

District 81 Committee Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2022

Call to Order: Danny G. – Serenity Prayer

Traditions/Concept: Concept 9 read by Linda

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Danny G. with the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call: 40 total committee members (29 voting 11 non-voting) and 9 visitors. 49 total attendees.

Danny G. called the meeting to order. Concept 9 was read by Linda. Cindy performed the roll call. There were 49 attendees, including 40 committee members (29 voting and 11 non-voting). The meeting minutes for August 2022 were presented. A motion was made by Linda to accept the minutes as written and it was seconded by Tiffany. Treasurer's Report for August 2022 was presented by Kirsten. A motion was made by Tiffany to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and it was seconded by Cindy.

Committee Reports:

1. Archives – Report presented by Wes. Meet last Friday monthly @ Alvin Taylor Street @ 2pm. Worked on 2023 Budget. Contact Archives to get your own group history for your group completed or to record member's stories in your group. Contact Archives for your event to use the display board.
2. Correctional Facility (CFC) – Report presented by Daryl and stated they are back into Carol Young Unit. It was good turnout, and they are getting more time for meetings. He went to Galveston Co. last night for the first time. CFC conference this weekend. **NEED MALE VOLUNTEERS** to get more meeting opportunities inside the jails. Fill out form to get approved w/copy of DL, SSN, and notary. CFC meets 2nd Wednesday monthly at 630p at BAC.
3. Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community (PICPC) – Report presented by Tim L. Today was the Texas A&M Health Fair in Galveston. Tim, Tom, and Paul were in attendance. Looking at 2023 Budget and more PSAs.
4. Grapevine (GV) – Report presented by Linda. The GV is a meeting in print. Committee met and had 4 out of 5 members in attendance. Will be at workshop this weekend. Meeting on Zoom at 6pm the first Tuesday of the month. Cindy said, if your group has no GV Rep, the responsibility falls on GSR.
5. Literature – No report given. Committee meeting held every 3rd Wednesday @ 7p @ BAC in Rooms E&F.
6. Finance and Budget (F&B) – Brandi presented the report. 2023 Budgets due Sept. 15.
7. Treatment Facilities (TFC) – John C. presented the report. Met last Wednesday on Zoom. Took AA into Into 2 Action, Kemah Palms, and BARC. TFC Workshop on 10/15 from 1-3pm at BAC. **NEED VOLUNTEERS**. See John C.
8. Newsletter – Gwen presented report. Printed 60 copies. Grab some to take. GSR take back to groups to submit ideas to Gwen gwen.r@aa-seta.org.

9. Workshop – Catherine G. presented the report. Workshop Saturday. Register by Friday. **NEED HELP SETTING UP/TEAR DOWN.**
10. Website – Carlyn presented report. The expense form is on the website under “District info”. WIX keeps track of web traffic.
11. Registrar – Cindy performed Roll Call (results above).

Old Business:

1. N/A

New Business:

1. Delegate Kris – One group in District 81 is contributing data for a membership survey in SW Area. Everything that happened at the conference is public information as far as Advisory Actions. 34 approved Advisory Actions at conference. Preamble changes and plain language big book were not rescinded. Equitable Distribution workload (EDW) is to relieve Literature Committee of their numerous agenda items. Items will be distributed to other committees. September 25th is the deadline to submit future agenda items. Story submission to be put in the big book 5th ed is due October 31. Staff changes at GSO were discussed. Rick, Alt-Delegate said to stand for any position you qualify for at Area Assembly.

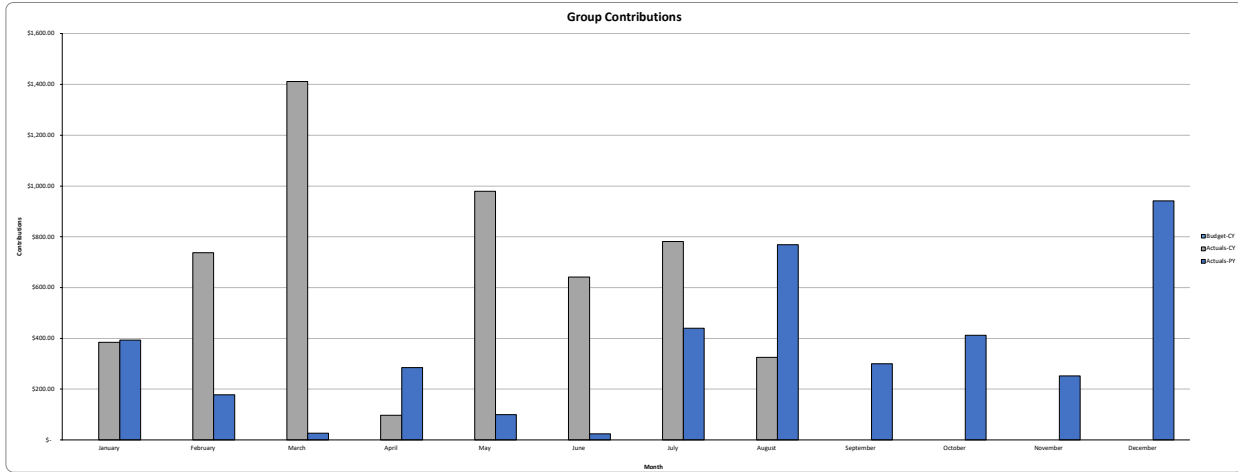
GSR Sharing: N/A

AA Group Announcements:

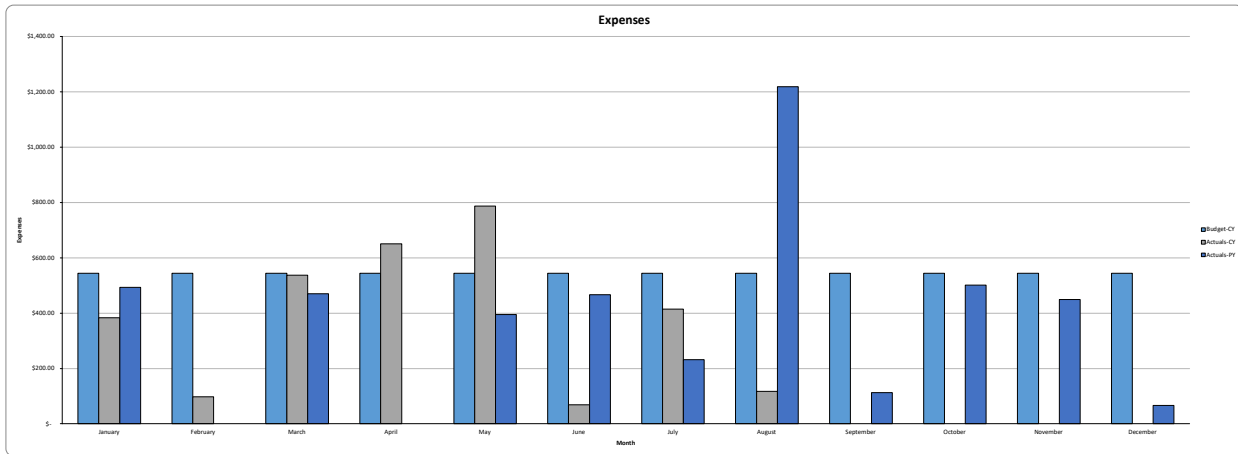
1. SETA Assembly Oct 1-2: Be in attendance because it is a voting assembly
2. SWRAASA
3. District 81 Elections-Next Month

Motion to close the meeting was made by Brandi and seconded by Tiffany. Meeting closed.

D81 Budget Summary	
Opening Checkbook Balance	\$ 14,015.54
Group Contributions	\$ 325.00
Other Contributions	\$ -
Less Expenses	\$ 117.49
Net Income	\$ 207.51
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 14,223.05
Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds	\$ (2,000.00)
Unused Budget (Restricted Deficit)	\$ (4,683.65)
Available Funds	\$ 7,539.40



Income	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD
Budget-CY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Actuals-CY	\$ 385.00	\$ 736.67	\$ 1,411.98	\$ 96.77	\$ 979.23	\$ 641.96	\$ 781.61	\$ 325.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,358.22
Actuals-PY	\$ 394.00	\$ 177.00	\$ 25.95	\$ 284.88	\$ 100.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 769.14	\$ 300.00	\$ 412.19	\$ 252.37	\$ 941.72	\$ 4,121.25



Expenses	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD
Budget-CY	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.21	\$ 544.17	\$ 6,530.48
Actuals-CY	\$ 383.88	\$ 97.94	\$ 537.12	\$ 650.74	\$ 787.06	\$ 69.21	\$ 414.41	\$ 117.49	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,057.85
Actuals-PY	\$ 493.59		\$ 470.44		\$ 395.17	\$ 466.21	\$ 231.96	\$ 1,218.80	\$ 112.73	\$ 501.20	\$ 449.38	\$ 66.23	\$ 4,405.71

Group Name:	Group #:	Budget	Month												YTD
		\$ 8,010.00	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
1500 Group	605576				\$ 150.00										\$ 150.00
33rd Street Galveston	112991		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00			\$ 75.00							\$ 175.00
6th Street Group	130132						\$ 100.00								\$ 100.00
Alvin Group	112839				\$ 876.98										\$ 876.98
Back To Basics - Texas City	677753														\$ -
Bacliff 11th Street Group	692944			\$ 250.00											\$ 250.00
Broad Highway	?????														\$ -
Breakfast Club	?????														\$ -
Certain Steps	????														\$ -
Clear Lake City Group	127766														\$ -
Daily Bread	174610														\$ -
Dickinson Bayou Group	135993							\$ 118.79							\$ 118.79
Early Birds????	173796														\$ -
Early Workers Group	637694			\$ 133.33											\$ 133.33
Edgebrook Group															\$ -
Fresh Start Group	176723														\$ -
Galveston Day Group	120778														\$ -
Happy Destiny Group	720976														\$ -
Happy Hour Group (BAC)	173018						\$ 414.00		\$ 169.50						\$ 583.50
Hitchcock Group	653384														\$ -
Hope Seekers (Pearland)	652766					\$ 96.77									\$ 96.77
Houston, We Have a Solution (BAC)	????														\$ -
Imperfect Nooners	699570														\$ -
Jamaica Beach	142623		\$ 110.00				\$ 45.00			\$ 250.00					\$ 405.00
Keep It Simple Sweetheart- KISS (BAC)	165384									\$ 75.00					\$ 75.00
Keep On Steppin (Friendswood)	669720														\$ -
Lambda-Galveston	129176								\$ 230.14						\$ 230.14
Live at 5 (BAC)	625071			\$ 217.95				\$ 171.37							\$ 389.32
New Day Group	173527			\$ 100.00					\$ 250.00						\$ 350.00
Night Owls	???														\$ -
Pearland Beginner's Group	689399														\$ -
Pearland Monday Night Group	617706						\$ 140.20								\$ 140.20
Pearland Thursday Gratitude	663342				\$ 150.00										\$ 150.00
The Phoenix AA Group (Galveston)	143647														\$ -
Phoenix Women's (Pearland)	667965														\$ -
Post Office Men's Group	696589														\$ -
Pearland Promises Group	658274														\$ -
Seabrook Serenity Sisters	702461														\$ -
Safe Haven P-11	721635														\$ -
Santa Fe AA Group	164289														\$ -
Serenity Group (BAC)	165186			\$ 185.00		\$ 246.00			\$ 131.97						\$ 562.97
SIS Group (UTSC)	175066														\$ -
Steps To Freedom	????														\$ -
Sunday Morning Big Book Study	????							\$ 76.80							\$ -
Sunrise Group - Friendswood	697994			\$ 35.39			\$ 34.03								\$ 69.42
Sunshine Women's	161959														\$ -
Sobriety of Two Wheels (BAC)	705422														\$ -
Texas City Group	113214														\$ -
Waterfront Group/Noon at the Creek	632178														\$ -
West Isle Group	112992		\$ 225.00												\$ 225.00
What's the Point	672040							\$ 200.00							\$ 200.00
This Side of the Lake (UTSC)	626940														\$ -
Young, Wild & Free (BAC)	713122														\$ -
Total Group Contributions:			\$ 385.00	\$ 736.67	\$ 1,411.98	\$ 96.77	\$ 979.23	\$ 641.96	\$ 781.61	\$ 325.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,281.42
% of Budget			4.8%	9.2%	17.6%	1.2%	12.2%	8.0%	9.8%	4.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	65.9%
Other Contributions:			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Contributions:			\$ 385.00	\$ 736.67	\$ 1,411.98	\$ 96.77	\$ 979.23	\$ 641.96	\$ 781.61	\$ 325.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,281.42

	Original Budget	Budget Amendments	Revised Budget	Month												YTD	Variance to Budget Favorable/(Unfav.)
				January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		
Administrative Expenses																	
DCM	\$ 745.00		\$ 745.00													\$ -	\$ 745.00
Alternate DCM	\$ 495.00		\$ 495.00													\$ -	\$ 495.00
District	\$ 850.00		\$ 850.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 291.70	\$ 50.00	\$ 163.68			\$ 47.76					\$ 603.14	\$ 246.86
	\$ -		\$ -													\$ -	\$ -
Secretary	\$ -		\$ -													\$ -	\$ -
Treasurer	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00													\$ -	\$ 50.00
Registrar	\$ -		\$ -													\$ -	\$ -
D81 Website	\$ -		\$ 800.00				\$ 51.83									\$ 51.83	\$ 748.17
Regional SWAARSA	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00													\$ -	\$ 300.00
Service Expenses																	
Archives	\$ 480.00	\$ 411.02	\$ 891.02	\$ 120.00		\$ 245.42	\$ 411.02				\$ 43.16					\$ 819.60	\$ 71.42
Correctional Facilities	\$ 800.00		\$ 800.00							\$ 103.79						\$ 103.79	\$ 696.21
PI/PCP	\$ 1,110.48		\$ 1,110.48	\$ 263.88				\$ 400.00								\$ 663.88	\$ 446.60
Finance & Budget	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00													\$ -	\$ 100.00
Grapevine	\$ -		\$ -													\$ -	\$ -
Treatment Facilities	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00				\$ 125.98		\$ 23.46	\$ 19.82						\$ 169.26	\$ 230.74
Literature	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00													\$ -	\$ 100.00
Newsletter	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00													\$ -	\$ 100.00
District Events																	
Assembly Hosting	\$ -		\$ -													\$ -	\$ -
Workshop	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 47.94		\$ 11.91	\$ 223.38	\$ 45.75	\$ 290.80	\$ 26.57					\$ 646.35	\$ 353.65
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 6,530.48	\$ 411.02	\$ 7,741.50	\$ 383.88	\$ 97.94	\$ 537.12	\$ 650.74	\$ 787.06	\$ 69.21	\$ 414.41	\$ 117.49	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,057.85	\$ 4,683.65

Release of Funds

Remaining Restricted not Including the Prudent Reserve

\$ 4,683.65

% of Budget

5.0% 1.3% 6.9% 8.4% 10.2% 0.9% 5.4% 1.5% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 39.5%

Balance per Bank as of August 1, 2022

Add: Deposits in Transit	\$	-
Less: Outstanding Checks:		
Check#		
Check#		
Check#	\$	-
Check#	\$	-
Check#	\$	-
Check#	\$	-
Check#	\$	-
Adjusted Bank Balance:	<u>\$</u>	<u>-</u>

Friday, 8/26/22 | 2pm

District 81 Archives Meeting

Present-Wesley S, Tiffany S, Ellen R

Absent-Dana H, Tom B, Johnny S, Ben B, Ned H, Kunal M

Committee Positions and Agreements:

Dana: Chair

Tom: Treasurer

Ned: Outreach and Interest

Wesley: Key holder/ Audio Archiver

Ellen: Secretary / **Scanned Document Archiver**

Tiffany: Interviewer / Visual Display Archiver

Ben:

Johnny: Mascot

Meeting was called to order by Wes with the Serenity Prayer

Projects Discussed:

#1 *Per Dist. 81 meeting Mar. 2nd access to AA Archives email address: TIFFANY*

- Action: Each committee member to go to SETA web and register for seta archives Gmail (inner organizational communication device).
- Task Master: Tiffany, Ellen, Tom, Dana (Wes is now Dist. 81 Secretary and will have one through his new office)
- Dana has archives Gmail info
- **Update and discussion:**
- **Wesley got email**
- **Tiffany is working to get aa-seta.org email. Area assembly worked on getting Archives general email address through G-space.**
- We have email address and workspace. Will come next month with more info and training. District-81-archives@aa-seta.org

#2 *Digitizing archive documents & audio library of cassettes for future Dist. 81 website and other opportunities*

- ***We need to price an external hard drive for Archives: Tiffany did!***
- ***We hope to make all newly digitized archive items available on the new seta website.***
- Action: Scanning hard copy documents and organizing digital copies into an easily accessible format. **Ellen took 2 selected documents for scanning to be returned at next archives meeting, TBA: Ellen Broke Leg.** Plan to scan “Diary

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug

of Two Motorcycle Hobos” from Pete L. by Lillie Mc (Lowery, TX Archive copy) and “A Pre-AA History Book” by Bob S

- Action: Purchase cassette to MP3 converter and organize digital copies into an easily accessible format. Wesley and Tiffany have one!
- Task Master Documents: Ellen has access to digital emailing scanner at Unity Bay Area Houston
- Task Master Audio: Wesley took record and cassettes to try
 - Wesley will contact resources within AA
- Update and discussion:
- Need Hard Drive
- Need Budget-Sept 2022 for items: Printing, Hard Drive, Audio Transfer, Send Archivist to Conferences
- Put on District 81 Website Audio Files, Email Contacts, Documents
- Write up Request for funds send to District 81
- For 2023 Budget Dist 81 buys ink, paper, scanner?, Velcro for board, board stuff, HD, Audio Recording device, replace cork board in depository.
- Tiffany-Software for transferring cassettes to digital, ext-HD.
Ellen-ink, paper, board stuff.
Dana/Tom-Cork board.
Wes-Hotel Rooms for Area.

#3b Recording Old Timers Project

- Action: Overview the Archives Workbook to learn suggested method and questions of interest to AA Archives.
- Action: Select and confirm Old Timer, scheduling a date and time/ IF on the spot, having list of AA Archive questions on hand and a recording device (phone)
- Task Masters:
- Update and discussion:
- K. Ball Withers
- Request in District 81 Newsletter
- Group Histories
- K. Ball withers? 50 years this month
- Ellen asked Shrimper Ray

New Business:

Dates to take Board:

Oct 1-2 Christina

Oct 29 Fall Fling-BAC

Sept 10 Workshop

Succession Plan

Old Business:

SF Group requests board.

Tom Cleaned Repository

TFC Monthly Report to District 09-07-2022

Activities during the month:

- Held our monthly committee meeting 8-31-2022, 6:30 via zoom.
- Five members were in attendance.
- Presentations during August were Into Action was 8-9-2022 live, GotoMeeting for BARC was 8-23-2022, Kemah Palms was a zoom on 8-9-2022 at 6;30.

Action Items:

- Upcoming meetings:
 - Into Action 9-13-2022, live:
 - Kemah Palms Zoom 9-14-2022 Zoom
 - BARC GoToMeeting 9-27-2022.
- Workshop scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 1-3 at BAC.

Goals

- Recruit more manpower to have more monthly presentations.

Announcements:

- Next TFC committee meeting the last Wednesday September 28 at 6:30 via Zoom.
- GSR's please announce to your groups about us

Workshop Committee August 2022 Report

The committee has met several times via Zoom To button up the workshop

On a sad note, our committee member Troy's husband passed, and we are deeply saddened and ask for prayers to be sent his way.

Our presenters were invited to participate in the handouts, and we are very pleased with the diverse variety of the handouts.

Handouts were approved and format was gone over again for any last-minute tweaks.

We are pleased with preregistration and are using this number for our printing packs that each participant will receive. Having said this our final printing will be Friday so please register if you have not done so. We do not have the limit that we did have for our last workshop because of the format.

We still need some help setting up and breaking down the room if you are available we will be setting up at 12 and break down directly following the workshop.

Submitted

Catherine Gregory Committee chair

The committee has decided to cancel the Committee Carnival workshop in December. Galveston County parks was notified and our deposit \$\$ will be returned within 30-45 days. We have informed Kirsten, our Treasurer, to be on the lookout.



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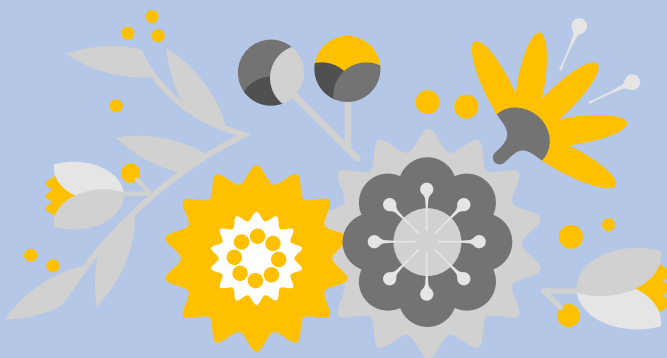


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*Step 9: Made direct
amends to such
people wherever
possible, except when
to do so would injure
them or others.*

*Tradition 9: A.A., as
such ought never be
organized; but we may
create service boards or
committees directly
responsible to those
they serve.*

*Concept 9: Good service leaders,
together with sound and appropriate
methods of choosing them, are at all
levels indispensable for our future
functioning and safety. The primary
world service leadership once
exercised by the founders of A.A. must
necessarily be assumed by the
Trustees of the General Service Board
of Alcoholics Anonymous.*



*When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for
help; I want the hand of AA always to be
there, and for that: I am responsible.*

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Upcoming Events & Committee Meetings



September 7 **Texas A & M University Galveston Campus Recreation and Counseling Health Fair** where the PI/CPC committee will have a booth! 10:00am to 2:00pm in the Flag Room and Private Dining Hall at the Galveston Campus, 200 Seawolf Pkwy, Galveston, TX 77554. Free admission!

September 7 **District 81 meeting** at Kelley's in La Marque at 7pm; 4604 Gulf Fwy, La Marque, TX 77568

September 10 **Pathways to Spiritual Awareness Workshop** hosted by District 81 Workshop Committee; 1-4 pm at Dickinson United Methodist Church, 200 FM 517 Rd W Dickinson, TX 77539

September 9-11 **SETA Correctional Facilities Conference** Doubletree Houston Intercontinental; 15747 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Houston, TX 77032; 832-883-9110

September 14 **Correctional Facilities Committee meeting** at the Bay Area Club at 6:30pm; 2111 Webster St, League City, TX 77573

September 17 **Nite Owls Annual Picnic** Challenger 7 Park, Pavilion 3, 11am-4pm 2301 W Nasa Blvd, Webster, TX 77598

September 17 **Working With Others Workshop** hosted by District 52; at Lamplighters 2425 FM 1092 Rd, Missouri City, TX 77459

September 20 **Keep on Steppin' Group's 18th Anniversary** 7-8pm; Friendswood United Methodist Church, 204 West Edgewood Dr, Friendswood, TX 77546

September 21 **Literature Committee meeting** at the Bay Area Club, room E/F, at 7pm

September 21 **Submissions for September Newsletter DUE** Please email submissions to gwen.r@aa-seta.org

September 28 **Finance & Budget meeting** at Jason's Deli in League City at 6:30pm; 2755 Gulf Fwy S, League City, TX 77573

September 28 **Treatment Facilities Committee meeting** at 6:30pm via Zoom: 868-5564-9879; passcode: 06-10-1935

September 29 **PI/CPC Committee meeting** at the Bay Area Club at 5pm

September 29 **Webmaster meeting** at the Bay Area Club at 5pm

September 30 **Archives Committee meeting** at the Alvin Taylor Street Club at 2pm; 204 S Taylor Street, Alvin, TX 77511

October 1-2 **SETA Assembly** at Doubletree Houston Intercontinental

October 7-9 **Southwest Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (SWRAASA)** \$15 registration; 6808 107th Ave, Tulsa, OK 74133; swraasa2022@gmail.com

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Features



Where and how did Ebby T. get the message that he took to Bill W.?

Most all of us know about the meeting of Ebby T. and Bill W. However, I like others, have always been curious about how Ebby T. got involved with the Oxford Groups. The following is from a book by Joe Mc Q (Of Joe & Charlie's Big Book Studies) that gives a history of what happened to a certain American businessman that had ability, good sense, and high character, but could not stay sober. His name was Rowland Hazard. The following is a chain of events to lead up to the meeting of Roland H., Ebby T., and then Bill W.

Roland Hazard was a New York investment banker suffering from alcoholism and sought help from the well-known psychologist Dr. Carl Jung. (See pages 26 and 27 of AA Big Book). Dr. Jung told Rowland there might be hope he could stay sober – if he could have a personality change through a spiritual experience.

Rowland returned to New York and found an Oxford Group, where he sought a spiritual experience. The Oxford Groups were informal fellowships of people from any and all religions who were not satisfied with their spiritual progress. Anyone could join and work through the tenets of the Group to get some spiritual growth and change their lives. The groups weren't particularly focused on the problem of alcoholism.

Frank Buchman, a Lutheran minister, was the originator of the Oxford Groups. After having an argument with board members of a boy's school in Philadelphia, Frank got mad, resigned, and left the USA to travel in Europe. In England in 1908, he went to a church meeting one night and heard a woman, Jessie Penn—Lewis, preach on resentments and forgiveness. And he was greatly moved by what he had heard.

Frank, having resentment against the six board members of the Philadelphia boy's school, went back to his room that night and wrote the board members a letter asking for their forgiveness. He later said that this action produced a sudden change in his life, an instant change.

Frank never heard back from the board members, but he began to reflect on how his life was

tremendously improved. He asked himself, how did that happen? What did I do to bring that about? If I can understand what I did, I can renew myself in any way I want to. Better than that, I can show someone else how to do it.

As he sought to understand his experience, Frank listed the things he had done: (1) he had surrendered, (2) he had admitted his sins, (3) he had shared and confessed, (4) he had made restitution, and (5) he had asked for God's guidance.

Frank Buchman was immediately successful. People who followed the procedure were changed. The Oxford Groups grew and spread. Realizing that these five basic principles were the foundation of Christianity (and of other religions worldwide), Frank called his movement "First-Century Christian Fellowship".

So, when Rowland Hazard returned to New York after consulting Dr. Jung in Switzerland, he joined the Oxford Groups and started practicing these principles. Doing so produced in him the change and the spiritual experience he sought- and as a result he stayed sober until he died.

As Rowland found sobriety, he heard that an old friend, Ebby Thatcher, was about to be committed to a mental institution for his alcoholism. Rowland and a couple of his Oxford Group members rescued Ebby from court and passed on the basic principles to Ebby in the next couple of weeks. Rowland also took Ebby to Reverend Sam Shoemaker's Calvary Mission in New York City, where they worked with people suffering from alcoholism. This became a very important part of Ebby's recovery.

Most of us pretty much know what happened from here. Ebby took the message to Bill, Bill took the message to Dr. Bob, and Bill W. and Dr. Bob took the message to Bill D., who became AA member no 3.

I found the above information very interesting because I had heard of the Oxford Groups but had never heard about Frank Buchman and how the Oxford Groups were founded. I hope you find this as interesting as I have.

Yours in service,

Tom B.

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Correctional Facilities Committee

A lot of people who volunteer to take meetings to our local jails and prisons were once themselves incarcerated due to either their drinking or troubles they caused while drinking. They know firsthand how important it is to carry the message behind bars because of the role it played in their own sobriety. But you don't have to have done time to perform this vital service. There is nothing quite as sobering as hearing those door slam home behind you, knowing that you got a second chance at life and freedom. Imagine meeting other men and women who are serving your time. And imagine sharing with them what gave you the life you have in sobriety.

The District 81 Correctional Facilities Committee takes meetings to the Carol Young Unit in Dickinson the first Monday of the month at 8:30 p.m., and to the Galveston County Jail on Tuesdays at 6p.m.

There is no minimum length of sobriety required to serve. The only requirement is a Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) volunteer training certification which can be completed online, www.tdcj.texas.gov/php/prod/volunteer_training/ is a great place to start. The CFC offered a TDCJ certification workshop every year in April until the onset of the covid pandemic. They have plans to restart the workshop in 2023, held in the big room at the Bay Area Club, featuring a guest speaker. Stay tuned for more info!

You can also get involved by becoming pen-pals with AA's behind bars. At the last CFC committee meeting there was some discussion of taking meetings to halfway houses and reaching out to people on parole. There are lots of ways we can carry the message to people in difficult and complicated situations.

While taking meetings into the prison system is powerful service work, it isn't for everyone, and it is a commitment. But the CFC could use some fresh blood!! If you would like to be a part of this committee, they meet the second Wednesday of each month at the Bay Area Club at 6:30p.m. You can also contact Brett or Darryl via email, corrections81@gmail.com.



Featured Prayer: The "Set Aside" Prayer

God,

please help me set aside everything I think I know about myself, the Twelve Steps, the Big Book, the meetings, my disease, and you God, so I may have an open mind and a new experience with all these things. Please let me see the truth.

Amen!

Submitted by Katherine R.



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Features



Public Information / Cooperation with Professional Community

The PI-CPC Committee will be participating in the Texas A & M University Galveston Campus Recreation and Counseling Health Fair.

The event will be held on Wednesday September 7, 2022, from 10:00am to 2:00pm in the Flag Room and Private Dining Hall at the Galveston Campus **Address:** 200 Seawolf Pkwy, Galveston, TX 77554.

There will be several community health organizations and service providers with the hope of providing students and staff with information on various health related topics and wellness resources. AA District 81 Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI-CPC) will have a booth. Attendance to this event is free. Come on out and visit with us.

Tim L
PI-CPC Chairperson

AA GRAPEVINE

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

Does your home group have a Grapevine Rep?

"Grapevine Representatives are the link between AA Grapevine and the groups. It's a fun way to get involved! All you have to do is announce the latest issue at your meeting, let people know how they can participate by sending in stories, or jokes. It's easy to get started. Simply let your homegroup know that you are interested. Register with us online and you will receive a complete information kit from the Grapevine office."

aagrapevine.org/get-involved/become-grapevine-rep

Like all of A.A., the primary purpose of members involved with public information service is to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Working together, members of local Public Information committees convey A.A. information to the general public, including the media.

The 1939 publication of our Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, was the first A.A. information available for the public. By 1941, several articles on A.A. in national publications helped to encourage understanding and acceptance of A.A. Also significant were good relations with professionals, such as Dr. W. D. Silkworth, Rev. Sam Shoemaker and Dr. Harry Tiebout.

In 1956, the Public Information Committee of the General Service Board was formed, with a corresponding Conference P.I. Committee established in 1961. The General Service Conference established this policy for A.A. Public Information: In all public relationships, A.A.'s sole objective is to help the still suffering alcoholic. Always mindful of the importance of personal anonymity, we believe this can be done by making known to the still-suffering alcoholics, and to those who may be interested in their problem, our own experience as individuals and as a fellowship in learning to live without alcohol.

We believe that our experience should be made available freely to all who express sincere interest. We believe further that all efforts in this field should always reflect our gratitude for the gift of sobriety and our awareness that many outside of A.A. are equally concerned with the serious problem of alcoholism.

By 1973, the General Service Conference confirmed that "We must recognize that our competence to speak about alcoholism is limited in subject matter to Alcoholics Anonymous and its recovery program."

Responding to an expressed need, the Conference recommended formation of a separate Conference Committee in 1971. Now known as the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (C.P.C.), its purpose is to better distribute A.A. information to those in contact with alcoholics through their professions. In some locales, C.P.C. and P.I. committees are separate; elsewhere they function as one committee covering two services.

It is clearly understood that both of these committees work within our primary purpose and are not in competition.

From:
www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/assets/mg-7_publicinfo.pdf

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Deciphering the Treasurers Report

DISTRICT 81 FINANCE & BUDGET

THE BREAKDOWN

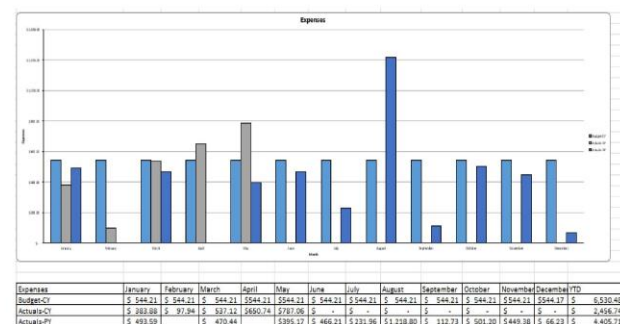
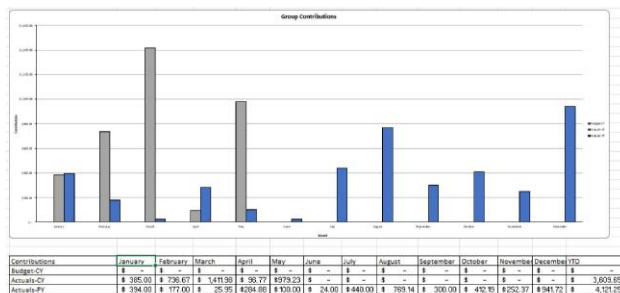
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Opening Checkbook Balance	\$ 12,883.42
Group Contributions	\$ 979.23
Other Contributions	\$ -
Less Expenses	\$ 787.06
Net Income	\$ 192.17
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 13,075.59
Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds	\$ (2,000.00)
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District 81 September 2022

Flyers

Pathways to Spiritual Awareness

Saturday, September 10, 2022
1-4 p.m.

Dickinson First United Methodist Church
200 FM 517 Rd W, Dickinson, TX 77539

Hosted by the Workshop Committee of District 81

Registration is strongly suggested by email to:
catherine.g@aa-seta.org

CHALLENGER 7 PARK, PAVILLION 3
SPEAKER RON T. @ 1PM
FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & GAMES

PLAYGROUND FOR THE KIDS
VOLLEYBALL NET
OPEN FIELD FOR FOOTBALL / KICKBALL

NITE OWLS ANNUAL PICNIC

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

FROM 11AM - 4PM

District 52 **Working With Others** Workshop

September 17th, 2022

2pm - 4:30pm

Guest Speakers

Door Prizes

**Increase your knowledge
on sponsorship**

Location: Lamplighters
2425 FM 1092 Rd.
Missouri City, TX 77459

The Keep on Steppin' Group



**Please join us in celebrating
our Group's 18th Anniversary**

Special Guest Speaker:

Holly D

AA 11-7-99

La Branch Group

SEPT 20, 2022
Fellowship & Desserts 7-7:30pm
Speaker 7:30-8:30pm

Friendswood United Methodist Church
204 West Edgewood Drive
Friendswood, TX 77546

**This night is an Open Meeting, welcome
to friends & family.**

**Come out to see us for Food, Fun, &
Fellowship!**

August in Review

Helpful Resources:

AA World Services: aa.org

Southeast TX Area 67: aa-seta.org

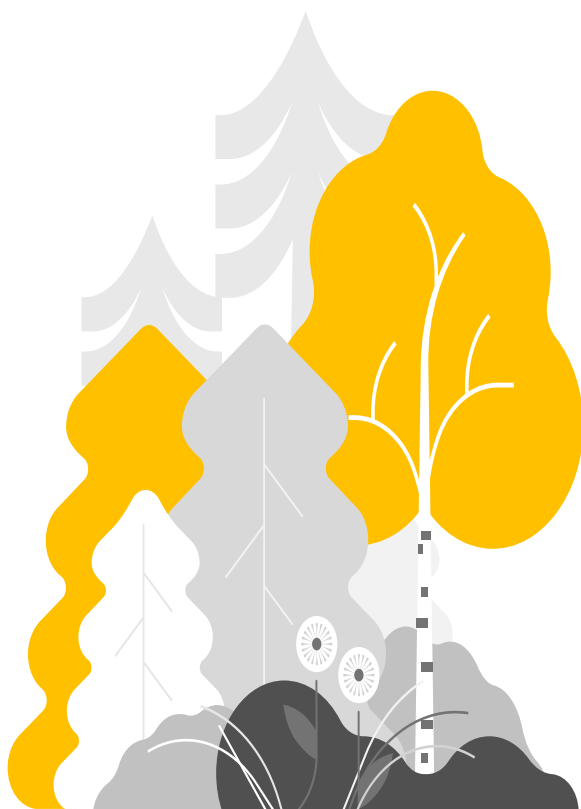
Kris H.: kris.h@aa-seta.org

District 81: aadistrict81.org

Houston AA intergroup: aahouston.org

Houston Al-Anon intergroup: houstonalanon.org

AA Grapevine: aagrapevine.org



August Finance & Budget Report

Opening Checkbook Balance:

\$14,015.54

Group Contributions:

\$325.00

Other Contributions:

Less Expenses:

\$117.49

Net Income:

\$207.51

Ending Checkbook Balance:

\$14,223.05

Prudent Reserve Emergency Funds:

(\$2,000.00)

Restricted Budget Deficit:

(\$4,683.65)

Available Funds:

\$7,539.40

For more information on the Finance & Budget Report, contact kirsten.y@aa-seta.net

Want to see your article, flyer, joke, quote, favorite prayer, artwork, or AA member shout-out featured in next month's issue?

Send it on in! → gwen.r@aa-seta.org *Submissions for October are due September 21*

Please keep submissions relevant to AA and free of profanity. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.



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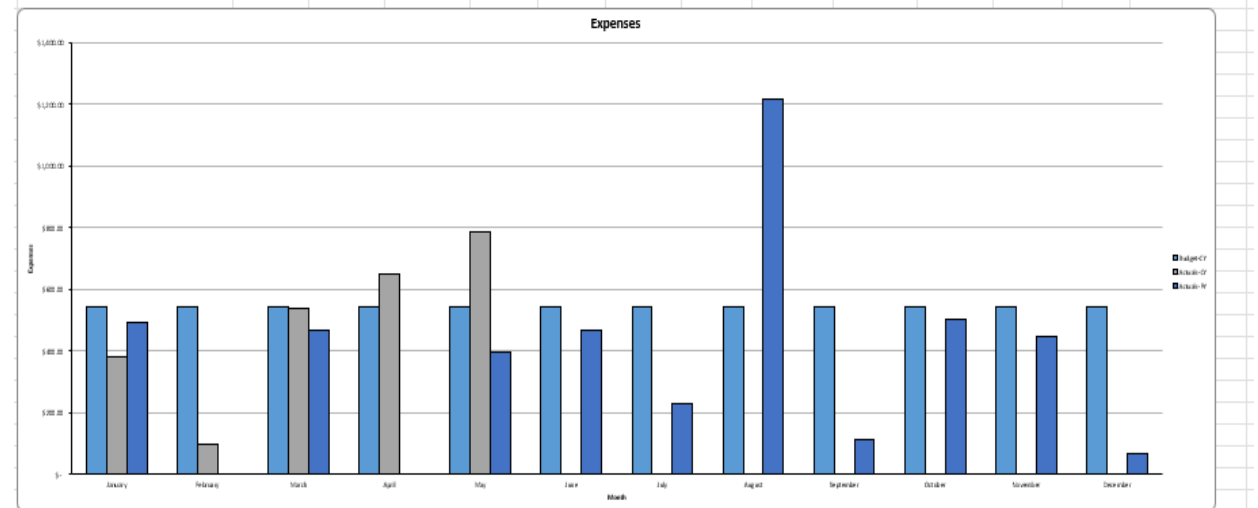
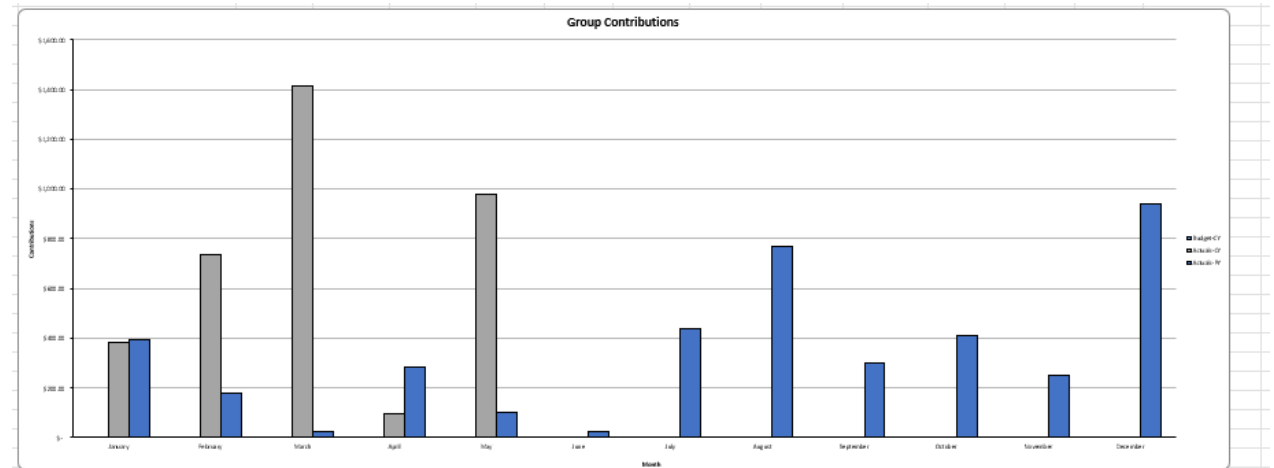
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DISTRICT 81 HISTORICAL FINANCIAL
for Budget/Forecast Considerations

		2018 Proposed Budget	2018 Actual YTD Amount
DCM (4 Area Assembly, Printing)		670.00	177.74
Alt. DCM (4 Area Assembly, Printing)		620.00	244.53
District Obligations (Rent)		300.00	250.00
District Obligations (PO Box)		100.00	102.00
Secretary		75.00	
Treasurer		100.00	79.01
Registrar		50.00	
Regional Events (Incoming DCM)		600.00	786.51
Total Administration Expense		2,515.00	1,639.79

Archives		620.00	136.18
Correctional Facilities		900.00	528.14
Cooperation w/ Prof Community & Public Info		1,565.00	1,310.66
Finance Committee		50.00	52.33
Grapevine		300.00	238.74
Treatment Facilities		420.00	220.00
Literature Committee		300.00	-
Newsletter		50.00	-
Website		-	-
Workshops			
Total Service Expenses		4,205.00	2,486.05

SETA D81 Hospitality Suite			
SETA Assembly Hosting			
Gratitude Dinner Contribution		100.00	100.00
GSR Workshop		550.00	532.65
Meeting Directories		600.00	300.00
Total District Events		1,250.00	932.65
Total Expenses		7,970.00	5,058.49

	2019 Proposed Budget	2019 Actual YTD Amount
	440.00	505.17
	440.00	148.99
	300.00	275.00
	120.00	118.00
	120.00	-
	100.00	26.39
	50.00	50.00
	325.00	472.31
	1,895.00	1,595.86

	370.00	233.33
	780.00	800.61
	1,510.00	1,002.86
	170.00	46.54
	250.00	245.67
	590.00	376.98
	485.00	346.40
	50.00	28.59
	\$0.00	-
	4,205.00	3,080.98

	1,200.00	504.50
	-	-
	-	-
	-	264.73
	-	-
	1,200.00	769.23
	7,300.00	5,446.07

	2021 Proposed Budget	2021 Actual YTD Amount
	400.00	208.26
	200.00	-
	650.00	259.76
	200.00	200.00
	100.00	-
	197.00	166.00
	100.00	-
	100.00	-
	1,947.00	834.02

	620.00	214.68
	520.00	-
	2,120.00	2,338.03
	100.00	-
	100.00	-
	300.00	133.30
	316.60	256.50
	100.00	-
	-	149.38
	612.00	479.80
	4,788.60	3,571.69

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	6,735.60	4,405.71

District 81
South East Texas Area 67
Budget Form

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