

DISTRICT 54 MONTHLY MEETING

MAY 2ND, 2004

HELD AT THE LEGACY GROUP

- ❖ Ken W. (Legacy'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 group and service position. Twenty-one people were in attendance, representing ten groups.
- ❖ PJ H. (District Correctional Facilities Chair) led a discussion of the 5th Tradition.
- ❖ Jay M. (Coppell's GSR) led discussion on the 5th Concept.
- ❖ Trusted Servants Report
 - Secretary's Report (David S., Georgetown)
 - David read the minutes. The following corrections were made:
 - The Correctional Facilities report was made by PJ H. PJ H. was also the person who requested that funds in the modified budget be moved from CF Literature budget to Misc. to cover copying expenses, not PJ T.
 - A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended, seconded and passed.
 - Treasurer's Report (Sheryl R., Legacy)
 - Sheryl presented a printed report. A copy will be posted on the district web-site, or is available upon request.
 - One group contribution check was sent to the wrong address. Please double check. It is: District 54 Treasurer, PO Box 832252, Richardson, TX 75083.
 - Cooperation with the Professional Community, Public Information (David C., Carrollton)
 - David apologized for missing last month's district meeting.
 - He thanked District 54 for doing an such excellent job in helping to staff the booth at the School Psychologists Convention.
 - The CPC/PI committee will attend The City of Carrollton's advisory board meeting and present Carrollton's library with various literature.
 - They've started a new project to send a mailing to Jr. High and High School counselors. The committee will be meeting the 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 at ODAAT each month. Their next meeting will be to do the envelope stuffing the mailing. Jim suggested that August might be better than in May, since the school counselors will most likely take more notice of it then. Dave said that that made a lot of sense, and that he'll talk to the committee about rearranging their projects.
 - They'll be making a presentation Metrocrest Pastoral Alliance association of ministers.
 - Correctional Facilities (PJ H., Legacy)
 - Their committee held a workshop April 13th at Clean Air North. They had 12-15 people attend. It was very successful, a lot of information was shared, and a number of new people stepped forward to participate in CF 12th step work, particularly from the Garland Clean Air Group.
 - Groups that contributed for literature: Literature was ordered from GSO from the contributions by groups for CF 12th Step work, will be delivered to the requested facilities.
 - The next district CF meeting will be May 11th at Legacy, which will include an envelope stuffing session for the NETA Workshop.
- The next NETA CF Meeting will be held on June 12th at 2pm at the Grand Prairie group.
- Grapevine / La Vina Report (Sarah B., Rowlett)
 - Sarah gave her report as acting Grapevine / La Vina chair, pending presentation for disapproval.
 - She attended the April 17th NETA Grapevine / La Vina meeting in Greenville.
 - The Grapevine will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary, and there will be a "Grape-a-Thon" celebration & workshop June 5th at the Omega Group
 - There will be Grapevine / La Vina committee meetings held at The Bellwood Group on May 8th at 2pm, and at The Garland Clean Air Group May 29th at 2pm at Garland Clean North. These meetings will be mostly concerned with preparing for the June 5th workshop.
- Treatment Facilities Report (Scott S., ODAAT)
 - The committee held a meeting today, May 2nd. Seven people attended, representing four groups.
 - Genesis has expressed interest in having meetings brought in. Trinity and Carrollton with take them in on the first Monday and Wednesday of each month.
- Intergroup Liaison (Pat O., Rowlett)
 - Pat attended the April 8th Dallas Intergroup Association meeting. Twelve groups from District 54 were represented.
 - They did have a profit in the 1st quarter, but that pretty typical, with contributions declining after the New Year.
 - The proposed conference for 2005 has had very little feedback.
 - The Intergroup Picnic may have a \$5 admission charge. Those not able to pay may be able to attend for free by doing service work, possibly doing cleanup afterwards.
 - There will be a Dallas Intergroup Workshop on May 15th.
 - The office needs volunteers to cover the shifts on Monday 9am-1pm and Friday 1pm-5pm.
 - The CRIP program needs group support.
- Alternate DCM / Archives Report (Dave C., Clean Air North)
 - The NETA Archive committee met April 15th. They are reviewing their P&P documentation.
 - They are working on putting together a presentation on AA History, which they'll be giving May 20th at 8pm at the Richardson group.
 - David suggested that groups having an anniversary where a speaker is giving a group history, he'd be grateful to have a tape of that talk for the archives.
 - Also, he has speaker lists available to groups for talks and workshops.
- District Committee Member (Jim C., Lakeside Traditions)
 - Jim attended April 10th NETA Committee meeting.
 - The NETA Structure Committee will be reviewing a motion to change of method of nomination for Area Chairs.
 - A motion will be presented at the Area Assembly for the Area Inventory to include all area members.
 - The Structure committee has been asked to review the Policies & Procedures documentation to try to find a definitive copy, including any changes voted in at Assemblies.

❖ Group Reports

- **Legacy** (Ken W.) They've filed for tax exempt status, and are working on achieving clearer separation of funds between club and group. They have a new Saturday night meeting at 10:30pm. They're getting more involved in CPC/PI. Ken will be resigning as GSR, and the alternate rolling up.
- **Carrollton** (David C.) Meetings are once again well attended and they have lots of newcomers with growing lengths of sobriety. They've started having group outings.
- **Garland Clean Air** (George N.) They're taking meetings to Genesis-Mesquite and the VA Hospital. Getting more involved in CF. They had five members attend district CF workshop. Trying out a new meeting 7:30pm BB meeting.
- **Lakeside Traditions** (John R.) They'll be celebrating their 1st Anniversary on June 13th at 11am at Lakeside Park, followed by a cookout.
- **Clean Air North** (Bob B., Alt GSR) They're continuing to have lively meetings. The most popular is their Monday Newcomer meeting. Finances are okay, making contributions. They had a very successful 12th Anniversary celebration. Looking into having workshops.
- **ODAAT** (Jim K., Alt. GSR) Their Friday night newcomer meeting is very large. They're changing their 1st Thursday Noon meeting to a speaker meeting. The elevator was out of order, but is now fixed.
- **Coppell** (Jay M.) Seems like a lot of their old-timers have gone. A lot of their meetings are now having lots of newer sobriety. Taking meetings into Green Oaks. Finances are tight.
- **Rowlett** (Paul G.) Attendance and finances are good. Not much participation in service or group conscience. They'll be holding a group inventory. Last group conscience found finances above prudent reserve, and they're increasing contributions to GSO, Intergroup, District 54, and NETA.
- **Lifesavers** (Donna F.) They'll be celebrating their 22nd Anniversary on May 8th, and having NEATA archives out. Speaker meeting at 2pm.
- **Broad Highway** (Sue W., Alt. GSR) They have new trusted servants for their steering committee. They hosted combined five with good turnout considering it was Easter. They're distributing Big Books to treatment facilities.
- **Georgetown** (David S.) It turns out that they won't be expanding. They are over prudent reserve, but are holding on to it in anticipation of a possible rent increase in the fall. There is to be a new GSR voted in at their next group conscience meeting. They'll be holding a How to Chair a Meeting Workshop on May 16th at 2pm.

❖ Old Business

- Guiding Principles Ad Hoc Committee, David S. Reporting: They won't be ready by June after all. In any case, it would probably be more appropriate to take effect with the new panel. They will probably be ready to present in July, and vote in September.
- A revised budget was presented, redistributing funds back to fund expenses for the Grapevine / La Vina Chair. A motion to approve was made, seconded and passed.

❖ New Business

- DCM Jim C. presented Sarah B. (Rowlett Group) for disapproval. No disapproval was made.
- The June district meeting will be at the Rowlett Group.
- The Lifesavers will host the July 11th district meeting.

- The discussion on the 6th Tradition will be led by Jay M. (Coppell GSR).
- The discussion on the 8th Concept will be led by Donna F. (Lifesavers GSR).

Important Dates		
Date/Time	Event	Location
May 15 th at 11am	Dallas Intergroup Workshop	1 st United Lutheran 6202 E. Mockingbird Ln.
May 16 th at 2pm	How to Chair a Meeting Workshop	Georgetown Group
May 16 th at 3pm	How to Chair a Meeting Workshop	Lake Highlands Group
May 19 th at 7:30pm	District CPC/PI Meeting	ODAAT Group
May 29 th at 2pm	NETA Grapevine / La Vina Committee Meeting	The Garland Clean Air Group
June 5 th 9am – 6pm	NETA Grapevine / La Vina "Grape-a-Thon" Workshop	The Omega Group
June 6 th at 2pm	District 54 Meeting	The Rowlett Group
June 12 th at 2pm	NETA CF Meeting	The Grand Prairie Group
June 13 th at 2pm	Combined Five Meeting	Bruton Terrace Group
June 18 th – 20 th	Texas State Convention	LaVillita Assembly Hall 401 Villita San Antonio, TX
June 26 th – 27 th	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 11 th at 2pm (NOTE ONE-TIME CHANGED DATE)	District 54 Meeting	The Lifesavers Group
July 24 th 8am – 9pm	NETA Correctional Facilities Workshop	Elks Lodge #71 8550 Lullwater Drive Dallas, TX 75238
September 10 th – 12 th	NETA Fall Assembly	Sheraton Grand Hotel 4440 W. John Carpenter Irving, TX 75063 (800) 345-5251 \$69.00/night (Exp. 8/27)
October 8 th – 10 th	Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly	Clarion Inn / Hampton Inn 500/502 N. Sam Houston Pkwy. Houston, TX (281) 931-0101 \$49.00/night