

DISTRICT 54 MONTHLY MEETING

APRIL 4TH, 2004

HELD AT THE BELMONT GROUP

- ❖ Caren M. (Belmont's GSR) welcomed the district, led in the Serenity Prayer, and read "Why Do We Need a Conference?" (AA Service Manual, p. S-19)
- ❖ Those present introduced themselves, stating their home groups and service position. Twenty-one people were in attendance, representing fifteen groups.
- ❖ Dave C. (Alt. DCM) led a discussion on the 4th Tradition.
- ❖ Pat O. (District Intergroup Liaison) led a discussion on the 4th Concept.
- ❖ Trusted Servant Reports
 - Secretary's Report (David S., Georgetown)
 - It's time to submit group updates to GSO. GSO Group Number and Founding Dates have been added to the Group Directory. David requested that each group's GSR check the directory and let him know of any corrections.
 - David read the minutes from the March 7th District meeting. The following corrections were submitted:
 - The Treasurer's name should be Sheryl R. (with an "S"), not Cheryl R. (with a "C")
 - Under the DCM's report, Combined Five asked for a \$125 contribution from the district to help pay for the NETA Fall Assembly hospitality suite, not \$100.
 - Under "Review of Conference Agenda", it should have been noted that it was presented by Joe P., NETA Panel 53 Delegate.
 - A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended, seconded, and passed.
 - Treasurer's Report (Sheryl R., Legacy Group)
 - Sheryl presented her printed report. (Copies will be available on the district web-site, or upon request.)
 - The report reflects increased expenses, but that is due to the district's contribution to help Combined Five defray the costs of the NETA Fall Assembly hospitality suite.
 - A motion was made to accept her report, seconded, and passed.
 - Correctional Facilities (PJ T., Legacy Group)
 - The Correctional Facility Committee met on March 16th.
 - District 54 will hold a Corrections Workshop on April 18th at 2:00pm at the Clean Air North Group. Martha C. (NETA CF Chair) will participate. The workshop will focus on various nuts and bolt topics. The NETA CF Committee is requesting monetary donations for the hospitality suite.
 - The next district CF meeting will be on April 13th at 7:00 pm at The Legacy Group.
 - The NETA Corrections Workshop will be held July 24th at the Elk's Lodge #71 at 8550 Lullwater Drive in Dallas.
 - Treatment Facilities (Dave R., Alt., Georgetown Group)
 - They had five people at their meeting today, representing four groups, including some new TF reps.
 - Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information (David C., Carrollton)
 - David was absent, but sent information to Jim C. The Committee is going well.
 - The School Psychiatrists Convention was very well attended and the booth was well staffed.
 - Intergroup Liaison Report (Pat O., Rowlett)
 - Pat attended the March 11th Intergroup meeting. Eight District 54 groups were represented. Overall attendance was very low, so much so that they had to have a hand count to see if there was actually a quorum.
 - There are serious concerns about money. The Intergroup Unity Picnic may have to be cancelled.
 - A new Dallas conference in August 2005 is being proposed to be facilitated by DIA, and they're looking for feedback.
 - Intergroup wants to know what groups have Young People's meetings, and when.
 - Pat asked about the Bridging The Gap program, but she doesn't get any feedback. It doesn't seem to be active.
 - She urged that groups get active Intergroup reps attending.
 - Alternate DCM / Archives Report (Dave C., Clean Air North)
 - The NETA Archives Committee met on March 18th. They held an Archives workshop at the Trinity Group on March 20th. The next Archives Committee Meeting will be held in Arlington on April 15th.
 - The NETA Archives display is available for showing at group functions.
 - Please submit group histories.
 - The District speaker list is still available.
 - DCM Report (Jim C., Lakeside Traditions)
 - The NETA Spring Assembly focused on the upcoming General Service Conference, the Delegate's report and mock committees to send Delegate informed, but not instructed.
 - Jim urged GSRs to attend assemblies.
 - The State Convention will be June 18th – 20th in San Antonio.
 - The NETA Public Information Committee Chair has appointed a Special Needs subcommittee chair.
 - NETA Treatment Facilities has updated lists of what groups are taking meetings to what facilities.
 - Big Book prices from GSO are going up \$1.
 - The motion to create a new Special Needs Committee Chair trusted servant position was approved. The first vote was 56-49. The minority voice spoke, a call was made to revote, and the final vote 72-35.
 - The motion to change the method of selecting committee chairs failed.
 - The next NETA Committee meeting will be April 10th at 1:30pm.
 - Combined Five will meet April 11th at 2pm at the Broad Highway Group. The NETA Treatment Facility Committee Chair will making a presentation. A New GSR Orientation will be held at 1pm preceding the meeting.
- ❖ A presentation was given by the NETA Grapevine / La Vina Committee Chair Alfredo G. and his alternate Lois W.
 - They're having much improved participation at their NETA committee meetings.
 - The next NETA Grapevine / La Vina Meeting will be held at the Greenville Traditions Group on April 17th at 2pm.
 - A "Grape-a-Thon" workshop celebrating the 60th Anniversary of The Grapevine will be held June 5th from 9am – 6pm.
 - Sales in the area are up.
 - New Spanish CDs should be out soon.

- You can get Grapevine / La Vina Rep. materials at www.aagrapevine.org
- ❖ Old Business
 - Ad Hoc Committee Report
 - The committee is in the process of collating the information that was gathered by committee members.
 - The intention is to have a proposed document to bring to the June district meeting, to be voted upon in July, so that it can be implemented in time for panel elections and rotation.
 - Jim C. presented a proposed modified budget. The total was unchanged, but some funds were rearranged. PJ T. requested that funds be moved from CF Literature budget to Misc. to cover copying expenses. Jim agreed. Motion made to approve budget as amended, seconded and passed.
 - With the above agreed, the agenda item to fund 12 & 12s was considered moot.
- ❖ New Business
 - Alt. DCM Dave C. requested district input on forming an archive committee (unfunded, with minor expenses absorbed by the alt. DCM budget). One of the questions brought up was what would be the purpose of this committee. In the past, the alt. DCM was responsible for keeping group histories, and district archives, only.
 - The June 6th District meeting will be held at The Rowlett Group.
 - The discussion on the 5th Tradition will be led by Jay M. (Coppell GSR)
 - The discussion on the 5th Concept will be led by Susan B. (Lake Highlands GSR).
- ❖ Group reports
 - Belmont (Caren M.) They will be discussing the suggestions arising out of their recent group inventory.
 - Rowlett (Pat O., District Intergroup Liaison) Their finances are very good. Contributions to district and GSO will be up.
 - Lakeside Traditions (John R) They're having monetary problems. Their group conscience meetings are sparsely attended.
 - Lake Highlands (Susan B.) They will be having a How to Chair a Meeting Workshop on May 16th at 3pm. They have several meetings have very low attendance of just a few people, and are trying to figure out how to boost attendance.
 - Lifesavers (Kathy C., Alt GSR) Has a new TF rep. They'll be celebrating their 22nd anniversary next month. Their last group conscience voted to make start making contributions.
 - Spiritual Principles (Mike C.) has new newcomers attending.
 - Georgetown (David S., District Secretary) They're making plans to have a How to Chair a Meeting workshop, and are expanding their meeting space.
 - Legacy (Sheryl R, District Treasurer) They're following up on their recent group inventory. The IRS has notified them that they have to report income from 7th Tradition, it exceeded \$25,000. They will be filing for 501(c)10 status.
 - Garland Clean Air (George N.) They're getting involved in taking meetings into treatment facilities. They've added two new meetings: a Big Book meeting on Thursdays at 7:30pm and a Step Meeting on Tuesdays at 7:30pm. Making contributions to 5 service entities.
 - ODAAT (James V.) Getting a number of newcomers. They recently had to have to Fire Department EMC come get a wet drunk.
 - Clean Air North (Michael W.) Finances are good. They had a big birthday night last month. Good participation at group conscience. All service positions filled. Will be celebrating their 12th anniversary.
 - Coppell (Jay M.) Their last group conscience decided to start making contributions. Has had a lot of newcomers come in recently.
 - Carrollton (David Z.) Attendance is up. They have good participation in group conscience, and growing interest in treatment facilities and other service work.

- Broad Highway (PJ T.) They're donating literature to Treatment Facilities and Correctional Facilities. Looking forward to hosting Combined Five next week.
- Trinity (Scot S.) Mark had to resign due to increased personal responsibilities. They've built a wall between their main and smaller meeting rooms. It improves distraction from coffee area and smoke. Starting to take meetings to Green Oaks on Wednesdays. Cut down on readings and announcements before meetings, seems to leave more time for the actual meeting.
- ❖ The basket was passed in accordance to the 7th Tradition.
- ❖ Motion to adjourn: a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the meeting.

Important Dates		
Date/Time	Event	Location
April 11th at 1pm	GSR Orientation	The Broad Highway Group
April 11th at 2pm	Combined Five Meeting	The Broad Highway Group
April 13th at 7pm	District 54 CF Meeting	The Legacy Group
April 17th at 2pm	NETA Grapevine / La Vina Meeting	Greenville Traditions Group
April 18th at 2pm	District 54 Corrections Workshop	Clean Air North
April 24th at 6pm	Serenity Group 20th Anniversary	Grace Presbyterian Church 4300 W. Park Blvd. 2nd Floor Plano, TX 75093
May 2nd at 2pm	District 54 Meeting	The Legacy Group
May 9th at 2pm	Combined Five Meeting (Delegate's Conference Report)	The Compass Group
May 16th at 3pm	How to Chair a Meeting Workshop	Lake Highlands Group
June 5th 9am – 6pm	NETA Grapevine / La Vina "Grape-a-Thon" Workshop	The Omega Group
June 6th at 2pm	District 54 Meeting	The Rowlett Group
June 13th at 2pm	Combined Five Meeting	Bruton Terrace Group
June 18th – 20th	Texas State Convention	LaVillita Assembly Hall 401 Villita San Antonio, TX
June 26th – 27th	NETA Summer Assembly	Holiday Inn 2865 W. Washington St. Stephenville, TX 76401 (254) 968-5256 or (877) 531-5084 \$63/night (Exp. 4/26)
July 24th 8am – 9pm	NETA Correctional Facilities Workshop	Elks Lodge #71 8550 Lullwater Drive Dallas, TX 75238
September 10th – 12th	NETA Fall Assembly	Sheraton Grand Hotel 4440 W. John Carpenter Irving, TX 75063 (800) 345-5251 \$69.00/night (Exp. 8/27)
October 8th – 10th	Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly	Clarion Inn / Hampton Inn 500/502 N. Sam Houston Pkwy. Houston, TX (281) 931-0101 \$49.00/night