



# NORTHEAST TEXAS AREA

(NETA65)

## NEWSLETTER

Quarterly Publication

***Welcome to the heartbeat of the Northeast Texas Area 65 Assembly***

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### From the Editor...

NETA Phone Lists will be available at every Assembly and Committee Meeting and in the mail-out (email and postal). Please refer to these for the latest contact info. Please contact Arthur S. if you would rather get your Newsletter / Minutes via email instead of US Postal Mail. Remember, for every 4 of you who elect to get these by email, NETA saves \$1 each Assembly.

### From the Area Chair...

It has been brought to my attention that full names and telephone numbers are being shown as contact information in Calendar entries on the NETA65.org web site.

I would urge you to discontinue this practice as it is contrary to our Anonymity Traditions. Also we need to consider the risk. Individuals and organizations (legitimate and illegitimate) harvest personal information from web pages for use by bulk mailers, telephone solicitors and search engine data bases (e.g. Google, Yahoo, Microsoft, etc.).

The NETA phone list has Area Committee members contact information and is sent to all Area Directory addressees by postal and/or email. The NETA65.org web site has a "Contact" page to email NETA Committee members. A mechanism exists to have the email automatically forwarded to an email address you specify for receipt of them.

### Delegate's Report Bill N.

Greetings to all;

It's hard to believe, but we've reached the halfway point with Area Assemblies for this panel. The recent Fall Assembly and Convention was a success and our guest speakers were excellent. Thanks to David H (Panel 47, Colorado), Dean R (Past US Trustee at Large) and Valerie O (GSO Staffer) and Rita C (Alanon) for being a part of our Convention this year. And thanks to Pam C for being the Voice of our Convention and to everyone who helped with the hosting duties of our guests.

We were also honored to have our newly elected SW Regional Trustee, Conley B, come and deliver his Trustee's Report to us in person. With all of the interesting things going on with our General Service Board, it was refreshing to hear firsthand information from someone who was there and is a member of the Board and I thank him for his clarification. Regardless of where we stand on any issue, accurate

information is so important in helping us reach an informed group conscience.

I had the privilege to chair the DCM breakout session on Saturday afternoon. It was standing room only in that session and there were several key concerns discussed thoroughly. I was grateful to see all of the DCMs and Alternates in attendance at this Assembly. It was also an opportunity to personally thank them personally for all of their efforts in making my job easier due to their strong efforts. I look forward to working with them again starting in early 2008 as we prepare the 58<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference Agenda material for Area distribution so that we may hear the voices of our Area on all items being discussed. The DCMs are, without a doubt, the critical link to our information process up and down the "inverted triangle" that is the AA Service Structure.

I look forward to the next three months, which will be an opportunity to recharge before things ramp up again going into 2008. I have several commitments left this year at various functions but things should be quiet, relatively speaking. In late January, I will get the opportunity to go to New York City to the Board Weekend where I will participate in the Trustee's Committee on Corrections as the Conference Chair of that committee. I will also get the opportunity to sit in on other committees as an observer wherever time allows me to do so and that should be interesting. Shortly after that trip, the Final Conference Agenda will be released and we'll begin the process of finalizing the Mock Committees for our Spring Assembly.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to serve the North East Texas Area as your Delegate. I wish each and every one of you the happiest of holidays and we'll see you again, God willing, at the Winter Assembly in Texarkana.

Bill N

### Chairperson's Report Jim C.

Almost hard to believe that we're halfway through Panel 57. Our Fall Assembly and Convention capped what I thought was an excellent year of Assemblies and AA Service. And what a great Assembly and Convention it was. We were privileged to have excellent speakers as well as the opportunity to welcome for the first time our new Trustee to the North East Texas Area. Thanks to everyone that worked so hard to make this a success.

I suppose there will always be some matters that require attention (we'd hardly be typical AA's if there weren't), but I have been very pleased with the level of co-operation and tolerance that I've observed in our Area. With this backdrop of peace and serenity, I have been able to experience the tremendous feeling of gratitude that comes with "Service, gladly rendered, obligations squarely met..." Many of you have expressed similar feelings, which is very encouraging. After all, one of our primary purposes, as Area 65, is promoting our Twelfth Step work and helping others make Twelfth Step work possible. And since the Area also serves as the communications channel between our General Service Office and the NETA AA Groups, cohesiveness within the Area is important. The fact that things have gone pretty smoothly, and that we also seem to be having some fun, is a tribute to everyone involved and exemplifies the true leadership - from the GSR's on down - throughout the North East Texas Area fellowship. I am proud and honored to be a part of it.

Still lots of opportunities for everyone as we enter the second half of Panel 57. Our standing Service Committees can always use more help. If you (or someone you know or sponsor) are interested in getting more involved in service, this is a great opportunity. Also, we would like to see more DCM's involved with Area workshops. I am working with our Alternate Chair to help facilitate this. If you want to grow in Service, this can be very rewarding.

We have the good fortune this year to visit two of our outlying Districts for our Winter and Summer Assemblies. In January, we'll be in District 1 in Texarkana and in June, District 91 in Waco. Our out-of-town Assemblies are always special and are events you won't want to miss, so please make your plans to attend now.

Finally, we've changed the order and format slightly of our Assembly agenda. Please let me know what you think and any other thoughts for improving your Service experience. I have come to look at our Third Legacy of Service - and the people in it - as a second "home group". I would hope everyone's experience is just as rewarding.

#### **Alternate Chairperson's Report Jana A.**

It was a really good Assembly and Convention in Irving. I got an opportunity to talk to quite a few GSRs about workshops for their groups so it looks like we are going to have some great presentations in 2008.

We heard some good speakers and we got a lot of good information from our Southwest Regional Trustee, Conley, about the issues at the GSO. During his report he expressed his gratitude for the input from the Northeast Texas Area members. I got an opportunity to talk to him early in the Assembly and he told me that the letters he received from our Area were well thought out, literature based and were respectful in addressing some sensitive issues. I'm grateful that the members of our Area are willing to take the time to write these letters, are interested enough to research the literature and to have their voices heard for the good of AA as a whole.

If you weren't able to attend or if you didn't get a copy of my report, the workshops are posted on the calendar on the NETA web page ([www.NETA65.org](http://www.NETA65.org)). Also a list of topics is posted on the website. If there is a topic you want presented that isn't on the list just let me know and we will work on getting it scheduled for you.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service and please don't hesitate to let me know if I can help you in any way.

#### **Secretary's Report Arthur S.**

During the months of November and December there will be a concerted effort to provide all the District Committee Members with spreadsheets containing Area Directory information for individual Districts. The intent of this is to use the spreadsheets to update the Area Directory and ensure that Group and GSR/Alternate contact information is current. To the extent possible, the spreadsheet information will be distributed by email with a request that updated copies be returned by email.

GSRs (and Alternates) it is very important to ensure your contact information is current (especially your current phone number). Also, if you have an email address please supply this information as well.

This is the time of year that GSO begins a rather busy process to get the GSO data base updated for preparation of AA Directories for 2008. The data base is also used by GSO for contact information to get in touch with area trusted servants. It is now updated directly by the areas over the internet through an application called "Fellowship New Vision" (FNV).

In their latest letter on the subject, GSO has requested that all areas participating in the Fellowship New Vision updating of the GSO data base, to stop sending in hard copy forms to GSO. Instead please send the forms to the Area Record Keeper for processing. Currently, the Area Secretary serves as both Area Registrar and Area Record Keeper. There is one type of form and information, however that needs to be sent directly to Bill N, the Area Delegate. That information is for new groups. They get special handling between the Delegate and GSO.

#### **Alternate Secretary's Report Richard R.**

Greetings! Another mail-out has taken place and it was a great Success. This time it was at the Town South Group in Lancaster. I personally would like to thank the group for hosting it. The food (barbeque) was delicious. Remember, that you don't have to be a member of the group that's doing it, to help us with the mail-out. It is a good way to do service work and make new friends or visit old ones. Hope to see some of you all at the next one. Also I would like to take this time to thank Arthur S. (Secretary) Charlie A. (Newsletter) for dedication to the Area. Without them my job would be very difficult.

This is a run down of the upcoming mail-outs:

<b>Fall 2007</b>	<b>Big Town Group</b>	<b>Dec. 02, 2007 1:30 pm</b>
<b>Winter 2008</b>	<b>Richardson Group</b>	<b>Date to be determined</b>
<b>Spring 2008</b>	<b>Arlington Central Grp</b>	<b>Date to be determined</b>
<b>Summer 2008</b>	<b>Rowlett Group</b>	<b>Date to be determined</b>

\*The only one not filled is the Fall 2008. If you think your group is willing to host it, please see me or call my cell (from Area Phone list).

Thank you for letting me serve as your area mail man (Alt. Secretary)

### Treasurer's Report PJ H-R.

Greetings NETA 65!

The proposed 2008 NETA 65 Budget was distributed at the Fall Area Committee Meeting. It will be an agenda item at the Winter Assembly. I am available to make presentations to groups or districts. NETA 65 financial affairs are an "open" book. If you would like to review any of the NETA 65 records, please contact me to make an appointment.

In past articles, I have included information from the A.A. pamphlet *Self-Support – Where Money and Spirituality Mix*. But where in our history did this principle begin? In *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, Bill Wilson writes the following account of a meeting in 1934. "Let's begin with my own sponsor, Ebby. When Ebby heard how serious my drinking was, he resolved to visit me. He was in New York; I was in Brooklyn. His resolve was not enough; he had to take action and he had to spend money. He called me on the phone and then got into the subway; total cost, ten cents. At the level of the telephone booth and subway turnstile, spirituality and money began to mix. One without the other would have amounted to nothing at all. Right then and there, Ebby established the principle that A.A. in action calls for the sacrifice of much time and a little money."

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Please send NETA 65 Contributions to: NETA Treasurer PO Box 169 Allen, TX 75013
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### Audiovisual Chairperson Mike W.

Please check with your Group Conscience first and have two dates, in case of scheduling conflicts.

In keeping with A.A. tradition (anonymity), the identity of the A.A. members are protected in all the audiovisuals except the two with Bill W...

The Titles below are the English Videos available for showing.

AA an Inside View -28 minutes – Depicts alcoholics recovering in A.A., going about their daily lives, and attending A.A. meetings and other gatherings.

Young People and A.A. – 28 minutes – Four young A.A. members describe what it was like drinking, what happened to bring them to A.A. and what their lives are like sober today.

It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell – 17 minutes - Filmed inside correctional facilities in the U. S. and Canada. This video is about four young A.A.s who were in prison as a result of drinking, yet today are sober in A.A.

A.A. -- Rap With Us – 16 minutes – Features four anonymous young A.A. members. Rap music and lyrics bridge these four young people's stories of alcoholic despair and A.A. recovery.

Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous – 15 minutes – Explains the principles of A.A.: what A.A. is and isn't, primary purpose, sponsorship, home group, the Steps and Traditions, and basic recovery tools.

Bill Discusses the Twelve Traditions – 65 minutes – Bill W. tells how the principles safeguarding A.A. unity developed.

Bill's Own Story – 60 minutes – Co-founder Bill W. tells of his drinking and recovery.

You're A.A. General Service Office, the Grapevine, and the General Service Structure – 22 minutes – Tour the Grapevine office and your G.S.O., which also contains information on A.A.'s service structure.

Carrying the Message Behind These Walls – 15 minutes – Focuses on encouraging more A.A.s to participate in carrying the message into correctional facilities and addresses some of the concerns that hold members back from this rewarding service.

PSA Compilation Video – 10 minutes – Compilation video of all current PSA's, including the Spanish and French versions, for committee use.

Markings on the Journey – 35 minutes – Depicts A.A.'s history using rare material from A.A.'s archives.

### Archives Chairperson

Scott R.

Hi NETA,

We have added a literature rack to our Archives display which we feel will add to the attractiveness of the display and may help with can donations.

I have stated a new job which requires me to work weekend. I have been asking other members of the committee to fill in for me.

Scheduled events are:

- **October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>** will have us at The Language of the Heart's Anniversary celebration.
- The Texas State Conference of Young People will have our display on **October 26 through the 28<sup>th</sup>**.
- A Correctional Conference will have a display **November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**.
- On **November 11<sup>th</sup>** we will also do a Combined Five display and talk.

For more information regarding any events, please refer to the NETA on-line calendar at [www.neta65.org](http://www.neta65.org).

The October 18, 2007 meeting of the Archives Committee will be conducted at the Town North Group at 8:00pm. They are located at 229 Farmers Branch Shopping Center, Farmers Branch, Texas 75234 (SW corner of Valley View Lane and Josey Lane). The number is (972) 243-5999. The optional eating prior to the meeting will be next door to the group at Marshall's BBQ at 6:30 pm.

The December committee meeting will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup> at the ODAAT Group in Plano at Parker and Custer. The address is 2109 W. Parker Road, Suite 728, Plano, 75023.

In Service,  
Scott R.

## **Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson Joe C.**

Greeting to All my friends in NETA,

It has been a busy year and also a fast one. My term as CPC will soon be half over.

There are many things I hoped to accomplish. I still need CPC contacts for much of the Area. I know there is much work to be done. Just in my neck of the woods. I know it's the same where you live. There are so many CPC opportunities. Each Group should have at least one person doing this type of work.

Each District needs a CPC committee. Other CPC committees are having to cross into other Districts to provide this important service. I would think it would be an embarrassment to a District to have somebody else do their job?

CPC/PI are very important and overlooked Services. Please contact me for group or District CPC presentations or any other way I can help.

If you have CPC activity going on at your group or District, Please keep me informed so I will know what's going on and who to contact for opportunities in your area.

DCM's in out lying Districts please let me ~~to~~ come give presentations/Displays at your events I want to serve the whole area.

In love and Service  
Joe C

## **Correctional Facilities Chairperson Stuart R.**

Greetings all,

Good to see you at the assembly & convention. We are continuing to gather applications for volunteers to go into state jails. To date we have about 20 signed up to do the training at the orientation during the corrections conference. We are very excited about that. The pre release contact list continues to grow. GSO has a need for people to correspond with AA's in institutions. I have the forms available if you want to participate in this 12<sup>th</sup> step work.

As always, we are available to bring a presentation to your group or district. Do not hesitate to call.

We look forward to seeing you at the corrections conference November 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Ramada DFW Airport South, 4440 W Airport Fwy, Irving, TX 75062, make reservations 972 399 1010

Love in service,  
Stuart r

## **Grapevine / La Vina Chairperson Linda A.**

NETA 65 Grapevine/LaVina Standing Committee Chair Report to the Fall Assembly September 2007

The Standing Committee for the Grapevine LaVina continues to place informational displays at AA functions and AA Related events when asked. This may be done by the committee chairperson, or committee member. We consider it

progress that the responsibility and privilege of representing the Area Standing Committee may also be performed by those members of the Standing Committee other than the committee chairperson. For example, representatives from the Combined 6, in the Fort Worth area, set up the NETA65 display for the State Convention, and District meeting presentations are given by District Grapevine Representatives and interested GSRs. It is important to share the service opportunity and we welcome GSR or Group Literature Chairs to participate in the monthly meetings until Group Grapevine Representatives are found. Please, consider giving me names and referring people to talk to me about stepping up to serve in the Alternate Chair and Recording Secretary, currently these are vacant positions on the committee. Service is an opportunity to share the joy of this program and fellowship and I request your thoughtful consideration for these positions.

- GV/LV Standing Committee met June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Presentation was made at the District 3 meeting in Henrietta on July 8<sup>th</sup>
- Committee member and Dist GV Rep made a presentation at the Richardson Group Conscience July 11<sup>th</sup>
- Thanks to the Richardson Group for hosting the Annual Grape-a-Thon July 22<sup>nd</sup>
- GV/LV Standing Committee met at the Show Me Group in Denton August 11<sup>th</sup>
- Presentation & GV Talk was hosted by Texoma 1 Group in Denison August 11<sup>th</sup>
- Presentation of 2 displays at the Spanish Intergroup on August 12<sup>th</sup>
- Display provided to North Texas Roundup August 17-19<sup>th</sup>
- Display provided at the Lambda Group Anniversary August 29<sup>th</sup>
- Display and Workshop provided to Singles In Sobriety Conference Sept 7-9<sup>th</sup>

No GV/LV Standing Committee meeting this month but I hope to meet interested people here at the Assembly and welcome your participation in the future.

Please, check the NETA65 website calendar for future GV/LV SC participation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda A, Chairperson

## **Newsletter Chairperson Charlie A.**

We'll look at this, we're half way through Panel 57 and I feel like I just started serving you yesterday. And yet there is a feeling of accomplishment and humility. Last newsletter had so much participation that I had to do all sorts of things to create more space. So if you have found the print a little small, I'm sorry, but that's a good thing in reality. We've had participation from every officer and every standing committee. Almost all DCM's have submitted an article at one time or another. We even have one past Delegate who has written an article, which the first half was in the 2007 Fall Newsletter and the rest will be

in this, the 2008 Winter newsletter. Once again, I challenge you to participate in your NETA Newsletter. Before the end of Panel 57, I would like to report the above as all instead of almost all. I would also like to see more participation from Past Delegates. Not every one who reads this goes to Assemblies and this is a way to reach them too!

Well that's it for now,  
In Love and Service,  
Charlie A

#### **DCM 52**

**Mike C.**

Hello everyone, greetings from District 52.

Many wonderful things are happening in Dist.52, the first of which is the opening of two new groups. The first group is the *LAST HOUSE GROUP* in Midlothian, TX. Midlothian is South on 67 past Cedar Hill. I was fortunate to be able to attend one of their meetings and give them a new group registration form and a few pamphlets on self support. The meeting was very well attended (approx. 39 people) on the day that I went. Last House Group meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Their address is:

First United Methodist Church.  
800 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Midlothian TX.

The second group was the *CEDAR HILL GROUP*, which had their first meeting on Sept.17. However, after contacting them, I found out that they had only 3 meetings before shutting it down for several reasons. I certainly hope, and pray that at some point they can try again. There is a great need for AA in that area.

Now, I have never written any kind of article for any newsletter or paper, BUT, because of the way things are done now in area 65 assemblies, this is the only way I have to share this information with everyone in the area; why is that?

I will continue to try to share information with you using this form of media as long as is necessary.

Yours in service-  
Mike C. Dist. 52 DCM

#### **DCM 54**

**James V.**

Greetings from District 54:

"Double A" is alive and well in north Dallas and south Collin counties. We have an active district that participates in "all of AA." At the Fall Assembly in Irving, District 54 was represented by 9 groups, including 15 participating members. Our CPC/PI Committee has been working closely with Dallas Intergroup to set up displays and presentations to carry the message. The TFC Committee is helping our groups get more meetings going at Green Oaks; and the GV/LV chair is helping carry the message about our "Meeting In Print" to groups in the district and in the Area. After a bit of a committee slowdown in Corrections, we are getting our CF committee reorganized and look forward to more CF committee participation in the last half of the panel.

At the Forum in October, we had 5 GSRs and 5 District Committee members registered.

It was a very positive weekend for all attendees. Here are some excerpted comments from D54 attendees: 1). I need to submit articles to Grapevine and our local DIA newsletter; we need to educate other local members about the vast size and depth of the Fellowship, and how each level of AA carries the message of 12<sup>th</sup> Step Responsibility. 2). AA is the same wherever I go; same problems and the same solutions. 3). The Forum gave me an opportunity to see the entire scope of AA – nationally & internationally; to see the Traditions manifested and discussed at length; and to see the commonality of experience across groups in other parts of the country. 4). Meeting GSO executives and Committee Chairs from across the region to share common experiences and some solutions I hadn't considered; open and honest Q&A with GSO, past and present Trustees and with the Chairman of the General Service Board Leonard Blumenthal. I think that most of all, ~~that~~ I came home with an even greater appreciation for what it means to have an INFORMED group conscience. The pointy part of our "inverted triangle" can seem so distant, but after a weekend like this I understand so much better how they carry out the work that we've delegated to them, and what a great resource they represent. It's great to have a deeper knowledge of how our overall service structure works so that I can tap into the collective experience of our entire fellowship. "Them" is truly "us!"

If YOU have any free time on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month, please join us in District 54 for a little info and a lotta fun. We always welcome visitors!

James V

#### **DCM 55**

**Bill M.**

District 55 continues to have a majority of Groups represented at District meetings. Our Standing Committees have Chairs and are active.

Love and Service,  
Bill M,

#### **DCM 61**

**Jan L.**

Greetings from District 61-

We are continuing to look for ways to get the groups in our District to participate in the service structure of Alcoholics Anonymous. While we have several active and dedicated GSR's, my hope is that in the coming months, we can get more groups involved. Our monthly "night out", where we meet and visit other groups in our district, has been well-received by our GSR's. Mike W., our Area Audio/Visual Chair, came to our last district meeting to show one of our videos and let the GSR's know that this service is available. At our next meeting, Pat R.C. will share her experience working at G.S.O, and talk a little about the service structure. I am grateful for the opportunity to be of service to District 61, and to be a part of the NETA.

Jan L.

## Alternate DCM 65

Margie R.

I was talking with my mom and I was reminded of a story I've heard many times in my recovery about starfish.....

One day after a big coastal storm a man was walking on a beach. The beach was litter with hundreds of starfish washed up on the shore. He saw a stranger picking up a starfish and tossing it back into the sea then going and picking up another and tossing it back into the sea.

The man walked over to the stranger and asked. "Why are you doing this you can't save all of them so what difference does it make?"

The stranger tossed the one he was holding into the water and picked up another one and looked at the Stranger. "To this one it makes all the difference in the world?"

The story reminds me that I cannot change the world, only what I do in it. A kind word or showing up for a friend or family members functions or saying thank you or sending a letter to a friend or helping someone I know in need with a small task. Even just letting someone know your there if they need you. These small things that can be done for others may not mean anything to the world. Yet to that one person it makes all the difference in the world, it reminds me to be friendly and caring to others

Margie R

Alt DCM Dist 65

## Past Delegate (Panel 47)

Phil E.

### Part 2 (See 2007 Fall Newsletter for Part 1)

Having been shown that there isn't any hierarchy or elite members in AA and grasping that ideal rather quickly was a good foundation for me. I also became aware with the near swiftness as I did with the no bosses that there are those who believe they know what is best for Alcoholics Anonymous with the same self-assurance I think the Titanic's Captain had with its unsinkability. If it sounds good or looks sound it must be.

These members believe they're doing the right thing for the right reason and they love the program. Then you find those with hidden agendas and egos to feed – poliitic behind the scenes.

Both are of the minority and though some would think a threat to our way of life this I don't think is the case. I see these members as a good motivation on top of the desire one already has to know what is and isn't AA principals, bringing the very best out in us as AA members. These few determined members ought to encourage us to be well informed. To trust in God to help us share on the Issues of importance, even if we take an unpopular stance. Remember always even with the most outspoken at our assemblies, or the eloquent orator who sounds so right to the majority, have to yield to the minority opinion at which time solid principals, AA history and years of AA experience can be presented to the Assembly's conscience for a motion to be reconsidered.

There are safeguards in Alcoholics Anonymous: Concept III – "Right of Decision", Concept IV – "Right of Appeal" (minority opinion). We use the Third Legacy Procedures in Area 65 for electing officers and for items of major importance require a two third majority to pass and should never be rushed – ever. I believe we would best be served if we stood in our Fifth Tradition's principal of our primary purpose, be well informed prior to any vote or decision or discussion, know the history of AA as well as the area history – so perhaps past errors may be avoided or that we don't duplicate services or policy unnecessarily. Also we might check our belief in the Second Tradition's principal: We have only one ultimate authority "... a loving God as He may express Himself ...in an informed group conscience and to that our leaders are but trusted servants.

Area 65 has been and is extremely blessed because there is an abundance of good leaders founded in the love of God, AA principals, the fellowship and gratitude for the gift of recovery – that are capable and willing to serve given the chance. You know who they are, they are those who by action and example stand out as leaders – not through "self appointment". There is a strong presence in "Love and tolerance of others..." as is pointed out to us in Step Ten, page 84, of the Big Book, clearly it is stated that this "...is our code".

I'm grateful for being able to share my thoughts in the Area Newsletter. May God continue to bless Area 65. Also remember to enjoy yourself on your journey in Alcoholics Anonymous and the service you give back.

# NORTHEAST TEXAS AREA WINTER ASSEMBLY AGENDA

January 19 & 20, 2008

Clarion Hotel 5301 N. Stateline Ave., Texarkana, TX 75502 (903-792-3222)

Theme for the 2008 General Service Conference:

“Communication and Participation - The Key to Unity and Self-Support”

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## Saturday - January 19

- 8:00 Registration Opens
- 8:30 Welcome - Open Assembly - Jim C. - Area Chair  
Serenity Prayer and “Why Do We Need A Conference?”
- 9:00 Breakout Sessions  
GSR Orientation/Sharing  
DCM Sharing Session
- 10:30 Coffee Break
- 11:00 Secretary Minutes - Arthur S.  
Treasurer's Report - PJ H.R.  
Convention Report - Jim P.  
Workshop Report – Jana A.  
Alternate Delegate - Jimmy D.  
Structure Committee Report
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Unfinished Business  
New Business
- 3:00 Coffee Break
- 3:30 Standing Committee Reports - Questions/Answers
- 4:15 “Ask the Chairman” - Questions/Comments/Concerns
- 5:00 Dinner

- 7:00 Conference Theme Presentations:
  - 1. Communication and Participation
    - a. Sharing the Message of Service
    - b. Our key to Keeping AA Strong
    - c. Leadership in AA: Building Communication
  - 2. Unity
    - a. Our Common Welfare Should Come First
    - b. Principles Before Personalities
    - c. Diversity: Reaching Out to All Alcoholics
  - 3. Self-Support
    - a. Self-Supporting Through Members' Voluntary Contributions Only
    - b. Contempt Prior to Investigation
    - c. Responsibility to Communicate and Participate
- 9:00 Close for day

## Sunday - January 20

- 8:30 Welcome - Open Assembly - Jim C. - Area Chair  
Serenity Prayer and “Why Do We Need A Conference?”
- 8:45 Delegate's Report - Bill N.  
General Service Conference Preliminary Agenda Report
- 9:45 Coffee Break
- 10:00 Preliminary Agenda - Questions/Answers
- 10:30 Trustees Report - Conley B.
- 11:30 Delegate - Bill N - What's On Your Mind?
- 12:00 Close Assembly