists of 18 groups, but only 12 are still active. The proprietary GSR's are 9 and 2 alternates. On average the GSRs that assist is between 6 and 9. Our GSR meetings are Saturdays from 6pm onwards and are only changed to a Thursday prior to an assembly or convention. We have a service desk and 3 committees (La Vina, Correctional Committee and the Literature Committee). The Correctional Committee regularly motivates the Blue Cans and meets with the other correctional committees from Area 67. The literature committee motivates literature in the area groups. La Vina committee motivates literature and the subscriptions to the Grapevine. It has currently 83 subscriptions for the year. It has meetings the last Thursday of the month from 8:00 pm onwards with the La Vina Houston committee. It also assists to the meetings of the permanent La Vina Committee South Zone, the 1st Sunday of the month. Such meetings rotate in different cities from 10:00 am onwards.

Thank you for your attention to our report!
Arnulfo C., DCM
Henriquez G., Alt. DCM

District 66 – Manuel O.

District 66 is made up of 22 groups of which 19 have GSRs and 10 of these groups also have their Alternate GSRs. An average of 12 GSRs and/or Alt. GSRs are present at each meeting. We have an average of 240 members belonging to the AA community in our District 66.

We have Saturday district meeting at 6:00 p.m. When there are service activities and/or other activities on Saturday, where it is part of our responsibility as a district to attend, there is no meeting.

As District 66 we agree with the Groups on Wednesdays following the alphabetical order of the group names except when we are invited as a district to share unit cycles and/or other activities where it is required to attend as part of our responsibilities.

We have 4 district committees:

- La Vina Magazine Committee: Coordinator: Salvador - Group GSR: Angels and Demons. It meets weekly on Tuesday at 8:00 PM and compare with the groups that correspond to the District on Friday to motivate to participate in the magazine La Vina writing their experiences and subscribing to it.
- Correctional Committee: coordinator: Luis – Group Member: Nueva Alianza. It meets every 1 and 3 Thursdays of the moth at 8:00 pm at the district headquarters.
- Literature Committee: Coordinator: Adolfo – Group Member: La Ultima Carreta
- Committee of the WEB page: www.district66.org Coordinator: Gustavo – Group Member: Villanueva

As District 66, we have a chat in the WhatsApp application to be informed of the activities we do, improve communication and our brotherhood.

We will carry out a service workshop every 3 months and the next one will be in March 2020.

We participate in an interdistrict meeting of the Multilingual Districts 63/64/65/66 that is carried out periodically to exchange ideas at the level of our Hispanic community.

WE celebrated the 27th Anniversary of District 66 on December 29, 2019 at 10:00 am at our district headquarters.

District 66 encourages members to participate in the Hispanic Assembly of the State of Texas that will take place in the month of May 22-24, 2020 in Fort Worth, TX

November 2020 the Houston city will be headquarters to the Hispanic assembly of South Texas. The multilingual district of the area 67 will have the privilege of being the hosts. We invite you to participate in this important even for the integration of our community. "We will talk to the Heart Language." All are welcome!

Rodrigo C. – DCM
Armando A. – Alt. DCM

District 70 – Brady G.

District 70 meet at Kelly's Country Cookin at 7011 Spencer Hwy. Pasadena, Texas 77505. Our meetings are still held on the second Wednesday of each month. We now start at 6:00pm for dinner and fellowship with the meeting starting at 7:00pm.

The participation in District meetings has been improving, with more groups selecting and seeding new GSRs to the meetings. Policy and Procedures were presented to the district members and after some discussion they were adopted. District 70 voted to host the Saturday lunch for the Intergroup Hospitality Room at the January Seta Convention. It is a lot of work and a great learning experience for all the participants that are helping to put this together, so I wish to congratulate them for all the time and effort that they have put into making it a great lunch.

A decision was made to put on a traditions work shop, so a new committee will be putting together the details and when they are finalized announcements will be made.

Thank you,
Brady G.

District 81 – Catherine G.

Hello from District 81

It's a new year and we are still busy

District committees are busy with presentations and workshops. We look forward to our Workshop committee's topics this year.

The Finance and Budget committee presented a fully funded budget and it was voted on and passed.

On behalf of District 81's GSR's I will be presenting a motion to the Chair after assembly for discussions on a 1 day "business meeting" for upcoming Assemblies.

District 81 is hosting another hospitality suite at SETA and we hope you come by and enjoy food and fellowship.

Keep it Simple Sweetheart hosted their 19-year anniversary with the District Committees Archives sharing the women in A.A. and what the committee does. The Grapevine chair presented Grapevine material and the group is set to create a writing workshop. Our literature Chair presented latest new publications and talked about what the Literature committee does. The TFC chair presented "Bridging the Gap" program. The goal of the event was to introduce members to service work and several women have stepped up.

As I'm on my last year of rotation my original goals appear that they will be met. Meeting with silent groups and finding out do they still meet and if so, why they are silent. Asking what can District 81 do for your group?

Respectfully in service
Catherine G.

District 82 – Jeanne B.

No Report Submitted

District 90 – Bella L.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: District 90 meets 1st Sunday of each month

Location: 1235 Crockett Street, BMT, TX

Eating: 1:00pm/ Meeting: 2:00pm

- Our district is very involved with service and all trusted servants are in love with service work.
- All positions on our Committee are full except Alternate PI/CPC and Alternate Liaison to Intergroup
- District 90 will be hosting a Tradition Workshop in 2020 at West End Group, 1235 Crockett St., Beaumont, TX hosted by Annette C. (info TBA)
- Gratitude Dinner will be hosted by the awesome Bridge City Group in 2020 (info TBA)
- We will have the honor of hosting July SETA Assembly and are asking for other Districts to participate, see me after the meeting
- Starting this month (January) we have started a Concept Study incorporated into our monthly meeting. Each concept appears on our monthly newsletter...EDUCATION, EDUCATION, EDUCATION!
- As a collective group, we have had chair positions do a mini presentation on their duties, one each month, to educate others of what duties are completed in their line of service. As a result of this, people are planning what position they would like to stand for next...EDUCATION, EDUCATION, EDUCATION!
- Art and I are still attending Treatment Facilities to assist in depleting the stagnation happening in Alcoholics Anonymous. Several of our district members has joined in volunteering at the treatment facilities.
- Pre-registration is now being accepted for District 90's life changing Convention on August 14-16, 2020. Please pick up your flyer to bring back to your groups.

Yours in Service,
 Bella L.
 DCM District 90

Area Committee Roll Call Jan 2020

Position	Full Name	Committee	Assembly
Area Officers			
Delegate	Troy B	X	X
Alternate Delegate	Kris H	X	X
Chairperson	Rick M	X	X
Alternate Chairperson	Christina S	X	
Registrar	Tammy Z	X	X
Alternate Registrar	Kathleen T	X	
Secretary	Deborah B	X	X
Alternate Secretary	Pam F	X	
Treasurer	Ron S	X	X
Alternate Treasurer	Cynthia B	X	
Standing Committee Chairpersons			
Archives	Eddie R	X	X
Alternate Archives	Mike D		
CPC	David L	X	X
Alternate CPC	Rosemary J		
CFC	Roy E	X	X
Alternate CFC	Roland R		
Finance	Michelle H	X	X
Alternate Finance			
Grapevine	Kimberly L	X	X
Alternate Grapevine	Nicole L		
IT	Stephenie J		
Alternate IT			
La Vina	Alicia M		X
Alternate La Vina			
Literature	Jackie S	X	X
Alternate Literature	Hilton L	X	
Multi-Lingual			
Alternate Multi-Lingual	Pedro A	X	X
Newsletter	Annette C	X	X
Public Information (PI)	Amy E		
Alternate PI	Michelle W	X	X
SCAP	Melanie G		X
Alternate SCAP			
TFC	Sarah O	X	X
Alternate TFC			
Convention Chairs			
2020 Convention Chair	Danny G	X	X
2020 Convention Co-Chair	Haley H		

Liaisons to Intergroup			
Brazos Valley Intergroup			
Houston Intergroup	Daniel K	X	X
Ninth District Intergroup	Lori H		
Ninth District Intergroup Alternate			
Oficina Intergroupa Hispana (D63,64,65)	Edwin C		X
Intergrupa Hispano Del SW (D66 &67)	Andres P	X	X
Intergrupa Hispano Del SW Alternate (D66 &67)			
DCMs			
District 10 DCM	Katherine M		
District 10 Alt DCM			
District 20 DCM	Jackalyn R	X	X
District 20 Alt DCM	George S	X	
District 31 DCM	Patricia H	X	X
District 31 Alt DCM	Cheryl M	X	
District 32 DCM	Rick L	X	X
District 32 Alt DCM	Kim B		
District 33 DCM	Tony W	X	X
District 33 Alt DCM	Allise B	X	
District 40 DCM	Reino F		
District 40 Alt DCM	Deanna F	X	X
District 51 DCM	Steven W		
District 51 Alt DCM	Kern V		
District 52 DCM	Meece T		
District 52 Alt DCM			
District 60 DCM	Deborah M	X	X
District 60 Alt DCM			
District 62 DCM	Manuel R		
District 62 Alt DCM			
District 63 DCM	Jose P		
District 63 Alt DCM	Aurelio D		
District 64 DCM	Severiano M		X
District 64 Alt DCM	Arturo B		
District 65 DCM	Arnulfo C	X	X
District 65 Alt DCM	Henriquez G		
District 66 DCM	Rodrigo C	X	X
District 66 Alt DCM	Armando A	X	
District 70 DCM	Brady G		X
District 70 Alt DCM	Byron T		
District 81 DCM	Catherine G	X	X
District 81 Alt DCM	Veronica M		
District 82 DCM	Teri V	X	X
District 82 Alt DCM			
District 90 DCM	Bella L	X	X
District 90 Alt DCM	Art G	X	