

AREA 65 (N.E. TX), DISTRICT 54 MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 6, 2008
HELD AT DALLAS NORTH GROUP

- ❖ At 2:00 pm, Dave R. (TFC Chair) welcomed the district and opened the meeting with The Serenity Prayer, and then read "Why Do We Need a Conference" (The AA Service Manual, page S-19) before turning the meeting over to Bob B (Alt District 54 DCM).
- ❖ Those present introduced themselves with their names and service positions. 12 groups were represented (Carrollton, Clean Air North, Dallas North, Garland Clean Air, Georgetown, Great Fact, Lifesavers, No Hassle, ODAAT, Richardson, Rowlett) and 23 people were in attendance.
- ❖ Tradition 4: Mike L (GSR, Richardson) led a discussion of the 4th Tradition.
- ❖ Concept 4: Stephanie S (GSR, Dallas No.) led a discussion of the 4th Concept.

GROUP REPORTS/CONCERNS

- ❖ Addison Group anniversary is coming up on April 21st. Flyers will be mailed out.
- ❖ Men's Retreat to be hosted by the Carrollton Group on April 20-21st.
- ❖ Clean Air North will be celebrating their first annual 16th anniversary at noon on 4/13th. Ride-along to prison hosted by CAN. Contact Greg G.
- ❖ Garland Clean Air had standing only at Sat speaker meeting. Thinking of adding men's meetings.
- ❖ Great Fact in process of going through policies and procedures and looking for another location. Current location only has accommodations for one meeting a week.
- ❖ Stan from Lifesavers announced that the group is struggling. Membership has dwindled. But the group is coming around, rewriting bylaws, and getting into the spirit of recovery.
- ❖ ODAAT is working through smoking-no smoking rooms and rules.
- ❖ Richardson Group trying to keep group conscience decisions consolidated; also losing literature money and membership since early January, having problems with a member but preparing to have a group inventory.

DISTRICT 54 OFFICER REPORTS

- ❖ Treasurer (presented by Dennis S., Treasurer)
 - Beginning operating fund balance 2/29/2008: \$4,744.97; total Mar. income: \$637.08; total Mar. expenses: \$0; Ending operating fund balance 03/31/08: 5,382.05; Prudent Reserve: \$1,500.00, total assets: \$6,882.05.
 - Misc. Income (\$98) covers Jan – Feb 7th tradition basket.
 - Please submit your expense reports to Dennis.
 - Ad Hoc Budget Committee (Greg G, Mike L, Christie M, Bob B) met last month and will present results at the May meeting.
- ❖ Secretary (Camille K., Georgetown)
 - Copies of the March minutes were provided and the DCM asked for additions and corrections. Minutes were approved with corrections.
- ❖ District Committee Member (Bob B., Alt DCM)
 - James V., DCM, will provide a DCM Report next month.
- ❖ Alternate District Committee Member (Bob B., Clean Air North)
 - Attended the 22nd Annual Men's AA Retreat at lake Murray, OK on Feb 29 – March 2nd.
 - Conducted "Night Out" visits going to the Sachse group and a new group called the Spirit of Recovery. The new group meets in a private home at 710 Greenleaf in Richardson (MAPSCO 16-D). The group hosts one open discussion meeting on Wednesdays at 6 pm. Other upcoming Night Out visits are:
 - Belmont, Wed., April 9th, 8 pm
 - Clean Air North, Thurs., April 17, 7:30 pm
 - Dallas North, Thurs., April 22, 6 pm

- There was no NETA65 Archives Committee meeting in March. The next NETA65 Archives Committee meeting is at the Richardson group at 8 pm, April 17th.
- If your group would like to schedule a workshop, GSRs are asked to let Bob B know a couple of months in advance, with a date, time and topic selected.
- Please provide a recent copy of your group history.
- ❖ Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information (David S., Clean Air North)
 - Attended the NETA Public Information Workshop scheduled on March 4th at The Greenville Traditions group.
 - The NETA CPC committee met at The Arlington Central Group on March 8th. There were a number of attendees who were new to this area of service, and the meeting was mostly a sharing session on ideas for how to get started.
 - The District 54 CPC/PI Committee met on March 15th at The ODAAT Group. We discussed the pamphlet "Speaking at Non-AA Meetings", and decided to consider planning a District 54 Public Information workshop in the summer.
 - Participated in the event where a number of AA members met with UT Southwestern first-year medical students, providing information about AA and escorting them to open AA meetings.
 - Participated in the CPC Mock Committee at the NETA Spring Assembly.
 - Dallas Intergroup has a new CPC/PI Committee Chair. Her name is Carolyn Bell. Her phone number is (214) 692-0027, and her email address is carolyn.bell@sbcglobal.net.
 - NETA has a new PI Chair. Her name is Jane Gilbert. Her phone number is (903) 454-7921, and her email address is jjgilbert2002@yahoo.com.
 - The next District 54 CPC/PI Committee meeting will be held at The Clean Air North Group on Saturday, April 19th at 2:00 pm. Included on the agenda will be initial planning for a District 54 Public Information workshop in the summer.
 - The next NETA CPC Committee meeting will be at The Mesquite Bigtown Group on May 10th at 3:00 pm It will include a discussion of the pamphlet "How A.A. Members Cooperate with Professionals."
- ❖ Grapevine / La Villa (Keith C., ODAAT)
 - Attended NETA 65 Grapevine Committee meeting on 3/08/08 at The Clean Air North Group in Addison, TX. There were 3 members present. Plans for the Grape-A-Thon were discussed, in addition to ideas for making presentations to groups.
 - The next NETA 65/District 54 Grapevine Committee meeting will be at The ODAAT Group in Plano, TX on Saturday April 12, 2008 at 2:30 pm.
 - The 5th Annual Grape-a-thon at the ODAAT Group in Plano, TX from 12:30 to 5:30 (approximately), on July 20th, 2008. The featured speaker will be Southwest Regional Trustee Conley B. (Sheridan, AR), with special guest NETA 65 Alternate Secretary Richard R. (Wichita Falls, TX). There will be food, fun and fellowship provided by ODAAT, District 54, and NETA 65. Mark your Grapevine calendar now!
 - The NETA 65 Grapevine Display was set up at the NETA 65 Spring Assembly in Irving at the Sheraton Grand Hotel on March 29 & 30, 2008; and also at the Irving Spring Conference April 4-6, 2008 in Irving, TX at the Ramada Inn, Hwy. 183 @ Valley View.
 - Display will also be at the Heart of Texas Conference May 2-4, 2008 in Waco, TX.; Gathering of Eagles Conference May 22-25 at the Doubletree Hotel in Dallas at IH635 @ Midway Rd.; 3rd Annual North Texas Roundup August 22-24 at the Doubletree Hotel in Dallas at IH635 @ Midway Rd.
 - Grapevine presentation will be made at The Richardson Group Conscience meeting on May 21, 2008, at 7:00 pm. District 54 also

welcomes participation of the group's new Grapevine/*La Vina* representative Walter R.

- ❖ Correctional Facilities (Tony C., Garland Clean Air)
 - Attended NETA Assembly in Irving in March
 - Attending group 8 pm meetings to acquaint with District 54 CFC
 - Schedules for Coffield and Powledge for April through July available
 - Ordered AA windows shades for TDC and will be picking up at Intergroup
 - April 10th Casa Blanc visiting (halfway house from TDC) attending with rest of committee meetings
 - \$25 contribution from Clean Air North Group
 - TDC voluntary application copies available for those who want to volunteer
- ❖ Treatment Facilities (Dave R., TFC rep)
 - Opportunities at Nexus in April, everyone is invited to attend or to speak
 - Green Oaks purchased Big Books
 - Receiving some great CPC/PI pamphlets for teenagers
 - Meetings available at Green Oaks at 1 pm every Saturday
 - Attended Casa Blanca house meeting with Mike L, all are invited to attend
 - Next TFC meeting will be at 12:30 before next District meeting
- ❖ Intergroup Liaison (Tom M., Intergroup Liaison)
 - Attended the DIA meeting on March 13th
 - DIA's finances appear to be in good order. As always, I have the financials here with me if anyone would like to review them.
 - The 2nd Annual DIA Chili Cook-Off will be held on April 12 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church (home of the No Hassle Group). Registration for chili entries begins at 5 pm; judging (of the chili, not the cooks) begins at 5:30; dinner will be served at 6 pm, for a \$5 donation; awards will be announced at 6:45; and the speaker will begin at 7:00. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Janis at the DIA office.
 - DIA is purchasing a new point-of-sale system, for a total expense of ~\$3000. They expect to have it implemented by the end of May.
 - The office needs volunteers to fill the 1-5 pm slot on Mondays and Tuesdays.
 - The next meeting is this Thursday, April 10. Please encourage your IGRs to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

- ❖ Our Area 65 Delegate will be visiting us at the May meeting. We will start the meeting early at 1:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ No new business.

TRADITION / CONCEPT PRESENTERS FOR APRIL

- ❖ Tradition 5: John G. (GSR, Carrollton)
- ❖ Concept 5: Greg G. (GSR, Clean Air North)

UPCOMING GSR MEETING DATES / TIMES

- ❖ 5/4/2008 at 1:30 pm, The Addison Group
- ❖ 6/1/2008 at 2:00 pm, Clean Air North Group
- ❖ 7/6/2008 at 2:00 pm, ODAAT Group

ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Being no more business before the District, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 3:25 pm.