

**DISTRICT 54 MONTHLY MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2004**  
**HELD AT THE RICHARDSON GROUP**

- ❖ John N. (Richardson GSR) welcomed the district, and led in The Serenity Prayer, and turned the meeting over to Jim C. (DCM).
- ❖ Rick B. (Richardson Alternate GSR) read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"
- ❖ Those present introduced themselves, stating their home group and service position. Twenty-five people were in attendance, representing thirteen groups.
- ❖ A discussion of the 9<sup>th</sup> Tradition was led by Scott S. (Treatment Facilities Chair).
- ❖ A discussion of the 9<sup>th</sup> Concept was led by James V. (ODAAT GSR)
- ❖ Secretary's Report (David S.)
  - David read the minutes from the last district meeting. PJ T. noted that in the Correctional Facilities report, where the minutes read "The Special Volunteers is still running", it should have read "The Special Volunteers Program is still running." A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made, seconded and passed.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report (Sheryl R., Legacy)
  - Sheryl handed out printed reports. Copies are available upon request.
  - She has only received three reimbursement requests for the summer assembly, and urged them to be submitted.
- ❖ Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information (David C., Carrollton)
  - The next district CPC/PI meeting will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Carrollton Group at 7:45pm. They'll be stuffing envelopes for a mailing to junior high and high school counselors.
  - David will be meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup> with the pastor of the Trinity Valley church to schedule a presentation to Metrocrest Pastoral Alliance.
- ❖ Correctional Facilities (PJ H., Legacy)
  - The District 54 Correctional Facilities Meeting was held on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004 at the Legacy Group. CFC Chair, PJ H. could not attend due to a family emergency.
  - PJ T., Broad Highway Group GSR, filled in for PJ H. There were only two people present. Discussion was held regarding what groups in District 54 are taking meetings into State and County Correctional Facilities.
  - The committee will try to develop a listing of groups that are taking meetings into facilities.
  - The next District 54 CF meeting will be on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Legacy Group at 7:00pm.
  - The next NETA CF meeting will be held at the Fall Assembly. The day, time and location will be announce at the Assembly.
- ❖ Grapevine / La Vina (Sarah B.)
  - Sarah attended the August NETA Grapevine meeting in Denton, where they started planning the 2005 Grape-a-Thon.
  - The next NETA Grapevine / La Vina meeting will be held at the Lifesavers Group on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.
- The Grapevine has digital archives available on their website at [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org). Check it out.
- Sara is looking at a program for contributing Grapevine / La Vina subscriptions to Correctional Facilities. She'll keep the district informed.
- ❖ Treatment Facilities (Scott S., ODAAT)
  - They had a light meeting today, probably due to the holiday.
  - The Addison and Plano groups have started attending TF meetings.
  - They'll be preparing a new grid list of meetings to hand out next month.
  - Scott urged GSRs to make sure their groups have TF reps into the next panel.
  - It was suggested during the report that GSRs bring in information about who the TF reps are and what meetings they take to TFs.
- ❖ Intergroup Liaison Report (Pat O., Rowlett)
  - Pat was not present. Jim C. made the Intergroup report.
  - There was no Intergroup meeting in August.
  - The Dallas Intergroup Annual Picnic will be on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ❖ Alternate DCM / Archive (Dave C., Clean Air North)
  - Dave urged GSRs to fill out speaker list updates, and check the names that are on the list to make sure the information is still current.
- ❖ District Committee Member
  - The Area Fall Assembly and Convention will be next week.
    - Area elections will be held at this Assembly.
    - The agenda has gone out and is probably available on the NETA web-site.
    - A new Spanish-speaking district will be voted on at the Assembly.
  - The October Combined Five will be held at the Lake Highlands Group.
  - Housing and Registration forms for the 2005 International Convention are out. GSRs that are listed with GSO should have gotten them. They're also available on the [aa.org](http://aa.org) web-site.
- ❖ Group Reports
  - ODAAT (James V.) They'll be celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary September 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Broad Hwy (Sue W., Alternate GSR) Their prudent reserve is way down.
  - Clean Air North (Bob B) They'll be holding a workshop on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm with the topic, "The Home Group."
  - Georgetown (Camille K.) They'll be moving to another office location in the same complex. They've elected a new alternate GSR, who she'll introduce at the next district meeting.
  - Richardson (John N.) They'll be hold a group inventory shortly, and will be celebrating their Anniversary on September 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Legacy (Kim T.) They've held elections. Kim will be GSR.

- Lakeside Traditions (John R.) They will be have a “How to Chair a Meeting” workshop in late October.
- ❖ Old Business
  - Jim C. asked for a sense of the meeting to decide if it would be all right to begin allocating funds for SWRAASA, so that those district trusted servants who will be attending can make their plans, and so that if there are any unused funds for those that won't be attending they can be reallocated to those who will or possibly to GSRs whose home groups aren't providing funds. A motion to do so was made, seconded and passed unanimously.
  - The ad hoc committee presented their proposed Guiding Principles to the district. They'll be discussed and voted on in October.
- ❖ New Business
  - Jim C. and PJ H presented the following members for Committee Chairs for Panel 55:
    - Intergroup Liaison: Pat O. (Rowlett)
    - Grapevine / La Vina: Tom K. (Richardson)
    - Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information: To be determined.
    - Treatment Facilities: Sheryl R. (Legacy)
    - Correctional Facilities: George N. (Garland Clean Air)
    - Jim C. asked for any disapproval. There was none.
  - ODAAT will host the November district meeting. Note that it will begin at 1pm.
  - The discussion of the 10<sup>th</sup> Tradition will be led by Sarah B.
  - The discussion of the 10<sup>th</sup> Concept will be led by Sue W. (Broad Highway)
  - David S. informed the district that he has changed home groups on one outside the district, and resigned as Secretary. Terry P. from the Legacy Group was elected to finish out the Panel as Secretary.

Important Dates		
Date/Time	Event	Location
September 10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	NETA Fall Assembly	Sheraton Grand Hotel 4440 W. John Carpenter Irving, TX 75063 (800) 345-5251 \$69.00/night (Exp. 8/27)
September 14 <sup>th</sup> at 7pm	District 54 CF Meeting	The Legacy Group
September 19 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm	Combined Five Meeting	The Lake Highlands Group
September 26 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm	NETA Grapevine / La Vina Meeting	The Lifesavers Group
October 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 2pm	District 54 Meeting	The Lakeside Traditions Group
October 10 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm	Combined 5 Meeting	The Lakeside Traditions Group
October 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly	Clarion Inn / Hampton Inn 500/502 N. Sam Houston Houston, TX (281) 931-0101 \$49.00/night
November 7 <sup>th</sup> at 1pm (Note the changed time)	District 54 Meeting (Inventory)	The ODAAT Group
November 14 <sup>th</sup> at 10am	NETA Area Inventory	The Meadowbrook Group
December 5 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm	District 54 Meeting	The Clean Air North Group
January 15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2005	NETA Winter Assembly	Best Western 3119 Estes Parkway Longview, TX 75602 \$52.00/night (Exp. 12/15)
June 30 <sup>th</sup> - July 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2005	International Convention of A.A.	Toronto, Ontario Canada