

Northeast Texas Area 65, District 54 Monthly Meeting

September 6, 2015

Held at the Addison Group, Addison, Texas

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District 54 is a geographical unit made up of AA groups in the northern section of the Dallas Metroplex. District 54 is part of the North East Texas Area (NETA). Our district includes approximately 24 groups and includes most Dallas groups north of Forest Lane and groups located in Carrollton, Garland, Richardson, Rowlett, and Sachse. All AA members are welcome to attend the meeting and provide input; however each group designates one representative (GSR-General Service Representative) to vote on behalf of the group conscience. The meetings are generally the first Sunday of every month at 2:00 PM. The meeting is hosted by a different group each month.

District 54 Groups are: Addison - Belmont - Carrollton - Clean Air North - Dallas North - Garland Clean Air – Georgetown - Keystone - Legacy – Lifesavers - Living Sober - New Freedom - No Hassle - ODAAT - Plano - Reaching Out - Richardson - Richardson Big Book - **Rowlett** - Sachse – Serenity

District meetings are sometimes called the GSR meetings. Group reports are given so that other GSR's are aware of how and where other Groups are carrying the AA message, how they are solving group concerns and problems, and a forum for tradition/concept and service sharing sessions. Reports from the District Committee chairs provide two way communications between the AA groups and AA as a whole. District 54 resources are for AA's within District 54 who interested in AA service work.

OPENING (2:00 p.m.):

Welcome:

Jerry C. (GSR Addison) opened with Serenity Prayer and read "Why Do We Need a Conference?"

Discussion of Traditions and Concepts:

9th Tradition: Will A. (GSR Clean Air North)

9th Concept: Sherry J (Literature Rep)

Valarie J. (GSR New Freedom) will present the 10th Tradition at the October meeting at the Rowlett Group.

Blair B. (Accessibility Rep)-Will present the 10th Concept at the October meeting at the Rowlett Group.

MINUTES (of the Previous Meeting):

Secretary Rav V Minutes approved. Ray advised he will not be at the October meeting and asked if anyone could take notes. From many volunteers David B. AKA Jail Dude was selected as the best person to take on this difficult task. **THANK YOU JAIL DUDE.**

Are You Looking For Service Opportunities?

If you are interested in holding a position with District 54, please contact the following:
Alternate Treasurer, contact Jeff T.

Grapevine-

Courtney C is the Grapevine Chair-Courtney advised that she has had some medical issues but is doing better. There is a flyer available about becoming a Grapevine Rep. They are sending out gift subscriptions to Doctors offices and other groups.

Sherry J Literature/Intergroup Rep Mike L is the alternate- Intergroup still needs money. There is a fund raiser coming up on October 3rd.

TSNAC - Treatment Special Needs

Accessibilities

Blair B is the Chairperson for TSNAC- Blair has had a request from Tom at ODAAT to inspect the group. Has bulletins available for the groups about service and support animals

Corrections Report

David B is Corrections Chair (AKA "JAIL DUDE", Stephanie Z is Alternate Chair- David now has procedures for volunteering at TDC.

- 1.) Reserve seating from the website at Texas Dept of Criminal Justice.
- 2.) Forms will be provided either online or in writing and locations for ordination will be provided.

CPC Report

Kelly H is the CPC Chair- There are 3 new clinics that approved the Grapevine to be placed in. Kelly has an appointment with the Judge for the STACK program. She is waiting on SW Medical to respond about Med Students being allowed to attend meetings at ODAAT.

Secretary Report

Nothing to report.

PI Report

Steve A is the PI Chair,

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

Treasurer Report

Jeff T. is the Treasurer-Not Available.

ALT DCM Report

Suzy is the Alt DCM-She is going to try to attend the forum in St Louis Oct 9-11. NATA is September 18-20 at the doubletree in Dallas.

DCM Report.

Rod C is the DCM- Provided information about the assembly and convention. Rod provided agenda and information about the Doubletree Hotel. Rod advised we need a new PI Rep and someone to maintain the website. The fall area committee meeting is at the Unity Group in Denton.

GSR Report

Jerry C is the GSR for Addison- New steering committee positions and taking meetings to Maggie's house.

Thomas H. is the GSR for the Garland Clean Air and Belmont Group-The group gent is coming up for renewal. The group is taking meetings to the VA Hospital.

Will A is the GSR for Clean Air North- Taking meetings to Maggie's House, Green Oaks and Phoenix House. October Group inventory Jimmy D is the facilitator.

Margo C is the GSR for Dallas North- There is a motion at Group Conscience for a new Big Book study meeting at 6pm on Tuesday. Taking meetings to County Jail

Debra M. is the Alt GSR for Georgetown. Group inventory is coming up. Looking at shortening the beginning of the meetings to give more time for meeting.

Valarie J. is the GSR for the New Freedom Group. The group takes meetings to Carrollton Springs and the correction facilities. There is a 12 & 12 meetings on Mondays and a Big Book study on Friday night.

Donna M is the Alt GSR for the ODAAT Group- 36th anniversary celebration October 16-18th, the speaker is Jimmy D. The group is having some financial difficulties. Taking meetings to the Seay center and County Jail.

James D. is the GSR for the Richardson Group- Group is having its 45th Anniversary celebration on September 12th. It starts at 5:30 for dinner followed by an Alanon and AA speaker.

Donna B. is the GSR for the Rowlett Group-The group has moved and new meeting formats have started. Taking meetings to Souls Harbor and Maggie's House and correction facilities.

Isaac V is the GSR for the New Speaker/Share Group- Meetings have been well attended. The format of the meetings have changed slightly.

Carmen A. is the acting GSR for the Plano Group. The Group has a new sign. It will vote at the group conscience to get rid of the noon meetings, Still having some financial problems.

Old Business

The guiding principles are being looked at and are progressing.

New Business

New Motion from Blair to split TSNAC into 2 Committees. One committee will be Treatment and Facilities Committee. The second committee will be Special Needs and Accessibility committee. The 2 committees will share a budget for the remainder of 2015 and the money will be split between the 2 committees equally. The motion passes.

Upcoming Meeting Information:

Next District 54 meeting:

October 4th-Rowlett Group

November 1st-Dallas North Group

December 6th-Clean Air North Group (pending group approval)

Motion to adjourn made, seconded at 4:00 pm