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Jim C., Delegate, Panel 61, Area 65

We've had our first Assembly of the new panel and it appears that we have survived another rotation. I would like to thank everyone who has committed their time and talents to service to Alcoholics Anonymous. The North East Texas Area is better than ever. The activity and enthusiasm of our Area Committee and GSRs was very evident at the Winter Assembly and cause for celebration. We will miss those who have moved on to other areas of service, but hopefully will continue to draw on their wisdom and experience.

It is always exciting at the beginning of a new panel. I am particularly excited as I prepare for the 61st General Service Conference. My preparation is not a solo act, however. I am depending on everyone's support, and most importantly, everyone's input. The first step is getting ready for the Spring Assembly and conducting our "mock" committee meetings. Each one at the assembly will be assigned to participate on a committee that corresponds with each of the General Service Conference committees. There, the final Conference agenda will be discussed and background material will be provided. Since the Assembly will be the first chance to review background information, our application of Concept III, "Right of Decision" and Concept IV, "Right of Participation" will be very evident. After the committees complete their work, we will then meet to "report out" the committee decisions. This process enables the Delegate to be as informed as possible prior to the Conference.

The new panel also offers many other opportunities. Each of our Service Committees needs the support of every group and every member. Every Committee is open and looking for volunteers to facilitate their work. Even if someone doesn't have an "official" position in the Group or District, he can become active on an Area Service Committee. And those serving on corresponding Group or District Committees automatically serve on the corresponding Area Committee.

Many are new to General Service and just getting a "feel" of how this all works. Not to worry. Just like when a newcomer

makes his first meeting, there are those who came before and are happy to pass along their experience. I am looking forward to getting to know each of you and also to renew acquaintances. Springtime also reminds us of the new birth that we have all found in applying the program of Alcoholics Anonymous in our lives. As we gather for our Spring Assembly, let us remember what our true motives should be and follow the guidance, "How can I be helpful to others?" Our responsibility is to dedicate ourselves to doing what we can to assist our Districts, our Groups, and fellow AA members to do effective Twelfth Step work.

I am extremely honored and humbled to represent the North East Texas Area at the General Service Conference. As your Delegate, I will get to work closely with all of our Districts and Groups to provide Conference reports and GSO information throughout the Area. The communication has to go both ways, though. It is very important that I hear from everyone with concerns, problems, and also successes. I am really looking forward to the experience and also looking forward to getting to know everyone in the Area much better. See you at the Assembly!

"God will constantly disclose more to you and to us."

Jim

Mo N., Alternate Delegate, Panel 61, Area 65

Greetings To All; First let me say what a wonderful time I had at our first Winter Assembly for Panel 61.

What a fantastic turn out! I was really impressed that so many past GSR's and DCM's came to welcome the incoming Trusted Servants.

I'd also like to thank District 21 for hosting the hospitality room. There's a great deal of work involved and it was done beautifully, although if I gain 10 pounds I'll know where to aim my resentment. Thanks again for a job well done.

It was very exciting to see all the new GSR's so enthusiastic about their new positions. As GSR you represent your Group

Conscience, reporting the group's thoughts to your DCM and to the Delegate, who carries them to the Conference, thoughts that affect AA Unity, Health and Growth. Our Service Manual states; **"Only when a GSR keeps the group informed, and communicates the Group Conscience, can the Conference truly act for A.A. as a whole."**

I'm excited about my new position. My responsibility these next two years will be to travel with our Delegate, visiting Districts and Groups while learning everything involved with the General Service Conference (GSC) coming up in May. I will be attending the Southwest Regional Delegates Assembly (SWRDA) in Oklahoma City. This is where Jim will be prepped for the Conference and me as well, in the event that I should have to step in for any reason, after all, Alternates must be equally prepared. Our Area is very fortunate to have this kind of training ground with past Delegates who share their experiences going to GSC.

In the mean time, I will keep you up to date with upcoming events in our Area including Conference and Assembly information. I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Assembly in Fort Worth in March. Please remember to invite all of your Home Group members to come visit us at the Assembly as well. Until then, take care and stay in the middle of AA where you'll be safe and protected.

In Service,

Mo. N., Alt Delegate, Panel 61, Area 65

Jana A., Committee Chair, Panel 61, Area 65

I want to thank everyone who made our first Assembly of Panel 61 a huge success. We have a new panel of Committee Chairs, Officers and DCMs and a lot of us will learn more as we go along. Everyone did an excellent job!!

There were quite a few members who were attending an Assembly for their first time. It is always exciting to me to see that many people being introduced to the Third Legacy of service at the Assembly level. There were so many good questions and input from the participants. My experience was that once I had a service position outside of my group it opened up a whole new view of AA and how it functions. It also gave me the opportunity to meet so many other Trusted Servants and make new friends. I hope that your experience will be as positive as mine has been.

It was reported at the Assembly that at last count we have 498 registered groups in the Northeast Texas Area. There were GSRs representing and voting for 84 of those groups. We are hoping to get more participation from the groups as we go farther into our panel. If your GSR isn't attending the Assembly then your group has lost its opportunity to have a voice and vote in what AA does and doesn't do. A perfect

example of this is our Spring Assembly. We will have the opportunity to provide direct input on items that will be on the 61st General Service Conference agenda. We will break out into committees, just as the Delegates do at the conference, review each agenda item and reach consensus opinion to report to our Delegate before he goes to the Conference in May. We hope to see you all there.

Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to be of service to you.

Jana A., NETA 65 Chair, Panel 61

Tom M., Alternate Chair, Panel 61, Area 65

It is my pleasure and privilege to serve Area 65—Northeast Texas as your Area Alternate Chairperson for this panel. As you may know, one of the Area Alternate Chair's primary areas of responsibility is to coordinate workshops at the request of groups or districts within our area.

We have a number of workshops already scheduled:

- Saturday, January 29, 2-4 pm, Lewisville Group, How to Chair A Meeting
- Saturday, February 5, 2-4 pm, Lewisville Group, The Twelve Traditions
- Saturday, February 19, 2-4 pm, Show Me Group (Denton), Unity through the Traditions
- Saturday, February 26, 1:30-3:30 pm, Clean Air Group (Longview), How to Chair A Meeting
- Tuesday, March 1, 8-9 pm, Greenville Traditions Group, Sponsorship
- Sunday, March 6, approx. 4-5 pm (immediately following the district meeting), District 56 @ the Frances Street Group (Terrell), Function of a District
- Tuesday, April 5, 8-9 pm, Greenville Traditions Group, Public Information & Cooperation with the Professional Community
- Saturday, April 16, time TBA, One Day at a Time Group (Texarkana), How to Chair A Meeting
- Sunday, May 1, time TBA, Town South Group (Lancaster), How to Chair A Meeting
- Saturday, June 4, time TBA, Language of the Heart Group (Colleyville), Internet: Friend or Foe?

Please go to our NETA 65 calendar at <http://neta65.org/calendar.php> for more details, or feel free to contact me. My email address is altchair61@neta65.org, and my phone number is 972.922.1014. You may also reach me via the Contact page on the NETA 65 website, at <http://neta65.org/contact.php>.

If you would like to hold a workshop at your group or district, please let me know. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

In Love & Service,

Tom M.

Keith D., Secretary, Panel 61, Area 65

It is my pleasure to serve as your Panel 61, Area Secretary. This first assembly was a bit hairy, but I know we'll all get our groove down and be better at the next one. Thanks for all of your support and encouragement, as I learn this new job.

As I reported at the Assembly, if you are a GSR or DCM and have turned your information into me, you will receive your kit from the GSO in the near future. DCM's, if you have GSR's that have not turned in their information; they can either submit a Group Change form to the GSO, or to me. Please, do this ASAP, as I will be printing labels for the mail out soon.

We had outstanding participation at our first assembly from non-voting A.A. members, and that's fantastic. Also, I want to commend everyone on how smoothly the business went. I know some of you felt inadequately prepared, because you were new, and hopefully we can address that in the future. Also, if you did not receive a copy of the Fall Assembly and Committee Meeting minutes in your Winter 2010 Newsletter, please, let Dusty (Newsletter Editor) or myself or my Alternate, Olga R., know immediately. We want to make sure you get all of the information you need to make well-informed decisions.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve. I love Alcoholics Anonymous. It has given me the only good life that I've ever known and if it weren't for service, I probably would not be sober today.

Keith D., Area Secretary, Panel 61

Olga R., Alternate Secretary, Panel 61, Area 65

The schedule for mail-outs is as follows:

Mail-out Date	Area Assembly Date	Mail-out Location
February 12, 2011	March 19-20, 2011	Bellmead Group 1612 Austin Ave., Waco, TX 76704
May 7, 2011	June 18-19, 2011	Language of the Heart 4121 Colleyville Blvd, Colleyville, TX.
August 6, 2011	September 16-18, 2011	To Be Determined
December 3, 2011	January 21 -22, 2012	To Be Determined
February 4, 2012	March 17-18, 2012	To Be Determined
April 12, 2012	June 16 - 17, 2012	To Be Determined
August 4, 2012	September 14-15, 2012	To Be Determined

In service,
Olga

Roy P., Treasurer, Panel 61, Area 65

Welcome everyone to Panel 61! It is always so exciting to see all the new faces as well as old friends. As your new Treasurer, I want to first thank James V. for all his help in the transition. I also have gotten tons of help and advice from the Finance Committee for which I am beyond thankful. I look forward to seeing each of you as we

work our way through these 2 years and thanks in advance for your help.

One task from Panel 59 remains unfinished that we need your help to complete. As you know, we reconcile the cash advances to Trusted Servants and Committee Chairs to actual expenses incurred. Each of us is expected to turn in receipts attached to expense reports so we can be accountable to our members, groups and districts. We are missing these reports from a few members. Pam C., our new Alternate Treasurer, will be gathering those and completing the reconciliation for Panel 59. The easiest way to get her your report is to scan and email your expense reports and receipts. As you know, we had a change in Alternate Treasurer last summer and some of these reports may not have made the transition. Each of us is expected to reimburse the Area for any cash disbursed not documented with reports and receipts. You can check your individual status by looking at the summary sheet we distributed at the last assembly or email Pam. Thanks in advance for your help.

Also, a number of committees actually maintain checking accounts for their functional areas. I need copies of these bank statements within the next 2 weeks so I can begin to prepare NETA 65's annual IRS tax return. If you do not have these readily available, please ask your bank for copies of the statements complete with copies of the cancelled checks. I will unlikely have questions and your assistance is appreciated. Our IRS status as a 501(c) (3) entity is important to the Area and we are approaching our tax filing deadline.

Finally, I plan to slightly change our accounting system to meet current standards for nonprofit entities. I think you will like these changes, however small, but change of any kind is always uncomfortable. My goal is to make your understanding of our Area's finances easier, faster and a bit more comprehensive. I ask for your patience as I make these changes. I expect the new report to be available at our next Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy P. Anderson, NETA Panel 61 Treasurer

Pam C., Alternate Treasurer, Panel 61, Area 65

With the first assembly of Panel 61 behind us, it feels like we're off to a great start!

I have gone over the expense reports and receipts for Panel 59, and will have a final report for the Spring Assembly.

Thank you to everyone that has completed their final expense reports and have balanced the books with either receipts or monies owed.

I am really looking forward to serving the area for this panel. My responsibilities include tracking expenses and assisting the treasurer in handling the area's finances.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Pam Campbell, Alternate Treasurer

Keith C., Archives Chair, Panel 61, Area 65

Greetings, NETA trusted servants!

"Showing others who suffer how we were given help is the very thing which makes life seem so worth while to us now. Cling to the thought that, in God's hands, the dark past is the greatest possession you have—"

Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 124

We're well into Panel 61 now, and our plates are filling up. It's mock committee time, so we can get Jim C. ready for his first conference in New York. I pray everybody is doing well, and staying busy.

By the time you read this the Archives committee will have filled the internal positions on our committee, with Bill N. as treasurer and Terry C. as secretary, although we have not yet recruited a qualified alternate chair. Our logistical accounting measures should also be up and running, and we are working on revising our committee guidelines for the NETA Handbook.

We're preserving our past by preparing for our future as a functioning institution, since the principles remain even as the personalities rotate. But you'll still be seeing some of our experienced past chairs at events with the Archives exhibits, as well as newer members of the committee, since there is enough work for all of us. Thank you for welcoming us to your groups and activities, and allowing us to serve you by literally carrying the memorabilia of our message to you, AA members of Northeast Texas Area, owners of the artifacts for which we are but the caretakers. On that note, please contact me or another member of our committee so we can schedule an exhibit or presentation at your anniversary or conference on our calendar. First come first served.

In the last couple months we've already taken expanded displays to conferences in both the Southwest and Northwest Texas Areas, (thank you Arthur S.), in addition to the normal events locally here in our own Area. The lodgings, meals, and miles for long-distance exhibits have been provided by the committees for those events, but please keep in mind that NETA primarily funds our committee for storage of the artifacts and lodging and mileage for assemblies and some travel expenses for other events. Remember our 7th Tradition when you invite the Archives committee to participate in your activities, since none of us on the committee are financially wealthy. We have time, experience, and a smidgen of expertise to contribute through our service, but gasoline is expensive.

Thank you for letting us know how we may be of maximum service to you, and we'll surely meet some of you on the Road of Happy Destiny.

Love and Service,

Keith C. NETA Archives Chair

James V., Convention Chair, Panel 61, Area 65

2011 assembly deposit of \$900 was paid to the Crown Plaza Fort Worth (was Radisson South, only the name has changed.)

SPRING ASSEMBLY: Volunteers are still needed to host AA meetings at the Spring Assembly for the Friday Night 8 PM AA

Meeting and the Sunday 7 AM AA Meeting.

Email: conventionchair61@neta65.org

Respectfully Submitted,
James V., Convention Chair

Rick P., Corrections Chair, Panel 61, Area 65

The next Corrections Committee meeting will be held March 19, 2011 at 12 noon at the Spring Assembly location. All who care to be involved with this committee are invited. All Group and District Corrections Representatives or Chairs, as well as DCMs are encouraged to attend and participate. Lunch will be provided.

Rick P. Corrections Chair Panel 61 Area 65

Lajeane B., Grapevine Chair, Panel 61, Area 65

Here is what is going on at your Grapevine

The Area Grapevine monthly meetings: After much discussion, we decided to hold the meetings on the Last Sunday of each month 2-4pm @ Freedom Group in Mesquite, the next Grapevine meeting is February 27th 2011.

Grapenut Day is February Friday 25th 2011; Grapenut Day will be on the last Friday of every month. It is a day set aside per month to promote grapevine subscriptions and educate members on our meeting in print! Wear purple and please announce it at meetings.

After much discussion, the tentative date for the next Grape-A-Thon is October 22nd, 2011. We are looking for groups to host the Grape-A-Thon. Please ask your group's GSR and GVR to announce this at the group conscience. We need groups and/or districts to donate food and/or cash for the Grape-A-Thon

Emily M is planning a skit along with members within her district called, "Play In The Box"- A Man on the bed... There will be a meeting to finalize auditions to be characters in the play at the Freedom Group on Saturday, the 29th, from 2-4pm; PLEASE COME OUT TO AUDITION!!!

Thanks with an attitude of gratitude LOVE
Lajeane

PJ H., Intergroup Liaison/Literature Chair, Panel 61, Area 65

Hello NETA,

At this writing, I have a list of the following AA Intergroups/Central Offices located in NETA 65: Dallas Intergroup Association, Dallas Hispanic Intergroup, Fort Worth Hispanic Intergroup, Fort Worth Central Office, Texarkana Intergroup Association and Tyler Intergroup Association. Jan A., Alternate Intergroup Liaison and I look forward to contacting these offices and bringing info to you at the Spring NETA assembly.

In Service,

PJ HR

Dusty W., Newsletter Editor, Panel 61, Area 65

It is my honor and privilege to serve as the Newsletter Editor Chairperson for Panel 61. I serve each of you individually and the Area collectively. This is your newsletter, and as such we depend upon you to submit the articles for the Newsletter.

Don G. of the Glasshouse Group was submitted to the Area Committee as the Alternate Newsletter Chair and there was no disapproval. Congratulations Don. Don has extensive experience in service to A.A. at the Group, District and Area levels, and we are very grateful for his willingness to serve.

The first Panel 61 newsletter was completed with your help. Thanks to all who have helped greatly by not waiting until the last minute to submit your article.

Subsequent Newsletter deadlines for article submission will be Friday, April 1, 2011 and Friday, July 1, 2011. We need all Area Committee Officers and Standing Committee Chairs, as well as DCMs to send your article information in a Word document before the Newsletter article deadlines of newsletter. If possible use "Arial Narrow" as your choice of format with size 10 fonts, and single spacing with justified paragraph alignment. If you do not know what that means, then do your best and I will accommodate.

Articles should be informative, giving dates, times, and locations for the scheduled Committee meetings Group Anniversaries, Workshops, etc. Please do not give last names, whether yours or someone else's. This is where you have the opportunity to tell of the twelfth step work your committee is doing and to identify where you need help in completing that work. Email articles to: newslettereditor61@neta65.org

Thanks for all you do in love and service,
Dusty W. Newsletter Editor

Randy R., Public Information Chair, Panel 61, Area 65

We would like to report that the PI committee is excited and enthusiastic about serving our Area this panel. We hope it is contagious.... There are a number of service opportunities that have been requested of us already and we have hardly begun!

First things first though - Steve W. - past DCM for District 64, panel 59, has agreed to be our Alternate Chair. Steve is a passionate, grateful, and hard working member and we are fortunate to have him be a part of our efforts. We have found a willing and qualified candidate to stand as Area 65 Webmaster and they are willing. We will present them at the next Assembly. Steve and I met with the past PI Chair, Tom M., at the last Assembly to review his hard work the previous panel and set some goals for the next one. Some of which include: 1) reaching out to District Chairs and DCM's, along with Intergroups and Central Offices in the Area to see where we can effectively be of service, 2) Set up and Man displays at various AA and other events, such as Area or District Meetings and Workshops, Conferences and Conventions, and any other function where our presence is requested, and 3) trying to raise awareness of PI, "what AA is and what AA isn't" at the group and individual

member level.

Upcoming opportunities include: We have been asked to set up displays at the Heart of Texas Conference in Waco in April and the Gathering of Eagles in Dallas in May. There is a PI/CPC Workshop at the Greenville Traditions Group on Tues., April 5th at 8 pm. There is a Workshop titled "Internet - Friend or Foe?" scheduled in June for the Language of the Heart Group in Colleyville. We have also been invited to participate in a National Convention of Chaplains in Dallas the week-end of March 24th thru the 27th (this request came to the CPC committee from GSO).

We are eager to help cover all these events. There is work to be done and we need workers! We welcome all who are willing to help. These events are posted on the NETA 65 Website. We are in the process of identifying and forming our committee. If you are currently a District Chair for PI/CPC, we assume you are on the committee already, and we will be contacting you shortly to see if either you or Group PI/CPC Reps. from your District would be willing to help with these events.

We also want to thank the Area Chair for allowing us to help at the last Assembly by giving a report on Sat. night on "Anonymity and the Internet". We asked the new member on the Board of Trustees at Dallas Intergroup, Mike L., who works the PI/CPC "desk" there to make the presentation, the and he did a great job!

I believe that PI (and CPC) are the least understood of our Standing Committees and the ones that have the most potential to impact our Fellowship both now and in the future. As a past Delegate is fond of saying "How many new friends have we made in the last 20 years?" It is a good question. During my five years of sobriety, I haven't quite understood the scope and purpose of this Committee. I had a feeling it was important but just didn't exactly understand why. The more involved I get in General Service, the clearer the picture becomes. The fog has begun to lift! I'm still learning, but with God's help I pray that I can learn and grow along with everyone else over the next two years into a better understanding of PI's role in service.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you all...
God Bless,

Randy R.

Brandon H., DCM District 1

Hello NETA 65 members,

I am looking forward to serving as DCM of District 1. I am also looking forward to traveling around to different groups in our district to get up to date on the status of the groups that we don't see at our district meetings. Our elections in District 1 went incredibly well. Every position is filled except for Treatment and Corrections. At the next district meeting we will be reviewing our Round Robin schedule for 2011. These Round Robins give our groups an excellent time to listen to great speakers and fellowship with people from other groups. Our district meets at 1:00pm on the first Sunday of every other month starting in February. We meet in Mt. Pleasant at the Episcopal Church Sunshine House on 205 E. Pecan St.

Our district elected people for positions as follows: DCM: Brandon

H., New Life Group, Sulphur Springs Alt. DCM: Carolyn M., Open Doors Group, Mt. Vernon Secretary: Marjorie G., Atlanta Group Treasurer: Jack S., Mt. Pleasant Group

In love and service,
Brandon H., DCM District 1

Phil G., DCM District 21

District 21 currently meets the first Sunday of every month from 2-4pm. Location varies at the groups from our District that are willing and able host the meeting. Our meeting in February will be at the Prosper Country Group in Prosper; March will be at The Friendship Group in Lewisville; April at the Lewisville Group (otherwise known as the Main St Group) in Lewisville.

District 21 currently services approximately 18 groups; 13 of them were represented by their GSR at our last District meeting. We currently have one open service position, Intergroup Representative, which we hope to fill in February. Our DCM and Alternate DCM will be visiting all groups, especially reaching out to the groups that have not been active in our District, with the goal of informing them and hopefully getting them excited about our 3rd Legacy of Service.

We are in the process of reviewing our Bylaws. We would gladly take any suggestions from other Districts who have had success with theirs; until recently District 21 did not have any Bylaws. You can email our DCM or Alt DCM with any info you have.

We are also in the process of creating our first District Budget; there is a finance/budget committee working on this. Again, any suggestions are welcomed.

There will be a Unity through the Traditions workshop at the Show Me Group in Denton on February 19th from 2-4pm.

The Frisco Group will be celebrating its 11th Anniversary on March 12th in Frisco. There will be an AA Speaker meeting from 6:30-7:30 and festivities before and after. If you are planning to come and would like more info you can email info@frisco-aa.org or call the groups answering service 800-991-0270.

In Service,

Phil G – Dist 21 Alternate DCM

Dale V., DCM District 42

Greetings from District 42:

The new year has started with a bang. From January 7-9, 2011, our District Committee got to participate in the 64th anniversary of AA coming to Tyler Texas. Our intergroup anniversary committee did an excellent job this year with excellent speakers from around the country. Our wonderful NETA-65 archives were there on display (Thanks Keith!). All in all it was a tremendous weekend – with the exception of the snowstorm that hit on Sunday afternoon.

Once more I got to reflect on that first Tyler Anniversary I attended in January 1992. This was right after I came into the program the

previous September. You see I still doubted I was alcoholic. It was certainly fun to share in the excitement of it all with 800 new friends, but the idea that I might have a problem still troubled me.

The identified problem in my life at that time, my 15 year old son, was away in Minnesota at a long term treatment center. I'd promised him I wouldn't drink any more, but with him away it did not seem to be that big an issue anymore. Still I tried to follow what my AA and Alanon friends suggested, and going to the anniversary seemed right.

At my first Tyler Anniversary they still allowed smoking in Harvey Hall, where the event is held. As the Saturday meetings wove on a cloud descended from the ceiling surrounding me and my family. The main Saturday Night speaker was a school teacher from California, named Cliff R. He was a "fun" alcoholic. He spoke about bar fights, wrecked cars, getting beat to a pulp, puking, worshipping at the porcelain – you know "FUN". I began to relate to what he was saying. He also shared about the chaos in the home, hurt children, angry wife and destroyed relationships. It was like he was in my head.

He really opened the door for me that evening when near the end of his talk he shared two things. The first thing he said was "**When I drink that way - I live that way!**" Again I really understood that statement. What followed however absolutely floored me. He said "**But what I didn't understand (and my sponsor explained to me) was that when I live that way - I have to drink that way!**"

For the first time I understood that I did not have a drinking problem – **I had a living problem.**

Today I continue to treat my disease by taking the actions suggested in the Big Book. I still seek guidance from a sponsor. A big part of my program is service. Service helps me to ensure that events like the Tyler Anniversary go on for another 64 years, and leave open the possibility that someone else will have a door open when one drunk tells another drunk "**what it was like, what happened and what it's like today**".

From behind the Pine Curtain, Peace! Dale V, DCM 42

Bobby Wayne F., DCM District 52

I plan to visit all the groups in District 52, some of which are not active. We have 10 groups listed. In the last year we have had only 4 groups attending district meetings fairly regular.

The Duncanville Group will be having their Anniversary February 19th. Town South Group will have their Anniversary April 16th.

In Service Bobby Wayne F., DCM 52

Zach M., DCM District 53

We held our first district meeting of the new panel at Cornerstone Group on January 2nd and will continue to hold our meetings there on the first Sunday of the month for the foreseeable future. As the panel progresses and more GSRs and committee chairs become involved, we may begin rotating the meetings to different groups in the district. We are currently looking to fill four additional committee

chair positions at the district level. Group visitations also started this month, and we will be visiting at least one group per month to encourage participation and let those groups know we are here as a resource for their 12th Step efforts.

We are looking forward to being of service to the groups in our district over the next two years.

In Service,

Zach M., DCM District 53

John R., DCM District 55

Greetings from District 55! It was great to see everyone at the Winter Assembly in Dallas. I want to say thanks to our GSRs who came and participated. We have a strong core of active groups and are working to encourage every group to join us on the road to service.

We have people brand new to the service structure and others ready and enthusiastic to serve. All district officers and all but one committee chair positions are filled. We meet the first Sunday of every month at 2:00pm, at one of three groups.

We are making plans to combine with Districts 52, 53, 54, and 56 in early June for a presentation from our Delegate after his return from the General Service Conference. Food and fellowship make this a fun, informative afternoon. District 55 will host the meeting at The Gift of Sobriety Group in Irving.

Hope to see you all at the Spring Assembly in March in Ft. Worth.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

John R., DCM District 55

Jerry W., DCM District 56

Greetings! Wow, the excitement of participating with a new Panel, the joy of a lasting fellowship with the old, a new position of service to render in a dear and old District, one can say, "We are truly blessed." What an honor! The 2011 Winter Assembly showed to be a very promising and rewarding Panel with much experience, strength and hope offered for the upcoming 2 years. Thanks goes out to all who serve Panel 61.

In District 56 we have work to do as our District has diminished a bit in size and in participation for whatever reasons. However, we have obtainable goals and desirable planning to get back on course and even surpass as never before. We cannot achieve this mission without the unity of our Groups, our Area and the surrounding Districts' DCM's help too.

Our district meetings are held the first Sundays of the month at 2PM alternating monthly between the rural and in town groups. January 2, 2011 was our first District 56 meeting for Panel 61. We had our first of quarterly GSR Orientation after the meeting. Through the help of our past DCM, Lajeane B., we met at the Unity Group in Corsicana, TX, a group that has been absent in participation with the district for quite some time. As a result the

Unity Group has a willing member to be a contact and possibly become GSR back in service. The Seagoville Group recently notified us too that they have a new GSR elected and will also be picking up where they left off. This makes for a very outstanding beginning! Thank you!

We have a workshop scheduled for our March 6th meeting at the Frances Street Group in Terrell, TX from 4:00PM'ish to 5:00PM'ish following the meeting. It is entitled, "How your District Functions."

Our filled committee positions and Reps. are as follows: Intergroup, Paul S. (Big Town) Corrections, Bob K. (Waxahachie) Treatment Facility, Brett C. (Athens) Grapevine, Lajeane B. (Freedom)

In Service,
Jerry W., DCM 56

Bruce W., DCM District 61

Hello to everyone. I'm happy to report that District 61 is alive and growing. A new group, Amigos Sobrios in Grapevine, voted to join us in December making the 18th active group in the district. At our December meeting we elected Kristie C. of Arlington Central Group as secretary and Jim C. of Mid-Cities group to replace Hal S. as Alt-DCM for Panel 61. Hal found it necessary to resign for health reasons, but he is responding well to therapy and is staying active in service on a local level and with the Fort Worth Central Office.

We have a group of GSRs with plenty of enthusiasm and a wide range of experience in AA and in service, and they are hitting 2011 on the run in District 61 and in Combined District 6. Most of the groups in the district have representatives on one or more of the Combined District service committees, and AA members from District 61 are carrying the AA message to jails, treatment centers, and nursing homes throughout the Tarrant County area. We belong to the *fellowship* of Alcoholics Anonymous and sometimes it's OK just to have fun—plans are underway for a District 61 Fellowship Picnic this spring.

Two groups celebrated anniversaries in January: Primary Purpose has been active for 21 years and North Arlington for 3 years. Also groups have added some new meetings recently including a Big Book study on Saturday mornings at Triangle Group and a Service Manual and Concepts study at Primary Purpose.

I share the enthusiasm of our GSRs and I look forward to the next two years of service in the District and the Area.

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