

## Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

April 7, 2013

Held at Rowlett Group, Garland, Texas

**FINAL**

### OPENING (2:00 p.m.):

#### **Welcome:**

Sherry J. (GSR, Rowlett) opened with Serenity Prayer and read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"

#### **Introductions:**

21 members representing 12 groups were present. District 54 welcomed our visitor – Hope, GSR from the Rockwall Group! Thank you for being our guest!

#### **Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:**

4<sup>th</sup> Tradition: Lisa H (GVR, District 54)

4<sup>th</sup> Concept: Stephanie Z. (TSNAC, District 54)

#### **MINUTES of the Previous Meeting:**

Secretary (Joanie S.) Minutes accepted as presented.

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS and OFFICER REPORTS:**

##### ➤ **Literature/Intergroup (Richard Z., ODAAT)**

See report attached. Richard asks all to make yourselves familiar with what literature is available and please let him know if there is anything you need. Richard is willing to do a literature display at Groups or do a presentation to Groups of what literature is available. \* Richard still needs an Alternate for his position!

- ##### ➤ **Public Information (Mariah W., Carrollton)** Public Information (P.I.) in Alcoholics Anonymous means carrying the message of recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic by informing the general public about the A.A. program. We carry the message by getting in touch with and responding to the media, schools, industry, and other organizations which can report on the nature and purpose of A.A. and what it can do for alcoholics. - reprinted with permission AA Corrections Workbook. Note– Mariah says there are a lot of service opportunities in the District but we need to start at the Group level. Service opportunities currently include taking literature to probation officers, schools, etc., Health Fair volunteers, 15 volunteers needed for MADD victims meetings (no drunkalog, just Q&A, 1 year sobriety required) Let Mariah know if you or anyone you know would like to help. \*\* Mariah is still looking for a Webmaster, please let her know if you know someone qualified. \*\*\*also Mariah is still in need of an Alternate P.I. Rep.

- ##### ➤ **Treatment/Special Needs (Stephanie Z., Lifesavers)** Treatment Committees are formed to coordinate the work of individual A.A. members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment and outpatient settings, and to set up means of "bridging the gap" from the facility to an A.A. group in the individual's community. The members of a Special Needs Committee explore, develop and offer resources to make the A.A. message and participation in our program available to everyone who reaches out for it.

- ##### ➤ **Cooperation with the Professional Community:** (Sam P., Plano – Mike L., Alt CPC, Rowlett) Report from Alt CPC, Mike L - 54 hosted a health fair and it was a success. With all areas of service it is a learning process. You do something well and you feel in other areas how you could have improved. Please ask GSR's to provide some suggestions on improving and areas that we did well at. The PI, CPC, Area, and DIA

were communicating about this event and in the end AA was there serving its purpose. We are going to need help in future when we get opportunities to serve and believe me there will be plenty of opportunities to serve so I propose for may that every GSR bring someone new to the district meeting. Shoot for someone who has never been involved in general service work. I'm bringing a person so I challenge you to do the same. I also attended the mock Grapevine AA's archive committee at the assembly. Awesome and that is describing it lightly. The pre and post GSC assemblies are awesome. We had a good turnout. Love in service Mike L.

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##### ➤ **Correctional Facilities (Position Open)**

Many A.A. members are unaware of the important work being carried out by corrections committees. To those involved, however, corrections work is an opportunity to carry the A.A. message to the confined alcoholic who wants to live sober, one day at a time. Through a corrections committee working with corrections personnel, alcoholics are reached who might never otherwise find the A.A. program. An active corrections committee is a vital link to prisons and jails, providing professionals and other workers in correctional facilities with information about A.A., literature, and guidelines for setting up A.A. groups on the inside. - reprinted with permission AA Corrections Workbook

##### ➤ **District Committee Member (Tom K., Plano)**

See full report attached. NETA Committee Mtg on April 14 at 1:30pm at Triangle Group, Waco.

- ##### ➤ **Secretary (Joanie S., Legacy)** GSRs please contact me with any updates to Groups and/or GSR info. If there is anything you need that I can help you with, please let me know.

- ##### ➤ **Treasurer (Suzy M, Richardson)** Balance as of 2012-31-3 \$3,650.91 less \$2,000.00 prudent reserve - \$1,650.91 operating funds. March contributions were \$110.00; Total expenses for March were \$95.88. Please let Suzy know if you have expenses that you intend to submit for reimbursement.

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## GSR REPORTS & CONCERNS

- **Addison (Jeff T., GSR)** Group is very active in service, Meeting to Maggie's House on Thurs at 8, Turtle Creek Manor Thurs at 9am and Homeward Bound. Wednesday at 7pm is Step Study mtg.  
*\*\* Addison celebrating 26 year Anniversary on April 21. Congrats!*
- **Clean Air North (John T., GSR)** Group doing lots of service work, Green Oaks on Mon and Wed, Maggie's House and Prison mtgs. They have approx. 5-6 step study's going on within Group now.  
*\*\* Clean Air North celebrating 22 year Anniversary on April 28. Congrats!*
- **Dallas North (Dwight, GSR)** Mtgs being taken to Richardson Medical Center, Caron Treatment Center last Sunday every month, Tuesday Night Men's meeting at Burning Tree. Young Peoples meeting on Saturday. Group will be voting on Alt GSR at next Group Conscience mtg.
- **Legacy Group** – Group is holding a Spring Fling Service Fair on April 21 (round robin)
- **Lifesavers (Stephanie Z.)** Women's meeting on Sat at 1pm, Tradition meeting Thursday night, taking meeting to Timberlawn on Fridays at 8:00 p.m. Group is having difficulties currently.
- **New Freedom (David B., GSR)** Meetings every night at 6:30 p.m., Thursday night Mens/Womens meetings, Carrollton Springs on Sunday at 6:00 pm., Maggie's House on first Saturday of each month at noon. Carrollton Springs is asking for another mtg on Monday nights at 6pm, New Freedom interested in sharing responsibility with another group, let Dave know if interested, they require one male and one female to chair mtg and 6 months sobriety is required.
- **Plano (Carmen, GSR)** Meeting taken to Richardson Methodist on Sunday at 8:00 p.m., rideshare from Plano Group at 7:30 p.m. Group getting lots of visitors from sober houses, good to have them. Working on setting up workshops for Group. Group had presentation by Richard, District 54 Literature Rep, very informative and well presented. Group is working on rewriting the position description for SC positions and extending positions to two year terms.
- **Richardson (Shela, GSR)** Taking mtgs to Richardson Methodist on Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. Members taking meetings to Wilmer Hutchins, Bonham prison. Newcomer Mtg on Monday at 6pm, Step Study on Sunday at 6pm. Women's mtg 12:30pm Sat and Sunday noon mtg.  
*\*Note: James. Alt GSR, Richardson. Be sure to update your Groups schedule at Intergroup as nothing worse than Intergroup giving out false information to newcomers.*
- **Rowlett (Sherry, GSR)** Souls Harbor meetings on Friday, Maggie's House, Rockwall Jail womens meetings. Sherry attended the Health Fair at RISD and the SWMC Orientation for Medical Students, great service work and lots of fun. Group is rallying together to get mtgs to members who can not get to Group due to age or health concerns.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

## NEW BUSINESS:

- NETA motion to be presented at the Summer Assembly in Longview TX, in June.  
Motion presented by Area Treasurer, Roy A.: To be inserted and numbered 3.13 in the P & Ps.  
"The finance committee shall consist of a treasurer (who chairs the committee) an alternate treasurer, delegate, area Chair, area secretary, and all past treasurers and delegates who wish to serve. Finance committee meetings are open to all AA members as observers. The primary duty of the finance committee is to draft an annual NETA budget which the treasurer presents to the area assembly."
- Tom K. will be presenting a motion at the area committee. With no disapproval, the motion will be read at the Area Committee, then be reviewed (subjected) by the Area Structure Committee. So the earliest the motion can hit the Area Assembly floor at the Fall Assembly, but no later than the Spring Assembly of next year.  
Motion to Change 6.2 of SECTION 6: PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING THESE POLICIES & PROCEDURES, to modify the number of assemblies for Structure Committee consensus from 'two' to 'one' assembly.  
"6.2 After review, the NETA Structure Committee brings their recommendation to the Area Committee for placement on the NETA Assembly agenda. In the event that the NETA Structure Committee is unable to reach consensus, within one assembly, the items are brought to the NETA Assembly for resolution."  
Background: With the elimination of the NETA Winter Assembly, this motion will condense time needed for the Structure Committee to bring recommendation to the Area Committee. First to assist motions to be engaged by NETA within the same Panel, Second, this will bring motions to the NETA floor without compromising the time needed to reflect on the ramification to NETA, or contemplation of Concepts and Traditions.
- GSR Shela from the Richardson Group presented a written motion for a Service Workshop, bringing speakers from Colorado for a "Joe & Charlie" type workshop on the Traditions and work shop. I hope you take time to review.
- Discussion on creating a Service Fair Ad Hoc Committee, let Tom K. know if you're interested in being on committee.
- Annette H. (Rowlett Group) was presented for disapproval as District 54, Alt. TSNAC Chairperson. No disapproval.
- Holly F. (Clean Air North) was presented for disapproval as District 54 Correction Chairperson. No disapproval.

## Upcoming Meeting Information

Next meeting:

5th Tradition: Patrick (GSR, Legacy)

5th Concept: Kelly H. (ODAAT)

May 5 – Georgetown Group

June 2 – Plano Group

July – Richardson Group

August – Dallas North

Motion to adjourn made, seconded at 4:45pm.