

Southeast Texas Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous



3rd Quarter Assembly Minutes

**Saturday and Sunday
October 14th–15th, 2023**

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Sheraton North Houston Intercontinental Airport
15700 John F Kennedy Blvd., Houston, TX 77573

***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.***

A.A.'s Three Legacies – Our Common Solution

Saturday October 14th, 2023 8:30 AM

NEW GSR WORKSHOP – Derricks 1

No Report submitted

SPANISH GSR WORKSHOP – Derricks 2

No Report submitted

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING – Seattle I & II

Open Meeting: Serenity Prayer – Bella L.

Preamble to [SETA Policies & Procedures Manual](#) – Art G.

[Roll Call](#) – Area Committee Attendance – Patty H.

[Secretary's Report](#) – Edwin C.

- No suggestions for changes to the July Minutes.

[Treasurer's Report](#) – Catherine G.

Unfinished Business

[Ad Hoc Committee Reports](#)

- **2024 Budget Proposal** – Reino F. – *Not present in recording*
- [SETA Convention Guidelines Ad Hoc](#)
- **Area Bridging the Gap Committee Feasibility Ad Hoc** – Taylor C. – *Not present in recording*

[New Business](#)

- **P&P Manual Changes** – Deborah D. – *Not present in recording*

[Announcements – Art G.](#)

- [77th Texas State Convention](#) – July 21-23, 2024 – Westin D/FW Airport, 4545 W John Carpenter Fwy., Irving 972/929-4500
- [Southwest Regional A.A. Service Assembly](#) – *Service: Vital to Our Growth* – October 11-13, 2024 – Renaissance Dallas/Richardson Hotel
- See additional [Announcements](#) with Sunday notes.

Close Meeting with Responsibility Statement – I am responsible . . . When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there and for that: I am responsible.

AREA ASSEMBLY MINUTES
Saturday, October 14, 2023 9:45 AM

Tradition 11

Open Meeting: Serenity Prayer – Bella L.

Finance Committee – Reino F.

Grapevine App Workshop – Daryl W. – *See slides at end of Minutes*

Bridge the Gap Workshop – Chris G. – *Report will be submitted in January*

Saturday, October 14, 2023 1:30 PM

Opening of Afternoon Session – Bella L

Concept 11 – Kevin W

DCM Reports

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SETA Service Committee Meetings – Committee Chairs & Members

AREA ASSEMBLY MINUTES
Sunday, October 15, 2023 8:30 AM

Open Meeting – Serenity Prayer – Bella L.

Preamble to SETA Policies & Procedures Manual – Art G.

Recognize: New GSRs and past Delegates – Bella L.

Secretary's Report – Allise B.

- July Minutes approved as submitted.
- Without objection from the Assembly, the La Viña report that was mistakenly left out of the April Minutes will be added to the Approved version posted on the [Secretary's webpage](#).

Treasurer's Report – Catherine G. – *Approved as read*

Convention Committee Reports

- [SETA Convention 2024](#) – Joel G.
- [SETA Convention 2025](#) – Cody R.
- [Texas State Convention 2025](#) – Melissa R.

Delegate Reports

- [Delegate's Report](#) – Rick M.
- [Alternate Delegate's Report](#) – Christina S.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- [SETA Convention Guidelines Ad Hoc](#)
- [Finance/Hotel Ad Hoc](#) – Paul M.

Roll Call – Area Assembly Attendance – Patty H.

New Business

- **MOTION:** *Change the Policies & Procedures Manual* to relieve our requirements for a quarterly two-day Assembly by stating that the The Area Assembly and Area Committee shall meet **no less than** quarterly. (Full verbiage at Bookmark.)

Announcements – Art G. – See [Announcements in Area Committee Minutes](#)

- [Houston Intergroup](#) – needs volunteers every 2nd Friday to clean Intergroup

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Convention Committee Reports

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SETA Convention 2024 – Joel G. – No report submitted

SETA Convention 2025 – Cody R.

- After much searching the committee has found a suitable hotel for the convention and has a contract that it has turned over to the Finance Committee for review.
- The hotel will be the Royal Sonesta – Galleria. There is ample space and a great layout... Further the woman in charge of events is familiar with our group. She is not an AA herself BUT she worked for a hotel in New Jersey where she was the contact person for the New Jersey State Convention for close to a decade. So she understands our unique needs.
- The date for the Convention will be January 3rd-5th, 2025. This date was chosen because we could get the space at a discounted rate that weekend. I looked into our guidelines and it is suggested that the Convention be held no later than the third weekend in January so this fits.
- After the hotel is official, we will begin lining up speakers for the event.

Texas State Convention 2025 – Melissa R.

- I have a brief update on the hotel search for the 2025 Texas State A.A. Convention. After meeting and talking with multiple hotels in the Houston area, we have received one proposal that looks to be doable. This is with the Royal Sonesta/Galleria and on the dates we requested: August 15-17, 2025. Our thanks to Cody R. for the tip!
- So that's where things stand, pending receipt of the contract. If an agreement is reached, I'll give you an update via SETA Announce and we'll begin scheduling convention committee meetings.

Delegate Reports

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Delegate's Report – Rick M.

Good morning, SETA! My name is Rick Mueller, I'm an alcoholic and very honored and humbled to serve as your Delegate for Panel 73.

Christina and I completed our last District report-out on September 17th at District 51. I want to give a huge shout out to all of the Districts. I am very impressed and gratified with the level of participation and the engagement of our District committees. Turnout was excellent and the questions and discussion showed a very high interest level in what took place at the Conference. The hospitality shown by all the District Committees was truly amazing, and for that I thank you. Special props are in order for District 51. When we held our April Assembly, District 51 was inactive. Because the Committee had just started meeting, I fully expected to see a small turnout when we visited there. Much to my surprise and gratification, the room was full. I didn't take a headcount, but I believe there were close to 25 members in attendance including one new GSR attending their first District meeting. So, David and the entire District, great job and thank you.

The Southwest Regional Forum was held September 29th – October 1st in El Paso. Regional Forums present an opportunity for a Region's trusted servants to meet with Trustees, GSO Staff Members and each other. As always, the fellowship and unity within our Region is over the top. Area 67 was very well represented. In addition to reports from the AAWS and Grapevine chairs, there were workshops, and presentations by the Region's Delegates. Also, there were sharing sessions where attendees were able to ask questions of the Board members, GSO General Manager, and staff members. As one might expect, these sharing sessions were robust and to the point. Questions about finances, the PLBB and the inventory of the Board were prevalent. The Fellowship is making itself heard that we expect the Board to be accountable. The final report should be available in a few weeks and will include all the details.

In August, I sent out the second quarter financial results. They have also been posted on the Delegate page on our website. They do not show a pretty picture. The cash flow for AAWS is very tight. Payment plans have had to be arranged with some of our vendors. We have had to pay late fees in some cases. We are being told this is only temporary and contributions are always higher toward the end of the year and that this will mitigate the problem. We shall hope and pray that this holds true.

I'm looking forward to seeing the list of Proposed Agenda Items (PAIs) for the 74th General Service Conference very soon. The Conference Committee for CPC (the committee that I serve) will meet sometime next week to review the CPC PAIs.

Alternate Delegate's Report – Christina S.

Hello my fellow trusted servants,

I wanted to first thank y'all for allowing me to serve as your Alt-Delegate Panel 73, Area 67. I've had such a good time visiting all the different districts with Rick. Thank you for all that allowed us to visit.

The Regional Forum in El Paso was well attended by Area 67. While it was contentious at times, I was proud to be a part of a region that was openly willing to share our concerns with the GSB. The [77th Annual Texas State Convention](#) is June 21-23, 2024 in Irving, TX at the [Westin Dallas/Fort Worth Airport](#). [SWRAASA](#) is October 11 to October 13, 2024, in Richardson, TX at the [Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel](#). You can find registration info on the [Alt-Delegate page](#). SWRAASA is our Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly it happens in October in even number years.

SWRAASA 2026 will be hosted by Area 67. I have been talking with Melissa we are hopeful that perhaps we can get a deal at a hotel if we have multiple events there. So right now I am seeing if I can ride the coattails of the 2025 SETA Convention and the 2025 State Convention. More will be revealed.

This is going to take a village. Everyone is being put on alert that there are service opportunities for everyone coming up. 😊

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

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SETA Convention Guidelines Ad Hoc

Bella reported that Joel G. stepped down as Chair of this committee. Troy B-D has already done extensive work on revisions to the Convention Guidelines.

Finance/Hotel Ad Hoc — Paul M.

The task given to us was to find ways that we can cut our costs and stay within our means financially. In July, we gave a report on working towards a fully funded budget which means we only spend what we have in the bank. We have met as a committee 4 times since last assembly.

We began by looking at our current hotel contract for 2024 to see what our major cost is and how can we reduce it. Our major expense is the ballroom rental at a cost of \$18K/year. That was enough to get us started looking at other options.

We also reached out to all 93 other areas and asked what are they doing for their assemblies. Many responded to our request. We found that many are doing 1-day assemblies and meeting more times per year than we have been. So, we started looking in our area for event spaces that can accommodate up to 250 people. We found a few very good places.

After some time and finding some acceptable places, we then reached out to the hotel and asked if we could amend our contract if the Area decided on 1-day assembly. The hotel then sent us our options as follows:

1. Keep our 2024 (April, July, and October) agreements as is
2. Group booking 60+ guest rooms with discounted meeting room rental \$3,500 (plus tax and service fee) – SATURDAY
3. Group booking 40+ guest rooms with discounted meeting room rental \$1,500 (plus tax and service fee) – SUNDAY
4. Cancelling the agreements with NO PENALTY

We, as a committee, discussed these options and feel that the best option is #4. We can be very grateful to get out of this contract with no penalties—estimated at \$6600.00.

Therefore this committee would like to propose to the assembly, keeping in mind our goal is to reduce costs to be in line with our income, vote in favor of the motion to amend the Area Policy and Procedure allowing us the flexibility to consider 1-day or 2-day assemblies at alternate venues. This would also give us the flexibility to meet more times a year as needed yet still reduce our overall expenses.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Deborah - Chair Paul, Troy, Catherine and Reino

- **MOTION FOR DISCUSSION & VOTE – Troy B-D passed 76-5**
 - P&P Motion: new motion distributed this morning in addition to Motion distributed with Agenda
- Motion to Change the Policy & Procedure Manual (Third Addition-October 2020)**
- In order to relieve our requirements for a quarterly two-day assembly, we propose the following language change in the P&P Manual:***
- Current Language (page 6)**
1. The Area Assembly shall meet quarterly in a two-day session.

2. The Area Committee shall meet on a quarterly basis.

Change of Language

1. The Area Assembly shall meet no less than quarterly in at least a one two-day session.

2. The Area Committee shall meet on no less than a quarterly basis.

- Does not require meeting on only one day, but permits it
- Q: If the Motion passes, who makes the decision on each Assembly's vote? A: Will be addressed in package distributed for January
- Should be discussed with groups
- Friendly amendment offered to revise without reference to number of days, i.e., quarterly only the same for the Area Committee. A: Ad hoc Chair responded stating that the amendment would be considered if the motion passes.
- Minority Option: District P&Ps require them to send DCM & GSRs
- History: A past Delegate informed us that we used to have four Assemblies + Convention, and had one-day assemblies, so we shouldn't be stuck on two days.
- Vote on re-voting failed.

● MOTION FOR JANUARY DISCUSSION & VOTE – Troy B-D passed 63-7

The ad hoc committee proposes canceling the 2024 hotel contract with no penalties on October 16th. The ad hoc committee will report to the January 2024 assembly options for the remaining assemblies in that year.

- Were still negotiating with hotel when 45-day submission deadline passed, so motion couldn't be sent out
- Contract calls for \$6700 cancellation fees—hotel is giving us a gift by allowing us to cancel by October 16 with no penalty. Short deadline so that hotel has time to rebook.
- Q: Will we be out on the street after cancellation? A: Ad hoc didn't have authority to spend money booking another location but can do it as soon as authorized.
- Current contract with Doubletree across the street; booted to Sheraton for this Assembly.
- Will save \$18,600
- Option examples all including AV
 - Nessler with one day (8-hour session) \$524
 - Kaywood Auditorium (8-hours) \$650
 - Deer Park – \$800
- Delegate: Jimmy Burk has terrible acoustics and no breakout rooms
- GSR: simplify—meet at District
- Will be bringing Alt DCMs into discussion. Will explore rotating venues.
- GSR Q: Do we have AV? A: No but researching
- Could give up committee meetings because they meet monthly
- Aware that we *must* have breakout rooms for roundtables in April
- Will bring full slate of options in January
- DCM doesn't want to take done deal to District even though it will save \$18,600 total for three assemblies
- Idea has been bubbling for years; the Area's purpose is to inform the Delegate and the rest is fluff
- Could have 2-day voting assemblies and one-day for other quarters
- IT: will need effective wifi unless we rent a satellite van
- Former hotel sales manager: we negotiate courtesy room blocks which will become more expensive if we don't pay for ballroom
- Might save money by leaving Houston
- Member wants a separate ad hoc for venue search with guidelines, staffed by members of the full Assembly instead of all past Delegates [Note: Catherine and Reino serve on this ad hoc & are not past Delegates]
- Cost of live interpreter throughout Assembly affected
- Can rent from universities, which all have good wifi post-pandemic

- So many options that uncertainty of location not really a factor
- Better stewardship of Area money if we figure out how to inform the Fellowship for \$18,000 less
- Don't need to worry about District anger for large savings
- Past Delegate: Trust Troy & Paul, Deborah, Reino & Catherine
- Too rushed
- Hotel contract only affects 2024 not 2025 / beyond

BTG Feasibility of Bridging the Gap Committee – Taylor C.

July 8th, 2023: First Meeting @ Assembly

We initiated our journey with the formation of key roles within the committee:

- Taylor C - Chair
- Tina A - Secretary
- Kendyl W - BTG Program Contact
- Tony A - Idea Guy

The primary activities established during our initial meeting were:

- Defining the purpose of the committee
- Discussion of both the positive outcomes and objections regarding a BTG Standing Committee
- Creation of a general timeline leading up to a vote on the measure at the SETA Assembly
- Delegation of research tasks involving other Areas and BTG National

August 15, 2023 on Zoom: We discussed several important matters, including:

- A request for our committee to provide an update at the upcoming October Assembly
- Ongoing research and contact with other Areas
- Our members' participation in the BTG Workshop Weekend in September, as well as Regional Forum attendance
- Scheduling a series of meetings to prepare for the Assembly presentation

August 17, 2023 on Zoom: During this virtual meeting, Tony and Tina developed a draft of a survey/questionnaire and devised a strategy for reaching out to other Areas in the US about BTG Standing Committees. On September 6, 2023, we refined and finalized the questionnaire.

September 9-10 Bridge The Gap Workshop Weekend: All committee members attended this workshop, where we distributed questionnaires and gathered valuable responses.

We also had a meaningful conversation with the Chair of the BTG Area Committee for Montana, discussing critical topics such as policies and procedures, committee structure, and interface with other service bodies.

September 20, 2023 on Zoom: Our discussions in this virtual meeting centered around:

- Reviewing the questionnaires received from the BTG Workshop Weekend
- Noting responses from Areas 10, 31, 36, 49, 66, 68, and 87, all of which showed overwhelming support for BTG Area Committees due to several experienced benefits.
- Outlining our next steps, including the compilation of questionnaire findings, the initiation of the draft presentation and agenda item, and confirmation of our upcoming meeting schedule.

October 4, 2023 on Zoom: We held post-Regional Forum informal discussions, which indicated a strong support for establishing an Area 67 BTG Committee, including District and Group level representation. It is worth noting that our work is aligning with a broader trend in our Area toward focusing and expanding efforts of the Bridging the Gap program from both TFC and CFC. We plan to send our presentation to the Multilingual committee for translation.

Conclusion: In conclusion, our Ad Hoc Committee has made significant progress in exploring the feasibility of establishing a BTG Standing Committee in our Area. The information and insights we've gathered from various sources have been invaluable in shaping our path forward. We look forward to your continued support and engagement as we move forward with our efforts. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to any of our committee members.

At Assembly:

- A Past Delegate suggested that the BTG subcommittees from TFC & CFC operate together as a trial for a few months before voting on a permanent committee.
- Another Past Delegate commented that there are no budgetary figures with the Motion. A: They will be distributed with the motion for the January Assembly.
- Please discuss with your groups and bring their feedback to the January Assembly.
- A member would like to see redundant expenses that can be saved in the financials.

Service Committee Reports

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[Archives](#) – Eddie R., Archivist

The Archives Committee has been on a roller coaster ride since our last Assembly. I'll start with the lowest low and try to go up from there but in the scope of things, that's a challenge in itself, so here goes.

- I am saddened to announce that due to "Life on Life's Terms" matters, our Committee chair, Deborah T., will be stepping down, stating that she is unable to fulfill all of the duties of the position. She will be missed.
- Our Archivist Emerita, Sarah D., fell and had to have surgery on her hip. She's much better now, but still on her road to recovery.
- The weekend of August 19, the Committee attended the D90 Convention in Beaumont. We were tasked to bring displays to fill half of the Archives Room with D90 filling the other half. The Guest Book showed we had 76 visitors browse and maybe learn something they didn't know about A.A. history in SE Texas & D90.
- On September 16, we attended D70's Unity Day Picnic at the Clear Creek Club in Seabrook. Displays were taken and personal contacts were handed out. We should be following up on the chance to interview some members of the Fellowship with 40+ years of sobriety to add to our fledgling collection of Old-Timer interviews.
- We have contacted with the SETA Convention Committee to coordinate display requirements for the Archives Room.
- Lastly, we will be attending the Founders' Day Event for D31 at the Lamb of God Church in Humble on November 4th.

[Correction Facilities Committee \(CFC\)](#) – Tony W. – No report submitted

[Finance](#) – Budget Report – Reino F.

- **MOTION/FLOOR ACTION: Suspend all regional pools for travel to SWRAASA and the Regional Forum for 2024-25. 56 for – 13 against**
 - Motion was submitted to Chair 30 days prior to Assembly, but not distributed to the body at that time, so the SETA Policies & Procedures Manual's requirement for 30-day advance notice of motions was not met. Some eager to vote; many believe it improper to vote without having seen motion in advance, much less having sufficient time to discuss it with the groups.
 - Pro: saves money
 - Finance Chair: want >4 budget-holders at the budget meeting for discussion—preferably all 19
 - Past Delegate 1: suspending a line item is within the Area's Right of Decision under Concept 4; groups will be in favor of cutting budget
 - Can be reinstated if we have the money
 - Cons:
 - SWRAASA generates enthusiasm
 - Need more people to understand SWRAASA before SETA hosts it
 - Committee Chair: we will be able to afford the travel

- Past Delegate 2: everyone welcome at the Forum
- Past Delegate 3: must sacrifice until finances under control
- Past Delegate 4: maybe shouldn't vote today because Motion not seen by many members
- DCM 1: must get funded before spending money
- DCM 2: suspend for 2024 only if we vote today
- Alt DCM: attendees get the message from other alcoholics—enthusiasm followed us home from the Regional Forum; we were informed and ready to do our jobs better

Grapevine – Daryl W.

Past Activities – The SETA Area 67 Grapevine committee held a Grapevine presentation in District 20 on August 20, 2023, at the Lambda Group AA. I attended a GVAC workshop on September 21, 2023. All the area Grapevine chairs were invited to discuss the new Grapevine/La Viña app. Also, SETA Area 67 Grapevine and District 32 held a Grapevine writing workshop on September 23, 2023, at the Cypresswood Group AA. We ask that all area GVRs attend the monthly Grapevine meetings and register at aagrapevine.org as a GVR. Our committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. on Zoom. All AAs are welcome to attend the area Grapevine meetings and workshops.

Committee Future Plans – To carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers through all forms of Grapevine media. To increase the number of printed subscriptions purchased in Area 67 and to raise awareness of the various Grapevine products to the Fellowship. Another objective is to support Grapevine Inc. by promoting the new Grapevine/La Viña app available to the fellowship. Another of our goals is to give away more digital, books, and audio products and to meet the needs of all of our members, which involves doing more area-wide workshops and increasing our visibility in the area. We have been getting requests for hybrid Grapevine workshops, so the committee has purchased all necessary equipment. We will have a display table at the 2023 October SETA assembly. We will be available for questions and those who want to order a Grapevine subscription online or any questions about the new Grapevine/La Viña app.

Future Grapevine Events – We are preparing to plan for the 2024 SETA Convention. If any group or district is interested in hosting a Grapevine writing workshop in 2024, please contact anyone on our committee. All of the workshops we had so far have been inspiring and informative. Something begins to happen when we start writing about any subject related to alcoholism.

Grapevine Giveaways – Several subscriptions will be given away at the 2023 SETA October Assembly.

Information Technology (IT) – Sergey K.

- Discussed NAATW and Regional Forum; TIAA, OIAA, AI tools, GSuite
- Invite Past Delegates to join IT Review Committee
 - Would look into anonymity issues such as where last names and phone numbers are appropriate
 - We are seeking the guidance of any delegate, past or current, to help us appropriately apply the concepts and traditions in our committee
- Has been assisting in clearing communication between CFC & TFC committees concerning BTG
- We have a Secretary for the IT Committee but still need a Treasurer
- Public request to Area to use IT admins email address and/or positional addresses for requests (it-admins@aa-seta.org, webmaster@aa-seta.org and support@aa-seta.org)
 - Existing website maintenance streamlined and feedback has been positive
 - Email webmaster@aa-seta.org for updates to district / committee pages and website updates in general, please!

[La Viña](#) – **Misael M.** – No report submitted

[Literature](#) – **Daniel K.** – No report submitted

[Multilingual](#) – **Janine B.** – No report submitted

[Newsletter](#) – **Tracy W.** – No report submitted

The newsletter committee has been meeting monthly via Google Meet. We have been collaborating new ideas for 2024 newsletters. Sadly, we will no longer be printing due to the outrageous prices. We will be doing everything digitally using this QR code. Thank you to all the first timers that attended the Regional Forum and shared their experiences with the newsletter. I would like to give a shout out to Cheryl, Alt Webmaster, she helped us tremendously at getting the newsletter up and running on the SETA website before the actual assembly. Also, my Alternate pretty much took over this last submittal due to my busy schedule. We are still welcoming anyone who would like to join us.

[Public Information \(PI\)](#) – **Theresa S, Alt. Chair**

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month on Google Meet. meet.google.com/egs-mjov-jfh All are welcome to attend. If you have events you would like the PI committee to attend, please let us know at pi.aa-seta.org.

Since our last General Assembly in July:

D40 – We had a PI table set up at its Annual Traditions’ Dinner on July 22.

D82 – has created a brightly colored Flyer and Business card that has QR codes for the Meeting Guide App and Houston Intergroup. They are having great success with this form of media compared to the Pamphlet Racks which were not moving in their District. To date, they have this media posted in 10 libraries, 9 churches, 5 Police Stations, and 31 Laundry Mats. In addition, they had a table set up at the Brazoria County Walk for Recovery that was held on September 30.

D81 – had a table set up at the Texas A&M Galveston County Health Fair on September 13. The District also confirms they have AA Literature in all District Libraries and they have 12 literature racks throughout the District that are refilled on a regular basis. This District runs a PSA in a local Community Newsletter that reaches 33,000 customers. The Billboards went up in early September–3 digital and 4 print.

D31 – ran a PSA in September in the Community Impact Newspaper, Kline edition.

D33 – is in the process of setting up Pamphlet Racks in their District.

D70 – PI participated in their Unity Day which was held on September 16.

D63 – Edwin has been visiting Spanish groups in this District, promoting PI work and has requested racks for his District.

D52 – reported they have Pamphlet Racks in 5 Treatment Facilities in their District.

A67 – Charlie and I participated with the Area CPC group at the Houston Recovery Initiative Workgroup Symposium held August 18, passing out pamphlets and talking to attendees.

We also had a presentation scheduled with Catholic Charities on September 21 but we had to cancel it. We will try to reschedule the event for early 2024. We will be using a PowerPoint Presentation at this event and kudos to Edwin who translated the PowerPoint into Spanish, which he will be presenting at the same event.

Charlie and I were both scheduled to attend the Regional Forum in El Paso on September 29 – October 1. Charlie was unable to attend. I attended and had a great experience.

[SCAP](#) – **Ron S.** – No report submitted

[Treatment Facilities Committee \(TFC\)](#) – **Christopher G.**

We meet the 15th of each month on Zoom, except for Holidays and weekends, when it moves to the next business day.

We still have a few positions to fill, namely an Accessibilities Chairperson and possibly, a new Alternate TFC Chairperson. The TFC Committee has a Spanish Liaison to better support Spanish Speaking Districts and to communicate TFC initiatives!

We are re-focusing on the (2) main goals that I have reported at previous Assemblies:

1. To carry the message to “newcomer clients” by providing resources to encourage AA meetings inside Treatment Facilities. For this we need District support. The TFC will provide the resources to orient Group Members and AA Volunteer with AA Guidelines & TFC Workbooks, HOWEVER, we need District-Level support to provide and facilitate meetings within our Treatment Facilities. How we direct TFC resources for this initiative is under review.

2. Timely provide Bridging the Gap (BTG) Program information to the “newcomer clients” within our Treatment Facilities. Bridging the Gap assists *the newcomer* (namely, newly discharged TF clients, hospital patients, and newly released Prison Inmates), *by bringing the newcomer* to their first meetings and *introducing the newcomer* to the fellowship of AA. Keep in mind this is basic 12th-Step work, keeping with AA’s singleness of purpose. How we direct TFC resources for this initiative is under review.

At the July Assembly the TFC Committee presented a Workshop on *How the SETA BTG Database Works*. We further presented the *Meeting Mapping Spreadsheet and How It Keeps Track of Meetings* brought into our Treatment and Outpatient Facilities. In the Breakout Meeting, we distributed Resource Binders to all the districts attending and further populated the SETA BTG Database.

In September, TFC & CFC hosted the BTGWW Workshop Weekend. During this weekend we exchanged ideas and information on *working Area Models of How to Bridge the Gap*, presented by Areas from around the US and Canada. Speakers were scheduled throughout the weekend by the GSO Treatment Facilities Staff member, by the Bridge the Gap World Wide Chairperson and Webmaster, and from the other Areas. At the GSO level, the BTG Treatment and Corrections efforts are not always on the same page, but together and separately developing guidelines and updating Pamphlet(s) regarding BTG, rather than developing one common BTG Workbook. Each Area is allowed to adopt BTG measures suitable for their particular needs.

Also in September, TFC members participated in a special meeting to discuss our Mission Statement and share our views as to what that means to us individually. The general consensus shows that we should focus our efforts and resources more towards encouraging and facilitating meetings inside Treatment Facilities. Bridging the Gap efforts would assume a lesser role and less resources.

Historically, the BTG program has been a TFC and a CFC function within AA. In SETA, BTG efforts have been a major part of TFC activities for the past 2½ rotations, by means of the BTGWW Temporary Contact Program. Since last year, the CFC Committee has been wanting to utilize the BTGWW Resource to make “Bridges” for inmates. They were instrumental in bringing the BTGWW Workshop Weekend to Houston. In July of this year, CFC and TFC came together with the BTGWW Collaborative Mailbox, which utilizes the SETA Volunteer Database to coordinate “Bridges” for facility clients and prison inmates with AA Volunteers.

Intergroup Liaison Reports

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Brazos Valley Intergroup – Rachel S.

I am pleased to announce the new business hours of operation we’ve implemented have been a success. As of now they are Wednesday and Saturday from 11am-3pm. If you place an order online and are not available during office hours, you can choose a time and day which works for you and will be given a temporary code to the Intergroup office so you can pick up your order if no one is there working.

As of now we’re still working on finding more available volunteers to have an evening shift, since there are large meetings then where the store is located at our club. Eventually we would like to see the store open 5 days a week once we have enough indication for demand to have the store open that many days.

The 24-hour hotline still averages about 1-2 calls a day, with 60 volunteers who rotate 5-10 each week to answer hotline

calls. This method has been working effectively, and all calls are being handled very efficiently.

Oct 21st we are having elections for Trustees at Large. We will be electing a new Treasurer, Secretary and Security Officer. 2 of the 3 positions have been vacant for some months now, so it will be very exciting to have these positions filled so that our Intergroup is being run as efficiently as possible.

[Houston Intergroup](#) – Taylor C.

Old Business Announcements:

- Volunteers are still being called to help the Houston Intergroup office deep clean their facilities once a month every 2nd Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
- Intergroup held its Fall Workshop on Saturday, September 23rd, 2023. Brian A. w/ 30 years, led the workshop on Emotional Sobriety. The event was a great success and was completely sold out. Thank you to everyone who came out to support!
- The Houston Intergroup has ended its search for a full time Administrative Assistant. Janet D. from the Lambda Group has joined our staff team, bringing with her a wealth of experience and 18 years of sobriety.

New Business Announcements:

- Houston Intergroup is Seeking Trustees to the Intergroup Board! Serving as a Trustee on the Intergroup Board brings with it some exciting responsibilities and rewarding experiences! Regular tasks for trustees include: attending board of trustees monthly meetings, attending bi-monthly delegates meetings, participating in service committees, attending Intergroup-sponsored activities, visiting groups around the Houston Intergroup area in an effort to attract Intergroup's service to the Fellowship, and selecting and supervising the Executive Secretary who is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Houston Intergroup Office.
- The Houston Intergroup Board of Trustees would like to invite all group Intergroup delegates to attend our next delegates meeting on Thursday, October 19th at 8pm. We have a very exciting agenda with our annual elections for trustees and a special 20- minute presentation from our Area 67 Delegate, Rick M.
- The Intergroup office would like to remind all our groups to continue sending in their updated meeting information to the office to keep our Meeting Guide app current & accurate.

Upcoming 2023 Events (Save the Dates):

- Intergroup's 60th 'Diamond' Anniversary will be held NEXT SATURDAY, October 21st at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church on W. Alabama from 11 to 6 pm. Flyers are now available around the assembly. Doors open at 10:30am, a free lunch is being served at 12:30pm, catered by Maggiano's, cake will be cut at 3:45, followed by a DJ and dancing at 4pm. Intergroup wants to thank our entire local fellowship for its support over the incredible 60-year journey and encourages everyone to attend and celebrate this amazing anniversary together.
- Intergroup's Winter Open House will be held on December 9 w/ more information to come.

[9th District Intergroup](#) – James K.

- D90 Intergroup Bookstore is fully stocked and full funded. Our orders are being filled as ordered and promptly. Hours of operation are 10am-3pm M-F.
- We currently have three room meetings registered with the District: West End Group–Beaumont, Port Arthur Group, Any Lengths Group.
- Our Stepping Stones newsletter has almost 200 subscriptions, both mailing and email.
- Our 24-hour Hotline is fully operating **409-832-1107**. We are always looking for volunteers to fill time slots.

[Oficina Intergrupala Hispana \(D63, 64, 65\)](#) – Dimas S.

Twelve Steps Committee: Takes calls asking for information about A.A. meetings. We give them information about groups closest to them.. Our phone line is rotated around by members of the committee. **Hotline: (281) 727-6648**

Message to Women Committee: Has a phone line where women request information about AA. They provide the interested person with information of the closest groups to their area. **Coordinator: Yesenia I.**

Media & Public Relations Committee: They currently share every Friday on Radio Maria (a local Catholic radio station) on which they give us an hour from 5-6 p.m. **Tel: 281-948-8961**

Archive Committee: This committee is in charge of maintaining the information for the bulletin "Transmitelo" up to date, updates the directories of the Houston area groups and Alcoholics Anonymous events.

Special Events Committee: Collects funds for events related to Alcoholics Anonymous.

Treatment Facilities Committee: Goes every Friday from 6-8pm to Iglesia Catolica San Patricio, 4810 Moody St, Houston TX 77009. **Ph: 832-546-0479**

Office: We also have a secretary that works Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Saturday from 9am 1pm. Our office serves 34 groups from which there is an average attendance of 15-23 IOR.

[Intergrupo Hispano Del SW \(D66 & 62\)](#) – Martin M. – No report submitted

District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

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[District 10](#) – OPEN

[District 20](#) – Sarah L.

Meetings: Meet 2nd Thursday of the month by Zoom. Attendance is anywhere from 3-8 on average. However, interest and participation has increased.

GSR representation: We now have a good database to refer to and I have begun to contact the GSRs and groups to cultivate GSR participation in the District. Our secretary, Callie M, is assisting us in this and we will also be going out to the groups that don't have GSRs and see about getting them on board to participate.

The LaBranch Street Group has moved to District 20. They were in District 10, which is inactive, and have come to District 20 for greater participation in our Area. Thank you Lucky, who is GSR of the group, for your inspiration and work getting this move approved.

Projects: We hosted a Grapevine Writing Workshop August 12th at Lambda and it was attended by about 10 individuals. In 2024 we will likely conduct two workshops and have talked about a potluck or something similar for our groups and GSRs. We are going to participate in volunteering with hospitality for the SETA Convention.

Goals: Our goal is to have as much participation as may be possible. To, by example, show those in the groups the necessity and productive result and joy of full participation in our group, District, and Area.

[District 31](#) – Jennifer C.

Our district meetings are hybrid; starting this month we are moving from Zoom to Google Meet.

Our district has researched the 8 unknown groups to determine that they do not exist. We have submitted the information to our District Registrar to update GSO. At the District meeting for October, we will discuss going to the groups that do not have a GSR to let them know we are here for them.

In August, the Delegate and Alt. Delegate came and gave their report from the General Service Conference. We were excited for the turnout of GSRs and especially the visitors from other groups within our district.

September we had a district inventory. Thank you Pam for helping with this. There were some really good questions to ask ourselves as a district. We are looking forward to the suggestions and feedback. Some information we have started to work on such as updating our SETA.org home page and the SETA shared drive for District 31 to continue to get the information out there.

We do have two open positions at our district, one is ALT DCM and the other is Literature Chair.

As DCM for District 31, I have been able to attend several groups, group consciences, help with a Grapevine workshop, and attend a group's anniversary. I have felt very welcome and enjoy meeting and listening to fellow alcoholics share their experience, strength and hope. I am very humbled to serve God and my fellows.

District 32 – Kim C.

District 32 and the Grapevine Committee conducted a writing workshop at the Cypresswood Group on 9/23. It went well. We are also holding a Third Legacy lunch-and-learn at the Safe Harbor group in the Woodlands on 11/11. We placed a public service announcement in the Spring area Community Impact paper and are looking into one in Spanish as well. We are working to combine the Fellowship Connection and SETA databases in a spreadsheet to verify data validity and are hoping to send out letters to District 32 groups.

The Outreach Committee has not been very active this quarter. The drawing we are holding for a free hotel room at the SETA convention has been increasing interest and attendance at our district meeting. We are buying materials for newcomer packets to have available for our groups. I have gone to another district's meeting to learn how other districts are running their meetings. I got tons of information and will be making some changes to the format of our District meeting as a result.

District 33 – Tony A.

It's my honor and privilege to serve District 33 as DCM. I want to express my appreciation to District 33 for sending me to the Southwest Regional Forum. It was my second Forum, and the experience, strength, and hope shared was amazing. Also, I want to thank our Delegate Rick M. and Alt-Delegate Christina S. for coming out to the backcountry and presenting a wonderful 73rd GSC report-out last month. They make a great team.

District 33 currently serves 38 Groups, with 93 weekly meetings. Rural communities comprise the majority of District 33. There are 57 meetings in Brazos County, which includes Bryan/College Station, and 36 in the surrounding counties. Serving rural communities has its unique challenges. The meetings outside Bryan/College Station can be far apart, and they may only meet once a week. For newcomers with no driver's license or vehicle, this can mean they can't always get to their first meeting. The suffering alcoholic can be left in isolation, without hope or a solution to their drinking problem.

To help address this problem, District 33 has 80 volunteers to answer the BVIG hotline, go on twelve-step calls, and provide bridges for TFC and CFC. The District Committees are expanding access for the suffering alcoholic to contact our volunteers and for them to reach out to us. The love and support I see from the groups and members in helping the suffering alcoholic inspire me to be the best trusted servant that I can be.

Mark your calendars. The Unity Conference Committee is working hard to plan for the 2024 Unity Conference, which will be held on Friday, February 17th, and Saturday, February 18th, at the Kurten Community Center in Kurten, Texas. You get four full meals, great speakers from around the state and country, workshops, games, and door prizes for a low registration price. I hope to see you there.

Next month, the Unity Picnic will be held at Tanglewood Park, College Station, on November 11, 10 am-2 pm. Hamburgers, hotdogs, sides, and soft drinks will be served. There will also be games and a speaker. It's always a fun day for the families.

District 40 – Doug D.

We are still trying to go through the groups to get a handle on them. The problem we are running into is that there has been so much inconsistency that some groups have different names in GSO and the Meeting Guide app. With that said, there are a lot of groups that are only in the app and not registered with GSO. I know I am late in meeting Patty's request for the unknown groups but working within the anonymity of AA I can't really hand over personal information to others to help unless I strip off the contacts. So, I am chipping away at it as best as I can.

Let's get into the fun stuff now. In July we had our annual D40 traditions dinner. Mike B, our Alt DCM, did a great job and I would have to say I enjoyed it. Not only did I get to show up and enjoy the event, I was able to sit in the back and talk to a lot of the attendees. Billy N was the speaker and we are hoping to find a way to get that recording out to D40 members and others that would enjoy listening to it. We have hit a permissions issue with IT to have it on the webpage for all to download but we are still looking into other avenues.

Currently, in our budget, we fund our DCM and Alt DCM to travel and attend SWRAASA or the Forum each year. I decided to put my trip up for a lottery in the district. Anne M won and we decided to pull another name for backup. That is God doing for us what we really needed and did not know we needed it then. As life does for us in AA, it changes, so Mike had to put his trip up due to work-related travel that was in conflict that weekend. So, look at that, we were ready with a replacement, Theresa S. They just got back and Anne gave her report during our Oct meeting and we had a few others who attended join in to share their experience, strength, and food choices at the forum. I think it is good for new GSRs who might not have been to a Forum to understand what it is and what to expect when they go. We are also trying to get them geared up for SWRAASA in Dallas next year and in Houston in 2026.

Attendance in our monthly meetings is around 30. That is a mix of in-person and online. Rick stopped by to drop off our GSC final reports for our district and D32 DCM Kim stopped by to grab hers too. It was nice to get them into some of the discussions we were having. Since we did our Inventory at the beginning of the year, our Ad Hoc has finished going through and coming up with suggestions. Some have already been implemented because I have latitude to change the agenda to be more fluid. I don't know if I am doing my job too well because we finished early this month. One thing that came up during this is that we should do a financial inventory of the district also. So, I am looking into what that is and what it would take to pull it off. I do know we will be looking to rewrite our District P&P manual next year. There is just too much to change with amendments. The way we did AA pre-covid was more static and now we are a lot more dynamic.

I think we in District 40 are starting to get into stride and getting ready to sprint to the finish line. Let's see what we can all get accomplished before the end of next year.

District 51 – David D. – No report submitted

District 52 – Ricardo D.

I have good news to report: we had three new GSRs in our District! One from the Rose Ridge Group, one from the Columbus Group under new GSR from a brand-new group, "Chicks with New Glasses."

We also had various groups contributing to our district; as of now, we have plenty of funds. We are considering maybe having a hospitality room for the convention or an event in our district. I also received contributions from one of our groups for the CFC committee. I gave the \$88 from blue can contributions to the committee at their last convention.

I am trying to visit all of the groups in my district by the end of this year, and perhaps give them all the information we have available as far as the delegates and GSC report. Our district has a very spread-out range, so it will take me some time to cover all of the territory.

District 60 – Roland R.

We started this past quarter looking into groups that were registered in District 60 to see if any of them were still in existence. We didn't find any that were active.

We had our workshop Faces Of Service at the Jug group. A lot of good information was given out.

Third Tradition group had a workshop on how to Chair meetings presented by our alt-chair Art. Really informative.

Today, October 14th at 5 pm, the Rockhill group of Alcoholics Anonymous, located at 7808 Bellfort will start their 50th anniversary festivities.

Every second Sunday of the month at 5 PM RockHill group has food and fellowship. The Third Tradition group of Alcoholics Anonymous, located at 5656 Belarbor, will have their 45th anniversary November 18-19 starting 9:30AM.

The Fellowship group located at 126 Forest Hill Boulevard will have their annual Thanksgiving dinner after the 10 AM meeting on the 23rd November, Thanksgiving Day. Industrial group will have Thanksgiving gathering starting at 5PM November 23, Thanksgiving Day. Every first Saturday of the month, the Industrial group has movie night starting about 5PM.

District 60 is looking forward to having the workshop at the Industrial group, theme and time to be announced.

District 62 – INACTIVE

District 63 – Juan D.

District 63 is working well. It has nine groups and their committees. Regularly 4 to 5 GSRs attend their meeting on Saturdays. They are active groups with the district along with their DCM, who is a motivating member who is present with the committees.

It is supporting the La Viña committee on Tuesdays and their events that they have with the districts and the permanent committee of the South Texas zone. The district has a role to share on Tuesdays with its groups and shares with the groups that invite them to their unity cycle, giving life to all Hispanic events and SETA Area 67 events.

They participate in district meetings with Hispanic districts. To this day, District 63 is encouraging its geographic area to form its Corrections Committee and participates with Houston event organizing committees. The GSRs in our geographic area are planning to hold workshops for GSRs so that they can provide better service.

District 64 – Marco L.

Our District has 15 groups of which 8 to 12 are present each week. We have 3 committees: La Viña committee, correctional institutions committee (CFC) and literature committee.

DCMs attend the La Viña South Texas Standing Committee monthly in Austin, San Antonio and also here in Houston. The district CFC is also supported by the MCD. District 64 attends Area 67 events and Hispanic assemblies as well and that is for the sake of passing the message to the person who still suffers from alcoholism.

We attended the Area assemblies and also the Convention in January. District 64 attends the two Hispanic caucuses and also the national Hispanic convention that will be held in Seattle, Washington.

District 65 – Isidro G.

We visited the groups that belong to District #65 on Thursdays. The committees are attended by the GSRs and the service desk, always motivating servants and the functions of each servant in the district. The events in our Area 67 and events at the Hispanic level are encouraged.

Literature Committee: encourages new books and literature inventory and holds raffles to keep literature flowing.

Corrections Committee (CFC): encourages blue cans in groups. They attend the Darrington prison and bring literature that the inmates share, they meet with the other committees of the Hispanic districts every second Thursday of the month and share information. They also attend the monthly meeting of the Area 67 CFC and bring the contribution from the blue cans.

La Viña Committee: motivates subscriptions in groups, motivates writing workshops for La Viña magazine. They attend raffles to motivate La Viña literature and subscriptions. They meet with the other committees the last Thursday of every month and share ideas and information.

District 66 – Luis P.

Our District is currently working with all the groups that belong to our District. We have different committees like La Viña, CFC, Literature and some other small activities that we do during our Saturday evening.

We have 22 groups and normally 15-18 GSRs are present at our meetings. As DCMs we are trying to encourage our servants to understand our responsibilities with this Area and to send their group contributions—not only that, but to be part of general service.

District 70 – Kevin W.

District 70 meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at 7011 Spencer Hwy Pasadena, TX 77505. Thanks to all the Committee Chairs, Alternates and GSRs who serve D-70

Update through our September meeting (9-13)

- Currently District 70 works with 42 groups.
- We had 16 officers, committee members, and GSRs at our September meeting. We are looking to fill one officer position and two committee chair positions.
- Our Unity Day picnic was a success and the chair was able to put on the event below the budget.
- We have a new newsletter chair, and the chair reported that the groups are hosting so many meetings that it is becoming difficult to fit them all on the newsletter. Also, the newsletter chair has found several volunteers willing to serve on the newsletter committee.
- At our September meeting, our Grapevine Chair discussed the benefits of the Grapevine App and is working on getting members subscribed.
- Our alternate DCM is currently facilitating a GSR workshop before our monthly district meeting which starts at 6:30.
- Our CPC Chair is working with some of the doctors in the district to gain access to their facilities and connect with alcoholics in hospitals.
- All group activities continue to increase.
- We are currently in the process of preparing our 2024 budget and will be voting on the final budget in December.
- The Intergroup Communications Committee Chair visited our district in September and discussed some of the Tap Into AA Group Services and AA Intergroup Service Opportunities.
- I have visited the active and dark groups in the district, mailed our newsletter and invitations to district meetings, and will continue to visit groups with a focus on the groups who currently do not have a GSR participating in the district.

District 81 – Keith M.

State of the district: As we roll into 2023, District 81 remains very active and focused on our primary purpose. All of our committees are full and actively carrying the message in our district. Group contributions and participation remain very strong. We are looking forward to serving the rest of the year and seeing what God has in store for us as we trudge this road together.

Archives Committee: We have officially separated from District 82. They continue to reorganize the facility. They've also begun an effort to digitize all the district documents and history. The committee also has been pushing the groups for a group history for those that have not already documented one.

Correctional Facility (CFC): The CFC committee has been busy with meetings being held at Carol Young here and there. We are still having trouble getting into Galveston County but we continue to talk with them. We are hoping to be allowed back in soon. Literature is flowing into the facilities. We also attended the regional committee conference.

Public Information / Cooperation w/ Professional Community (PI/CPC): Tim and his committee are rock stars!!! This committee has been very busy this year with various Billboards in our area. They have also been placing ads in local magazines and hand outs. They continue to come up with new ways to reach the alcoholic that still suffers using QR codes and hand outs to lead newcomers to local resources.

Grapevine: This committee has struggled a bit this year but recently has a new Chair and is planning several events to drive Grapevine awareness and revenue: they are looking to have a Grapevine subscription drive and host workshops in our District.

Literature: Several groups have regular literature meetings as a result that highlight different AA literature each week. They are also looking to do great things this quarter and are planning several events. They had a wonderful event last quarter.

Finance & Budget (F&B): Budgets have been submitted for 2024 and this committee continues to meet and meet the needs of the district.

Treatment Facilities (TFC): The TFC Committee is currently holding meetings on a regular basis at 5 treatment facilities. They go once a month to each facility and continue to carry the message. They hold workshops to grow committee membership on a regular basis. They have been very busy this quarter.

Newsletter: This is a new committee with the goal to highlight events, share stories of recovery and make announcements in the district. We are currently seeking a Chair for this committee.

Workshops: looking for a chair

Web Committee: This is also a new committee chartered to Design, Build and Maintain our District website. The goal is a central repository for events, committee information, group schedule for our district, etc. The site is built and is currently being refined with content and should be fully launched next month.

All in All the district is strong and growing. New groups are being formed and many groups are growing. It's been another challenging year and we are seeing better attendance across the board. We have many groups that still hold online meetings to carry the message. We are all looking forward to see what the rest of the year brings us in service!!!

District 82 – O.B. S., Alt. DCM

District 82 is a small district with only 10 groups. With only this small number of groups, we have an active District service committee. Only the positions of multilingual, IT Liaison, and Archivist are not filled at this time.

We are continuing our District on the Road, where we visit groups in our District to see where we can be of service and encourage GSR participation. We are in the process of updating the District Policies and Procedures Manual. We are also investigating the need and resources for developing a District website. Our newsletter has been well received by the Fellowship and groups in our District.

Our District committee approved a proposal from the Literature Committee to change the date of the Final Conference Agenda to be available to the entire Fellowship. This will give groups, Districts and Areas time to develop a fully informed group conscience.

District 82 Unity Day will be October 21, 2023, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Lake Jackson. Please see the available flyers.

District 90 – Julian (Juliann) L.

Alt DCM - David S is back at District 90 taking care of District business. David is a great asset to me and to District 90. District 90 is started a District Inventory this month – moderated by Troy/Melissa.

One of our main objectives is to visit every group in our District 90. District 90 had 1 new group this quarter - Crystal Beach, three new groups for this year, bringing us to 40 groups. District 90 has 134 meetings available every week – two of the groups are Spanish-speaking. District 90 also has a Spanish Intergroup Office.

The West End Group celebrated its 63rd Anniversary on July 29th. The Mid-County Group celebrated its 46th Anniversary in September. The Orange Group is celebrating its 53rd Anniversary today.

Last weekend I attended the Southwest Regional Forum. It was an experience I hope I do not soon forget. Some of the things I learned were:

- Regional Forums started in 1975 to bring GSO to the Delegates, DCMs and any other member of AA

- There is no voting – it is a weekend of learning how GSO works and exchanging information – its main function is to assist with communication but no decisions are made at the regional level
- In the words of Mike L, Interim Board Chair: “We do not all agree - that is good - we get to hear from people whose ideas are different from ours”
- We heard from the General Manager, Bob W–His socks rock!!!
 - Bob’s message to us was Regional Forum’s key word: COMMUNICATION
- We heard from two Class A Trustees – these are the Non-Alcoholics on our Board; both have worked the steps
- During the Panel of Trustees sharing our very own Beth from Area 67 spoke about the fact that in her many, many years of watching the bottom of the service triangle (I believe Beth has 45 years of sobriety), this is the first time in AA history that she remembers two of the Class A Trustees have worked the steps of AA
- We also heard from the *Grapevine* Board
 - I learned the “Man On The Bed” was done by a volunteer for Grapevine in 1955
 - At the 1967 Conference there was an Advisory Action that requested the Serenity Prayer start being printed in the *Grapevine* Magazine
 - At the 1996 International Journal of AA the 1st *La Viña* published
 - The *Grapevine* website went live 1997
 - And now in 2023 the *Grapevine* App was launched
- Now to the more challenging issues of our day:
 - GSO is in financial stress
 - Payables are in arrears; \$200,000 over 60 days past due
 - Rent was just caught up and cost us \$12,000 in late fees (which was less than we would have lost if we had prematurely cashed out CDs to pay on time)
- Things the Board is doing to help with Budget
 - December Board meeting will be virtual
 - Equipment repairs are being suspended due to lack of funds
 - Ad Hoc to look at other properties - there is currently a short list of 5 properties; they are going to compare moving expenses costs to staying where they are now
- January 2024 GSB is going to do its own Inventory
 - 12 questions – they have had meetings with regards to the questions which will be asked of themselves for the inventory. The inventory will be available once it has been done.
- In closing, there were times, during the sharing sessions, when things got a little steamy. I was able to experience AA in action when one of the Board members made a Step 10 amends to all of us and one of our Delegates also made Step 10 Amends to the Board members. This was so awesome seeing AA in action.
- In the sharing session for the First Time Attendees, I did muster up the courage to speak. I was really nervous. I will try to summarize what I shared with the Board: Honesty, Openness and Willingness is how I have grown up in AA. I went to the Forum with preconceived notions. I was, on some fronts, angry. However, after listening to what each one had to say, I now believe the GSB Members want the best that AA has to offer just like each of us do. We will not always agree; who does? However, we all love AA and want the best for our Fellowship. We want AA to continue for many, many years to come and so does the GSB.
- My prayer is that each one of you will go back to your groups and ask for an increase in contributions to the GSB so that we can work towards solvency.

Area Committee Roll Call October, 2023			
Position	Short Name	Committee	Assembly
Area Officers			
Delegate	Rick M	Present	Present
Alternate Delegate	Christina S	Present	Present
Chairperson	Bella L	Present	Present
Alternate Chairperson	Art G	Present	Present
Registrar	Patricia H	Present	Present
Alternate Registrar	Elizabeth G	Present	Present
Secretary	Allise B	Present	Present
Alternate Secretary	Edwin C	Present	Present
Treasurer	Catherine G	Present	Present
Alternate Treasurer	Aliciea M	Present	Present
Standing Committee Chairpersons			
Archives			
Alternate Archives	Carol W	Absent	Absent
CPC	Michael G	Present	Absent
Alternate CPC	Kate E	Absent	Absent
CFC	Tony W	Absent	Absent
Alternate CFC	Harold B	Absent	Absent
Finance	Reino F	Present	Present
Alternate Finance	Kristi N	Absent	Absent
Grapevine	Darryl W	Present	Present
Alternate Grapevine	Terry P	Present	Absent
IT	Sergey K	Present	Absent
Alternate IT	Brad H	Present	Present
La Vina	Misael M	Present	Absent
Alternate La Vina			
Literature	Daniel K	Present	Present
Alternate Literature	Jim M	Absent	Absent
Multi-Lingual	Janine B	Present	Present
Alternate Multi-Lingual	Dulce A	Present	Present
Newsletter	Tracy S	Present	Present
Alternate Newsletter	Fernando B	Present	Present
Public Information (PI)	Charlie W	Absent	Absent
Alternate PI	Theresa S	Present	Present
SCAP	Ron S	Present	Absent
Alternate SCAP			
TFC	Christopher G	Present	Present
Alternate TFC	Fred M	Absent	Absent

Convention Chairs			
2024 SETA Convention Chair	Joel G	Present	Present
2025 SETA Convention Chair	Cody R	Present	Present
2025 State Convention Chair	Melissa R.	Absent	Present
2025 State Convention Co-Chair	Troy B.	Present	Present
Intergroup Liaisons			
Brazos Valley Intergroup	Rachel S	Present	Absent
Houston Intergroup	Taylor C	Present	Present
Ninth District Intergroup	Peter M	Absent	Absent
Ninth District Intergroup Alternate	James K	Absent	Present
Oficina Intergrupa Hispana D63,64	Dimas S.	Absent	Absent
Oficina Intergrupa Alt Hispana (D 63,64)	Jose M	Absent	Present
Intergrupo Hispano DelSW (D 62. 65, 66)	Martin M	Absent	Absent
Intergrupo Hispano Alt DelSW (D 62. 65, 66)			
DCMs			
District 10 DCM			
District 10 Alt DCM			
District 20 DCM	Sarah L	Present	Present
District 20 Alt DCM	Linda G	Absent	Present
District 31 DCM	Jennifer C	Present	Present
District 31 Alt DCM	Doug C	Present	Present
District 32 DCM	Kim C	Present	Present
District 32 Alt DCM	Mark E	Present	Present
District 33 DCM	Tony A	Present	Present
District 33 Alt DCM	Cody R	Present	Present
District 40 DCM	Doug D	Present	Present
District 40 Alt DCM	Mike B	Absent	Absent
District 51 DCM	David D	Present	Present
District 51 Alt DCM			
District 52 DCM	Ricardo D	Present	Present
District 52 Alt DCM	Michael J	Present	Present
District 60 DCM	Roland R	Present	Present
District 60 Alt DCM			
District 62 DCM			
District 62 Alt DCM			
District 63 DCM	Juan D	Present	Present
District 63 Alt DCM	Ivan L	Absent	Absent
District 64 DCM	Marco L	Present	Present
District 64 Alt DCM	Jose M	Present	Present
District 65 DCM	Isidro G	Present	Present
District 65 Alt DCM	Marvin P	Absent	Present
District 66 DCM	Luis P	Present	Present
District 66 Alt DCM	Wilfredo G	Absent	Absent
District 70 DCM	Kevin W	Present	Present

District 70 Alt DCM	Sara B	Absent	Present
District 81 DCM	Keith M	Present	Present
District 81 Alt DCM	Danny G	Absent	Present
District 82 DCM	Jackie M	Absent	Absent
District 82 Alt DCM	OB S	Present	Present
District 90 DCM	Julian (Juliann) L	Present	Present
District 90 Alt DCM	David S	Absent	Absent
Other			
Archivist	Eddie R	Present	Present
Webmaster	Susan W	Absent	Present
Alt Webmaster	Cheryl M	Present	Present

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- Our meetings in print—starts with the Preamble, ends with the Serenity Prayer.
- Our flagships, now and in the future.

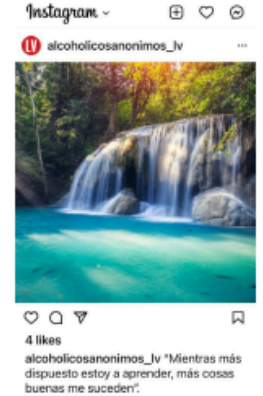
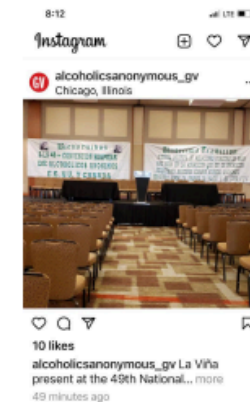


The AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour

- The Grapevine Podcast premiered October 2021.
- Over 570,000 listens to date. Listenership up 4% in the past month.
- In top 5% of all podcasts
- Available on numerous platforms, and at aagrapevine.org/podcast



Grapevine and La Viña on Instagram GV = 10,800 LV = 1,401



Grapevine & La Viña Apps



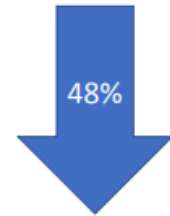
iPhone



Android

Periodical Publishing Industry Revenue

- 2007 \$46 Billion
- 2020 \$24 Billion



- A 48% decrease in revenue in magazine publishing

Meeting readers where they are

- Daily reading habits of North Americans
 - Newspapers and magazines 11 minutes
 - Smart Phone 3 hours plus
 - 84% of households have at least one smartphone
 - Average person looks at their smartphone every 5 ½ minutes
- New York Times Example
 - Print subscriptions 740,000
 - Digital Subscriptions 9,600,000
 - Entertainment Weekly, In Style, Eating Well, Health, and Parents went all-digital in 2022.



Keep Tradition, Enliven Digital

- Print continues as flagship for traditional subscribers to Grapevine and La Viña, Corrections, H&I, groups and for 12th Step work. **The magazines are not going away!**
- Invest our finances, time and resources in the infrastructure and staffing for digital delivery of content and services.



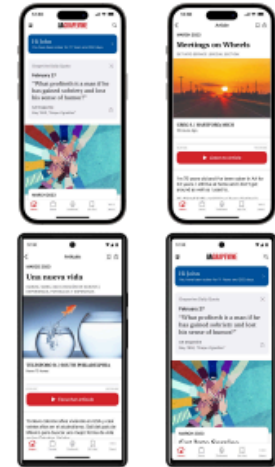
AA Success in mobile digital delivery

- AA Grapevine podcast
 - 565,000 downloads to date
 - 92% using mobile devices
 - 6% growth in listenership over the last 90 days
 - Listenership in top 5% of all podcasts
- Meeting Guide app
 - Currently on 627,460 smartphones
 - 596,000 active users
- Instagram: Grapevine and La Viña
 - Over 12,200 followers



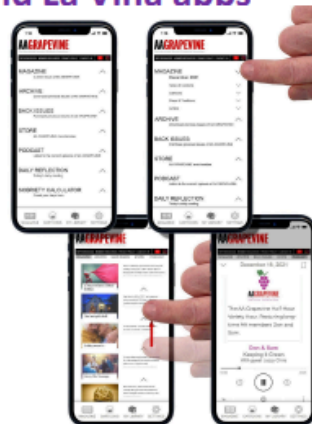
Grapevine and La Viña apps

- Four Apps: GV, LV, iPhone and Android
- Easy to use
- One tap access, passwords embedded
- Fun to engage with: Interactive, sharing thoughts, sharing stories, sharing info
- Personalize with sobriety date, favorite meetings, and spiritual maintenance checklist
- Exclusive content for app users
- Share your Experience, Strength and Hope on articles
- More opportunity to publish your articles
- Share articles with your group, with friends



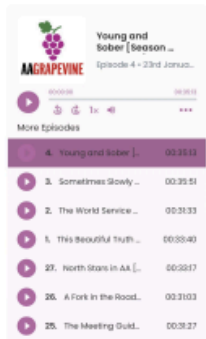
Enthusiasm for Grapevine and La Viña apps

- Fellowship support and ideas
 - Regional Forums
 - Assemblies
 - ICYPAA
- National AA Technology Workshop
 - Audio playlists
 - Sharing comments, stories
 - Discussion topics



Benefits

Grapevine La Viña always on hand	Guide Personal Recovery and help you help other alcoholics
Build Community App Exclusive Stories Share thoughts Share stories Improved Events Calendar	Member Driven Distribution Grapevine and La Viña Experience, Strength and Hope



FEBRUARY 2023 | MAKING AMENDS | SPECIAL SECTION
Making the rounds
 BY: LENNOX S.B. | SAN DIEGO, CALIF.
 With his sponsor's help, he headed for an ex's funeral to make a few amends. Turned out, there were more than a few.

"Sobby died. The funeral's in three days," the voice on my answering machine said. I was devastated. But I was sober. Kathy and I had broken up two years earlier, after having lived together for nine years. Like married folks, we had bought a house together. But she wouldn't marry me because she said I was an alcoholic. Now she was gone and it hit me hard. I thought about the severe damage I had done to her in our time together.

Benefits

Send articles to Friends Chat on the topic	Keep track of spiritual practices Daily checklist Meeting alerts
Listen on the Go Podcast player Magazine audio playlist	Get Published! More room for more submitting, sharing Comment on Articles

Download the app

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Help Grapevine and La Viña Help Others

Spread the word to your group and at events.

Thank You!

