

**AREA 65 (N.E. TX), DISTRICT 54 MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2008
HELD AT LEGACY GROUP**

- ❖ At 2:00 pm, Marion D. (GSR, Legacy) welcomed the district and opened the meeting with The Serenity Prayer. David (Alt GSR, Legacy) then read "Why Do We Need a Conference" (The AA Service Manual, page S-19) before turning the meeting over to James V (District 54 DCM).
- ❖ Those present introduced themselves with their names and service positions. 14 groups were represented (Belmont, Carrollton, Clean Air North, Garland Clean Air, Georgetown, Great Fact, Keystone, Legacy, Let Go and Let God, Lifesavers, New Freedom, ODAAT, Richardson, No Hassle). 26 people were in attendance including 1 visitor.
- ❖ Tradition 8: Keith C. (GV Rep, ODAAT) led a discussion of the 8th Tradition.
- ❖ Concept 8: Bob M. (GSR, New Freedom) led a discussion of the 8th Concept.

GROUP REPORTS/CONCERNS

- ❖ ODAAT is having their anniversary Sept 5-7.
- ❖ No Hassle recently made a unanimous decision to not have a GSR at this time.
- ❖ Sept. 13 Richardson Group having 38 year anniversary, starting at 5:30 pm, hosting Alanon and AA speakers. Losing money on literature.
- ❖ Let Go and Let God may be going into inactive status over the next two weeks. Will have final report in Sept.
- ❖ Clean Air North Group hosting NETA Corrections Committee meeting on August 16th at 1:30 pm.

DISTRICT 54 OFFICER REPORTS

- ❖ Treasurer (Dennis S., Treasurer)
 - Beginning operating fund balance 6/30/2008: \$9,825.11; total July income: \$321.14; total July expenses: \$181.30; ending operating fund balance 07/30/08: 9,964.94; Prudent Reserve: \$1,500.00, total assets: \$11,464.95.
- ❖ Secretary (Camille K., Secretary)
 - Pam C., Alt. Secretary read the June minutes which were approved.
 - Camille K. read the July minutes which were approved.
- ❖ District Committee Member (James V., ODAAT)
 - D-54 "Thursday Night Out": Since the July District meeting, We have visited: Plano Group, Rowlett Group, Lifesavers Group, & Let Go & Let God Group. I was unable to visit the Sunday evening meeting at Reaching Out Group.
 - Attended the 63rd Anniversary of Greenville Traditions Group; District 53 "Meet & Greet" with SW Trustee Conley Byrd and Dallas & Ft Worth Intergroup Directors at Dallas Principles Group; & Grape-A-Thon at ODAAT.
 - Attended the NETA Summer Area Committee Meeting in Abilene July 13.
 - Delegates Report to the Summer Committee Meeting was provided to District Trusted Servants.
 - Five new Business Agenda Items which will come to the NETA Fall Assembly Business Meeting were provided to District Trusted Servants.
 - Old Business (Tabled) Agenda Item will also come to the Business Meeting - To Create an Archivist - Historian position at the Area Level. Details were provided to District Trusted Servants.
 - Upcoming events:
 - September 19-21: NETA Fall Election/Convention at Ramada South, 4440 W Airport Fwy, Irving, Tx 75062 ph: 972.399.1010. (\$10 Registration Fee / \$12 Coffee Star). \$69 Room Rate
 - ** District 54 and the Dallas/Eastern Metro groups will be responsible for the hospitality room.

***** WE NEED A District 54 HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR to work with the Hospitality Committee.

- October 10-12 : SWRAASA 2008 in St Louis, MO (more info at www.swraasa2008.org)
- January 10-11, 2008 : NETA Winter Assembly at Tanglewood Resort in Pottsboro (\$65.00 room rate)
- ❖ Alternate District Committee Member (Bob B., Clean Air North)
 - Attended District 54 meeting at Clean Air North.
 - Four members of the Spirit of Recovery have started to meet again. Tuesday nights at 6:00 PM at 421 Custer, Richardson, Tx.
 - The NETA Archives Committee for June was cancelled. There will be no Archives Committee meeting in July. The next Archives Committee meeting will be at the Golden Triangle Group in Keller, Tx on Aug 21st at 8:30.
 - Conducted "Night Out" visits going to Serenity, Lifesavers, New Freedom, No Hassle, and ODAAT. These visits are proceeding as scheduled and are made to talk to groups (new and old) about the responsibilities of service work as described on pages S29 of the AA Service Manual. In addition to the DCM and Alt DCM, the rest of the District 54 panel is invited to attend.
 - If your group would like to schedule a workshop, GSRs are asked to please let Bob know. Start the planning two months in advance, select a workshop theme, select a time and date for the workshop, and appoint a group workshop project person with a telephone number and email address.
 - Please provide a recent copy of your group history.
- ❖ Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information (David S., Clean Air North)
 - The District 54 CPC/PI committee met on Monday, July 21st at 7 pm. There were 3 CPC/PI group representatives present Heather R. (ODAAT) gave a report on the Dallas County Probation Officer presentation, and we discussed preparation for the District 54 Public Information workshop to be held in the fall.
 - Attended the NETA CPC meeting at the Mesquite Bigtown group on July 26th at 3 pm. Committee Chair Joe C. asked for volunteers to staff a CPC booth at the North Texas roundup being held August 22nd - 24th.
 - Have moved the District 54 website to be hosted by Yahoo.com That process required setting up the email addresses for each of the district trusted servants, which involves sending an invitation to each one providing instructions for activating their account. At this point, there are still a few that still need to do so. Please contact me if you'd need any assistance.
 - A date has been set for the District 54 Public Information workshop. It will be held at the Clean Air North group on October 4th at 2:30 pm. The panel will include Jane G. (NETA Public Information Chair), Carolyn B. (Dallas Intergroup CPC/PI Chair), an Janis R. (Dallas Intergroup manager).
 - Upcoming meetings and events:
 - Will be leaving immediately after today's meeting to help staff an AA booth, along with Dallas Intergroup, at the Mentors in Motion Back to School Blast on South Hampton from 5:00 - 8:00 pm.
 - The next District 54 CPC/PI committee meetings will be at the ODAAT Group on Saturday, August 16th at 12:00 noon, and at the Addison Group on Tuesday, September 9th at 8:00 pm.
 - The next NETA CPC Committee meeting will be held at the Show Me Group on Saturday, September 27th at 3:00 pm.
 - The District 54 Public Information Workshop will be held at the Clean Air North Group on October 4th at 1:30 pm.
- ❖ Grapevine / La Viña (Keith C., ODAAT)
 - Was unable to attend the NETA 65 Grapevine Committee meeting at

the_Serenity_Group in Watauga, Tx. (6600 Denton Hwy 377 ste.# 210) on July 12, 2008, at 2:30 pm.

- The next NETA 65 Grapevine Committee will be Saturday Aug. 9 at 2:30 pm at the Texoma #1 Group in Denison Tx. I will be unable to attend due to prior commitments.
- The September 13 Grapevine Committee meeting will be back in Watauga, Tx. at the_Serenity Group (6600 Denton Hwy 377 Ste.# 210) at 2:30 pm.
- The **5th Annual Grape-a-thon** was held at the ODAAT Group in Plano, TX from 12:30 to 5:30 (approximately), on July 20th, 2008. The featured speaker was the Southwest Regional Trustee Conley B. (Sheridan, AR), with special guest NETA 65 Alternate Secretary Richard R. (Wichita Falls, TX). There was food, fun and fellowship provided by ODAAT, District 54, and NETA 65. Thanks to all who participated and enjoyed this special day with us! We heard a wonderful talk on the interrelationships of our 3 Legacies, we watched a great rendition of the Traditions play, and heard lots of corny, grapey jokes.
- ❖ Correctional Facilities (Tony C., Garland Clean Air)
 - Visited the 24 hour club with members from local AA groups
 - Attended meeting at the Green Oaks Hospital with members from the Lifesavers Group.
 - Attended open discussion and speaker meeting @ the 4th Dimension Group in Dallas, Tx with members from local AA groups.
 - Attended Rowlett Group Anniversary celebration.
- ❖ Treatment Facilities (Dave R., TFC rep)
 - Started a new meeting a Green Oaks. The meeting will be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM.
 - Completed the Treatment Facilities Book Drive. The books will be donated to the Nexus Recovery Center.
 - Treatment Facilities Meetings are available at Green Oaks. Come to the treatment facilities meeting for times and dates.
 - The next District 54 Treatment Facilities meeting will be held at the Rowlett Group on Sunday, Sept. 7th at 12:30 pm.
- ❖ Intergroup Liaison (Tom M., No Hassle Group)
 - Attended the DIA meeting on July 10. There is continuing good news to report on the financial front. DIA's monthly expenses average right around \$11,000, and as of June 30 there was almost \$38,000 in the operating account and over \$27,000 in prudent reserve, so that makes for six months' worth of expenses in the bank. As always, I have the balance sheet and P&L with me if anyone would like to look it over.
 - The latest version of the meeting list is back from the printer. If your group needs to buy 50+ newcomer packets, please contact the office and let them know, so they may have enough put together for you.
 - There is an interesting new item available called "Meeting in a Pocket." I brought a few with me today; if you'd like one please see me after the meeting.
 - It looks like the Central Office Anniversary is set for October 11 at Fellowship Bible Church (same venue as last year). Stay tuned for more details.
 - There is no regular DIA meeting in August. AA Central Office / Intergroup workshop will be held in its place at 7 PM next Thursday (August 14) at the same place as the regular meeting. I will be there, and hope to see your IGRs there too.

OLD BUSINESS

- ❖ No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Mike L., GSR, Richardson group, introduced a motion to remove the Grey Pages from the Grapevine-La Vina. The district will decide whether to endorse this at the September District meeting.
 - The motion reads as follows: "To reconsider the 2007 General Service Conference advisory action recommending that: The

Grapevine and La Vina include a section on the medical, legal, and social aspects of alcoholism, with an appropriate disclaimer."

- The Gray Pages have been featured in the Grapevine for over a year.
- James V said that GSO has not voted to remove the Gray Pages yet.
- ❖ The following positions were voted in for Panel 58:
 - DCM – On the third ballot, Greg G. was voted as DCM.
 - Alt DCM – On the third ballot, David S. was voted as Alt DCM.
 - Secretary – On the second ballot, Marion D. was voted as Secretary.
 - Treasurer - After the fourth ballot, Camille K. was voted as Treasurer.
- ❖ James V. provided sign-up sheets for the following committee chair positions to be available during Panel 58:
 - Intergroup – Literature
 - Treatment Facilities
 - Grapevine
 - Cooperation with the Professional Community & Public Information (CPC/PI)
 - Corrections Facility Chair
- ❖ David S. and Camille K. volunteered to help contact groups in District 54 about helping provide food and drinks for the Hospitality Room at the Fall NETA Assembly on Sept. 19-21 in Irving.

TRADITION / CONCEPT PRESENTERS FOR AUGUST

- ❖ Tradition 9: Rick E., GSR, Belmont Group
- ❖ Concept 9: David S., CPC/PI

UPCOMING GSR MEETING DATES / TIMES

- ❖ 9/7/2008 Rowlett Group at 2:00 pm
- ❖ 10/5/2008 Carrollton Group at 2:00 pm
- ❖ 11/2/2008 Lifesavers at 2:00 pm (tentative)

ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Being no more business before the District, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 4:50 pm.

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