

**DISTRICT 54 MONTHLY MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 3, 2004**  
**HELD AT THE LAKESIDE TRADITIONS GROUP**

- ❖ John R.. (Lakeside Traditions) welcomed the district, and led in The Serenity Prayer, and turned the meeting over to Jim C. (DCM, Lakeside Traditions).
- ❖ John R. (Lakeside Traditions GSR) read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"
- ❖ Those present introduced themselves, stating their home group and service position. Seventeen people were in attendance, representing thirteen groups.
- ❖ A discussion of the 10th Tradition was led by Dave C. (Alt. DCM, Clean Air)
- ❖ A discussion of the 10th Concept was led by Sue W. (GSR, Broad Highway)
- ❖ Secretary's Report (Terri P, Legacy)
  - Terri read the minutes from the last district meeting. The Correctional Facilities report was amended from PJ T. to PJ H. Also amended - "Special Volunteers is still running" to "Special Volunteers Program is still running". It was amended the September Combined Five was held at Lake Highlands 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.
  - SWRAASA registrations were sent in for eight people
- ❖ Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information (David C., Carrollton)
  - No report given
- ❖ Correctional Facilities (PJ H., Legacy)
  - The District 54 Correctional Facilities Meeting was held on September 14, 2004 at the KeDavi Coffee Shop (NW corner Spring Creek & Alma). CFC Chair, Five members were present
  - The committee reviewed the list of current District 54 Correction Volunteers and CFC Reps .Strategies to increase participation were discussed. Currently, only three groups have CF reps.
  - Complete minutes of the CFC meeting were distributed to the GSR's.
  - There is still a need for literature in Correctional Facilities.
  - The Texas State Convention will have a Corrections Speaker.
  - The next District 54 CF meeting will be on October 12, 2004 @ at the KeDavi Coffee Shop, NW Corner of Alma and Spring Creek at 7:00pm in Plano.
  - The next NETA CF meeting will be held on October 16 at Compass Group at 2:30 PM.
- ❖ Grapevine / La Viña (Sarah B, Rowlett.)
  - No report given
  - Sara is unable to complete this position and has resigned.
- ❖ Treatment Facilities (Scott S., ODAAT)
  - No report given
- October committee meeting had been cancelled
- ❖ Intergroup Liaison Report (Pat O., Rowlett)
  - Pat was not present. Jim C. made the Intergroup report.
  - 13 IG Reps present from District 54 attended last Intergroup meeting.
  - Several groups expressed concerns over Intergroup operating expenses and asked that they be broken out in detail in the financial report. Treasurer indicated that financial info is always available at Intergroup Office.
  - Individual contributions are down and many people don't seem to know about them – need to figure out how to get that information out to individuals.
  - There seems to be questions regarding voting matters and there have been requests for the proposition to be spelled out in the meeting agenda.
  - 2005 conference nothing done – no interest or volunteers.
  - Previously proposed Bill Wilson Birthday party is not going to happen.
  - There will be a Concept Workshop on November 6 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM co-sponsored by NETA/DIA. Location - First United Lutheran Church, Parish Hall, 6202 E Mockingbird Lane (between Skillman and Abrams), just across Norris St from the Dallas Central Office. .
- ❖ Alternate DCM / Archive (Dave C., Clean Air North)
  - Dave urged GSRs to fill out speaker list updates, encourage people to sign up
  - Provide Dave C. with group history if you group is having an anniversary or anything.
- ❖ District Committee Member (Jim C., Lakeside Traditions)
  - The Area Fall Assembly and Convention was held in Sept. Nine Groups from District 54 attended. NETA Officers for next panel include:
    - Delegate – Naomi Z.
    - Alt. Delegate – Bill N.
    - Chair – Joe P.
    - Alt. Chair – Don C.
    - Secretary – Joe C.
    - Alt. Secretary – Arthur S.
    - Treasurer – Jim C.
    - Alt. Treasurer – Jim C.
  - District 54 will conduct a District Inventory at the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. No group reports will be given. Bill N. (NETA Treasurer, Meadowbrook) will moderate.. Jim C. distributed inventory questions. An Ad Hoc committee will be formed in November to review the inventory and present recommendations at the December meeting.
  - NETA 65 will conduct an Area Inventory on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Meadowbrook Group in Ft. Worth from 10 AM – 7:00. Parking is limited at the group. There will be additional parking

at Bank of America Parking lot on Lancaster and a shuttle will be provided to the group. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish.

- SWRAASA is October 7, 8, 9 in Houston. If you attend and are funded by District 54, all receipts must be turned into Sheryl R. by the November District meeting.
  - Jim C. will appoint an Ad Hoc Committee in Nov. to discuss District 54 excess funds and establish a budget for 2005.
  - The NETA Fall Committee Meeting was held at the New Life Group in Wichita Falls. The following motion was placed on the agenda to be voted on at the Winter Assembly in January:
    - Motion: To change the current Intergroup Liaison Chair to be Literature/Intergroup Liaison in keeping with AA Guidelines on Literature Committees.
- The following motions were made. All had to do with changing the NETA policies and procedures so they all were forwarded to the NETA Structure Committee:
- To change 4.3 of NETA Policies and Procedures - all area assemblies will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in January, March, June and September.
  - To change Section 2.5 of NETA Policies and Procedures - newsletter can be distributed electronically and/or by regular mail.
  - To change Section 3.8 of NETA Policies and Procedures - area trusted servants to turn in expenses for each NETA assembly at the next NETA committee meeting.
  - To change Section 1.2 of NETA Policies and Procedures to eliminate past delegates from being appointed to chair standing committees.
- The NETA Winter Assembly will be held in Longview, TX. January 15-16, 2005. The agenda for the Winter assembly will be posted on the NETA website.
  - The October Combined Five will be held at the Town North Group. A GSR Orientation will begin at 1:00 PM.

❖ Group Reports

- Lake Highlands (Susan B.) hosted last Combined Five; CPC/PI rep spoke; people volunteered for GSR and Alt GSR and it was recommended they attend orientation. Group voted for trusted servants, filled almost all positions.
- Reaching Out (Darren C.) meet at Beltline and Shiloh in the Spring Creek Community Church on Sunday; talk about possibility of 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
- Clean Air Garland (George N.) growing; some coming to noon meetings donate to five entities under structure; elections next Saturday.
- Clean Air North (Bob B) workshop on October 2<sup>nd</sup> with the topic, "The Home Group." Very good three great speakers - Max (recovery); Naomi (unity); Larry J (service); good attendance and good contributions at group
- Georgetown (Rose, Alt GSR.) new address 17754 Preston Road more info to come- Larry J will be doing inventory October 30<sup>th</sup>; Camille will be attending SWRAASA
- Plano Group (Suzette M) Turnover in service members Karen new GSR, Bud C. Intergroup; participation not good donations down, bad a/c problem, may consider moving, guidelines will be changed; discontinued midnight meetings; may terminate Monday in-house speaker and change Saturday to alternate one week in-house following week outside speaker; will be attending SWRAASA

- Lakeside Traditions (John R.) Noon Meeting Tuesday thru Friday will be discontinued - no chairs low attendance; monthly income down lease is up in February- may have to low contributions, searching for new location.; taking meetings to Greenville Treatment Center; October 24<sup>th</sup> 2 pm workshop on chairing a meeting.
- Coppell (Jay M.) elections will be held in November; may discontinue taking meetings to Green Oaks; taking meetings to Genesis once a month; have had newcomers; birthday night 50 attendees
- Legacy - (Sheryl R., member) November 6<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary party 4pm Ellen C. Alanon speaker; 7:30 AA speaker Cheryl R. from Woodlands

❖ Old Business

- Guiding Principles with changes in bold were provided for possible approval; can be amended on an "as needed basis" it was decided that a simple majority will suffice to pass the motion. George N. made the motion to approve draft dated October 3, 2004 as District 54 guiding principles; Bob B. seconded; all in favor 13, opposed 2. Minority spoke and stated 2 ad hoc members were not present when document was modified; member of majority requested a revote. 9 voted not to revote, 6 voted to revote. MOTION PASSED

❖ New Business

- The discussion of the 11<sup>th</sup> Tradition will be led by John R. (Lakeside Traditions)
- The discussion of the 11<sup>th</sup> Concept will be led by Jay M. (Coppell)

Important Dates		
Date/Time	Event	Location
November 6 <sup>th</sup> at 1 pm	NETA/DIA Concept Workshop	First United Lutheran Church, Parish Hall, 6202 E Mockingbird Lane, Dallas
November 7 <sup>th</sup> at 1 pm (Note the changed time)	District 54 Meeting (Inventory)	The ODAAT Group
November 14 <sup>th</sup> at 10 am	NETA Area Inventory	The Meadowbrook Group Fort Worth
November 21 <sup>st</sup> at 2 pm	Combined 5	Mesquite Big Town Group Balch Springs
December 5 <sup>th</sup> at 2 pm	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