



# NORTHEAST TEXAS AREA - NETA 65 NEWSLETTER

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### Jim C., Delegate, Panel 61, Area 65

Our Spring Assembly was a great success. The mock committee process that we employ is a very valuable event that benefits not only me in preparing for the General Service Conference, but enables all of us involved in service to participate in the year long conference process. WE all look forward to our upcoming assembly at the Crowne Plaza in Ft. Worth. This will be your opportunity to hear the Conference Report of the 61st General Service Conference. Actions and considerations made at the Conference in behalf of our fellowship will be reviewed and there will ample time for questions, discussion, and comments. This is a significant event in our service work and instrumental in the two way communications between the groups and AA as a whole.

Just on the horizon is the AA State Convention in San Antonio June 24-26. If you have not already registered and made plans to attend, it is not too late to do so. Carpooling and room sharing can add to the excitement and fun. Many Groups and Districts are getting involved in these arrangements, so take advantage and experience the strength of our fellowship from throughout the state.

All of our standing committees are active and several committees are planning annual events. Each of them can always use more help. If you want to assist in making a little more Twelfth Step work possible, contact the Committee Chair of your choice and get involved!

It is time to make your plans to attend the Southwest Regional Forum to be held in Wichita on October 7-9 for everyone involved in service, thinking about getting involved in service, or just curious as to what this "service" thing is all about. A Regional Forum is an experience not to be missed. This is where the GSO and Grapevine staff come to us for all of our questions, concerns, and discussion of the AA fellowship.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the assembly and at many of your groups and districts as I give Conference reports and assist in any way I can. It is truly a blessing to be able to serve my fellow AAs. My contact information is [delegate61@neta65.org](mailto:delegate61@neta65.org) or other information may be found regarding the Area at the Area Web Site: [www.neta65.org](http://www.neta65.org)

"The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship" – Concept 1.

Jim C., Delegate – Panel 61

### Mo N., Alternate Delegate, Panel61, Area 65

Greetings Everyone,

As I reflect back on our recent Spring Assembly, I want to express what a great experience it was seeing all of the GSRs being an important part what we try to accomplish with the Mock Committees. First let me say thanks to Hanna (Alt Convention Chair) for doing such a wonderful job this weekend and Brad B for his assistance to her. From the attendee's perspective, everything went smoothly. They handled all challenges beautifully.

I'd also like to thank Combined District 6 hospitality for their dedication to our Area, providing us with sandwiches and snacks this weekend. Thanks for your hard work and being of service to NETA. I also appreciate everyone's participation in the Mock Committee process. Your hard work and dedication helped insure that our Delegate, Jim C., will be well informed, having heard the voices of our Area on each of the agenda items. And a special thank you to all the Chairs, co-Chairs and Supporting Members for doing such a fantastic job moderating the Mock Committees to ensure our Area's voice was heard.

I also attended SWRDA (Southwest Regional Delegate's Assembly) the previous weekend. I would just like to say how much I appreciate all the past Delegates and Trustees that were there that weekend to assist and support Jim and me as well as our fellow current Delegates and their Alternates. It's important to note that the "pasts" pay their own way to SWRDA just to share their experience, strength and hope so that all new Delegates from our Region will be prepared when they go to NYC for the Conference. I am grateful for the generosity of their time and experience.

I look forward to seeing you at the District meetings to assist Jim with his Delegate's reports.

Until then, God Bless,

Mo N., Alternate Delegate, Panel61

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

Our second Assembly of Panel 61 is now behind us and there are a lot of people who do such a great job to make sure the Assembly goes off smoothly. I want to say "Thank You" to CD6 for hosting the Hospitality Suite and to James V., Hannah B. and all of the people who worked the registration desk for a job well done.

If you weren't able to attend you missed a super presentation by Jimmy D. on "How to Increase Participation in A.A. – Striving for Self-Support in All Our Affairs." Jimmy has a way of saying things that just hits home with all of us.

We had our mock committees to review the final conference agenda and give the group conscience to the Delegate. The reports that the committees gave back to the Assembly were informative and thorough. We gave the Delegate his "send-off" to the Conference with all of our well wishes, positive thoughts and prayers for his first conference. We know he will represent us well.

Our next Assembly will be in June at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Fort Worth. You will find more detailed information for registration later in the Newsletter. The Service Manual states "Freedom under God to grow in His likeness and image will ever be the quest of the Alcoholics Anonymous. May our General Service Conference be always seen as a chief symbol of this cherished liberty. To a man, we of A.A. believe that our freedom to serve is truly the freedom by which we live – the freedom in which we have our being." By attending and having your group's and district's voice heard at the NETA we have our opportunity to be of support to the General Service Conference and their service to A.A. as a whole.

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

Jana A., Committee Chair, NETA 65 Panel 61

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

It is my pleasure and privilege to serve Northeast Texas Area 65 as your Area Alternate Chairman for this panel. I regret that I was not able to attend the most recent assembly; I had made plans several months ago to run the New York City Half Marathon that Sunday. (For those who are wondering, I finished in 3:06:20.)

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 had six Workshops since the beginning of the panel, with a number of Workshops coming up:

- **Tuesday, April 5, 8-9 pm, Greenville Traditions Group, 5928 I-30 (West Frontage Road), 75402, Public Information & Cooperation with the Professional Community**
- **Saturday, April 16, 5-8 pm, One Day at a Time Group, 4505 Elizabeth Street, Texarkana, 75503, How to Chair a Meeting**
- **Saturday, April 30, noon-2 pm, Frisco Group, 6400 Stonebrook Parkway, 75034, How to Chair a Meeting**
- **Sunday, May 1, 2-4 pm, Town South Group, 2539 Balomede Suite 108, Lancaster, 75134, How to Chair a Meeting**
- **Tuesday, May 3, 8-9 pm, Greenville Traditions Group, 5928 I-30 (West Frontage Road), 75402, How to Chair a Meeting**
- **Sunday, May 22, 1-3 pm, Cleburne Alco Group, 413 E. Henderson St., 76031, Service**
- **Saturday, June 4, 1:30-4:30 pm, Language of the Heart Group, 4121 Colleyville Blvd, Colleyville, 76034, Internet: Friend or Foe?**

- **Tuesday, June 7, 8-9 pm, Greenville Traditions Group, 5928 I-30 (West Frontage Road), 75402, Singleness of Purpose**
- **TBA, Cleburne Alco Group, 413 E. Henderson St., 76031, Internet: Friend or Foe?**
- **TBA, Paris Downtown Group, 138 Clarksville St., 75460, Sponsorship**
- **TBA, Paris Downtown Group, 138 Clarksville St., 75460, How to Chair a Meeting**

I recently had some technology issues with my electronic calendars, so if any of this information is incorrect or incomplete, or if a workshop is missing from this list, kindly let me know right away.

All of the scheduled Workshops are posted on our NETA 65 calendar at [www.neta65.org/calendar.php](http://www.neta65.org/calendar.php). Please feel free to contact me for more details about a particular workshop. My email address is [altchair61@neta65.org](mailto: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 [www.neta65.org/contact.php](http://www.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 and service,

Tom M., Alternate Chair, Panel 61

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

Hello NETA!

A great big grateful hug to all the Districts, GSRs and volunteers who have given their time, talent and money to help us have two very successful Assemblies in 2011! So many of you stepped up to help with Registration, Coffee Bar, Hospitality Room, passing out reports, chairing assembly AA meetings, Mock Committees and all of the other important service work involved in our first two Assemblies...., and the Convention Committee THANKS YOU! It is great to see so many people get right in the middle of A.A. instead of standing in the wings.

The Summer Assembly will be right back at the Crowne Plaza South Hotel, 100 E. Alta Mesa Blvd., Ft Worth, TX 76134 (just east of I-35). We will have a couple of Standing Committee meetings and an AA meeting on Friday evening, June 17, and the Assembly starts bright and early at 8:00am on Saturday morning, June 18, finishing up at noon on Sunday June 19. \$10 Coffee Cards and discounted Breakfast & Lunch coupons will again be available. To help us plan for the meals, please buy your food coupons when you register! We have a 100-room commitment, so please reserve a room by June 3; call 817.293.3088 & mention "NETA"; our NETA rate is \$79.00 per night.

Fall Convention/Assembly will be Sept. 16-17-18 at the Doubletree Hotel near the Galleria (I-635 at Midway) 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, TX 75244. Reserve by Sept.1; \$74.00 rate; call 972.385.9000. The Convention begins Friday night with a fabulous speaker meeting, plus 3 additional speakers on Saturday and Sunday. "More will be revealed..."

Committee email at: [ConventionChair61@neta65.org](mailto:ConventionChair61@neta65.org)

James V., Convention Chair, Panel 61

## **Keith D., Secretary, Panel 61, Area 65**

As we pass the second assembly of this panel I am starting to finally get caught up. I did not get access to the Fellowship New Vision (FNV) until the middle of March, and so I'm not quite there yet. Some of the GSR's did not get their information entered timely because of this, but those that are new (unless they are new from the Spring Assembly), should be entered and good to go. I hope we all push to take the Newsletter electronically, if we can (voluntarily), as it saves quite a bit of time and money. The Assembly and Committee Minutes are available on the NETA webpage or via email, as is the Newsletter.

Already I have really enjoyed being a part of the structure that enables the Area to function, and look forward to more of it. If you are an Area Committee member look for the form already prepared for you at the upcoming Assemblies, as it saves me a lot of time and improves my accuracy if all I have to do is look for changes rather than read the whole form. I am working towards having pre-printed registration forms for the GSRs at the next assembly.

As I stated at the Spring Assembly, I made a mistake and did not give Olga the labels for the groups, but this will be rectified at the next mail out. Thanks for all your encouragement and support.

Keith D., Secretary, Panel 61

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

The next mail-out of the NETA Newsletter will be hosted by the Language of the Heart Group at 4121 Colleyville Blvd, Colleyville, TX, Saturday May 7, 2011 at 1:30 pm. Subsequent mail-outs are scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Irving Group hosted by District 55 and December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bruton-Terrace Group hosted by District 56. The mail-out on February 4, 2012 is tentatively scheduled at the ODAT Group in Texarkana, TX.

Please ask your Group or District to host a mail-out. Be sure the Group Conscious approves. Dates available for hosting are May 12, August 4, & December 1 of 2012. Please contact me, Olga R., if you can host a mail-out. My contact information is [alsecretaryneta65@gmail.com](mailto:alsecretaryneta65@gmail.com) phone# 254-624-8526.

A mail-out is the assembling of the NETA newsletter and getting them ready for mailing. Needed from your group or district to host a mail-out is a place to work, 2 hours of time, volunteers to do the assembly of the newsletter, and snacks or treats are optional but highly suggested. The benefits of participating in a mail-out are good quality fellowship and an opportunity to be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous

You can save the Area the cost of mailing if you are willing to accept your Newsletter via email. Just let the Area Secretary know. My contact information is listed on the NETA65 website [www.neta65.org](http://www.neta65.org). In love and service,

Olga R., Alternate Secretary Panel 61

## **Roy P., Treasurer, Panel 61, Area 65**

I caught up with a guy from my home group a couple of weeks ago, a guy with 2 decades of sobriety and someone who has been a mentor to me for years. We had a chance to renew our friendship and the topic finally rolled around to NETA and my participation. My curiosity finally won out, and I asked him why he wasn't involved in the Area, or if we could count on his support when needed. Like so many good AA members, he answered with a question of his own that stopped me cold in my tracks. I had no quick answer and knew I had homework to do. I broke open the AA Service

Manual in earnest and started burning my cell phone minutes calling my Service Sponsor for guidance.

He asked, "I don't have a clue what the District and Area do for AA in any detail, and I can't see how you help me or anyone else stay sober. How do you help me?" (See, I told you it was a "stunner") My simple answer is this. The Service Structure of AA is designed to ensure that AA members collectively maintain control of our program, its material and, most importantly, our message to the alcoholic who still suffers. To do this, our structure has evolved over the past 75 or so years into its current form. Groups representatively meet in districts; groups and districts meet to form the Area and it, in turn, is served by its committees and officers. Each Area chooses a Delegate and each area Delegate travels annually to New York to participate in AA's stewardship, The Conference. Bill W. said it best, when describing the function of the Delegate Conference, "...it can never mandate or govern the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves. The Conference represents us, but cannot rule us." As far as I can tell, the entire process is devoted to making sure AA is here for the next alcoholic, whenever that may be.

District meetings and Area Assemblies are not AA meetings, but they help make AA meetings possible. The recovery work of AA has always been done by individuals in groups, in meetings, and one alcoholic to another. At NETA 65, our purpose is not an end in itself, but is rather to support each Group, District, and every alcoholic we serve. We do this in many ways, often invisible to our members.

NETA is blessed with a variety of recovering alcoholics who volunteer their time endlessly in service to our Area. Your contributions fund 18 Trusted Servant positions. Expenses include copying and postage, reimbursement for mileage, and expenses of our Delegate each year at the annual Conference. Contributions also cover the costs of our area Assemblies and annual Convention. Service to NETA 65 should not be limited to those who can afford the expense out of their own pocket. Your contributions open the door for all of us. Call your GSR to discuss the Area's involvement with your group. Better yet, come to the next Assembly and see for yourself!

NETA operates on a thin budget and contributions are down. We need groups, Districts and individuals to participate now more than ever. Check with your Group Treasurer and help when you can. Please send your checks to:

NETA 65 Treasurer  
C/O Roy P. Anderson, CPA  
222 E. McKinney, Ste 100  
Denton, TX 76201

Roy P., Treasurer, Panel 61, Area 65

## **Keith C., Archives Committee Chair, Panel 61, Area 65**

Greetings Northeast Texas!

Things are heating up now. Lots on the schedule, but we'll make room for a little more into summer and fall. Things are clicking with the archives committee now. We have a candidate for Archives Committee Alternate Chair; we just cannot get him up to the Area Committee for approval until summer. He and many others are out with us carrying the traveling archives exhibits to your events, so just let me know how and when we can be of service to you.

Our finances are on track for now, I think we turned in receipts for just a little more than our NETA budget last quarter. But that means we're going to need help from the groups and districts in the area to keep carrying our message. I offer heartfelt thanks to those groups that are contributing a regular monthly or quarterly amount to our committee, you know who you

are. We are going to extend a call soon to all of the NETA groups to help with the financing of our area archives, so we can expand and diversify our exhibits a little more and to continue to maintain the high standards of preservation we know you expect of your archives. Thank you in advance for all of your help, (believe me I KNOW how tight things are lately) but these archives exemplify our experience, and that is after all our greatest asset. Thank you also to those groups and conferences that are able to pass a basket or make a one-time Seventh Tradition contribution to us when we set up displays at your events. When we all chip in a little bit it strengthens our unity and keeps us bonded together in the principle of our primary purpose.

And don't forget about those Power Point presentations that Arthur has made famous. A number of us can do those presentations at your groups, and a multi-media presentation makes our history come alive. It brings new life to the Forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, and invigorates the Traditions and the history of the Big Book. Also, look forward to some CDs of AA history and documents you won't find anywhere else (except Jim Timms' house in west Texas) that we're going to make available to you at a reasonable price, (especially when you see everything that is included on it).

Thanks for allowing me to be of service to you, and I look forward to seeing you all out there on the high road to a new freedom.

Keith C., Archives Committee Chair, Panel 61

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

Good day to all. I am so grateful to have this opportunity to share with you about the state of Corrections in the Northeast Texas Area and to provide information to take back to your groups and districts for an informed group conscience. The next Area 65 Corrections Committee Meeting will be held Saturday, June 18th at the Summer Assembly during the lunch break.

The Area 65 Corrections Committee met Saturday, March 19 at 1 PM at the Assembly hotel. We discussed the current needs of the Northeast Texas Area prisons and jails, and of the A. A. member inmates within those facilities. Two primary subjects were discussed. One was the growing need for volunteers to practice our Twelfth Step legacy of service. Since the first of the year I have received requests from five correctional facilities to provide volunteers for A. A. meetings. The sites are located in Breckenridge, Mineral Wells, Bonham and at the Cole and Moore units, and Winnesboro. As always there are countless available needs at The Beto, Cofield, and Powledge Units in Tennessee Colony which meet each Saturday. Because the individual volunteers rotate, one meeting per quarter is all the commitment we ask of volunteers for the Tennessee colony prisons.

During the Assembly a member shared with me regarding the incarceration of her son at a local prison. She shared that currently they only have one AA meeting a month and the inmates are requesting our assistance to increase that to once a week. These current needs along with the new requests could easily keep 150 to 200 A. A. members busy practicing Twelfth Step service work to these folks. It simply takes the commitment to get TDCJ or jail certified and approved. You must be at least one year sober and currently not on parole or probation, however each person's background will be checked and approval is at the discretion of the specific facility or managers of those units. It is NOT A REQUIREMENT to be an ex-convict or offender to be of service. They already know how to be locked up. What they need and want from us in A. A. is our EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH AND HOPE regarding how to stay sober one day at a time in order to be free from the ravages of active alcoholism. For information or needed paperwork please e-mail me, Rick P., at [corrections61@neta65.org](mailto:corrections61@neta65.org) or call 214-293-6131

Secondly, with all these requests comes the need for AA Big Books and pamphlets which are provided to any inmate that requests them. So we discussed money. GSO is sending requests for AA literature back to the local Corrections Committees in the inmate's area. Without the support of the membership, groups or districts within the Northeast Texas Area we will have difficulty meeting these requests.

The Orange Cans were discussed. If your group chooses to participate the Orange Cans program is an opportunity for your group to collect donations specifically for the purchase of AA literature to be distributed by the Area Corrections Committee directly to A. A. member inmates within the Northeast Texas Area.

When Orange Can donations are sent directly to the Area Corrections Chair it goes toward A. A. literature where the need is greatest in the Area. Many of our prisons are located in sparsely populated regions and small groups do not have the needed resources alone. The Area Corrections Committee provides literature to all of the Area requests. The Orange Can allows us the opportunity to spread the literature to the maximum number in the area serving a greater good. Please consider picking up an Orange Can and utilizing it at your groups. Orange Can donations should be sent to NETA 65 Corrections at 2404 Plateau Dr., Plano, TX 75075

A financial statement is available to all on request. I will continue to keep you as informed as possible. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. The Corrections Committee is ready to bring a Corrections Workshop to your group or District whenever asked. Yours in Service,

Rick P., Corrections Chair, Panel 61

### **David M., Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair, Panel 61, Area 65**

Greetings. I am very excited to a part of Panel 61 and the CPC Committee. I am looking forward to a very productive Panel and as this Committee's Chair I will do everything possible to help everyone with their needs.

A combined PI/CPC Committee meeting was held at the Spring Assembly on 18 March, 2011. It set both Committees off to a solid successful start. The next combined meeting will be held on 18 June, Friday evening of the Summer Assembly at 7:00 PM. Please pass this information around.

This Committee had two very good days of sharing A. A. information (what A. A. is, and what A. A. is **not**) with the *Association of Professional Chaplains* on March 25-26, 2011 in Dallas. There were a lot of great questions asked and great interest from Chaplains wanting to know what they could do to help in every imaginable way. I was very moved and motivated by the overwhelming responses from the *Association* and individual chaplains. It is very likely that our Fellowship will be invited back next year wherever the convention is held. Special thanks go out to Randy R. for his assistance with this event.

As CPC Chairman, I was in co-attendance at the *Southwestern Medical School*, Dallas, TX, and report that it was a tremendous help to both the students and A. A. as a Fellowship. Personal gains and benefits are too many to list. It was a well organized event, and the CPC Committee would like thank the *Dallas Intergroup*, and Mike L., for an outstanding job on coordinating all the speakers.

The CPC Committee has several upcoming events that that we will have a display set up at and we are looking forward to. They are as follows: 1) *Midwestern School of Nursing*, Wichita Falls on April 19, 2011, from 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon. 2) *Heart of TX Conference*, in Waco, TX on April 29 – May 1, 2011. 3) The 25<sup>th</sup> *Gathering of the Eagles*, in Dallas, TX, May 27-29, 2011. More information will come later as upcoming events and activities are finalized. If you or anyone you know has an event, activity, or workshop, and would like this Committee to assist in any way, please contact us by E-mail at: [davidmbiz@yahoo.com](mailto:davidmbiz@yahoo.com) ; or phone at: 254-592-8051. We are here to serve and are very grateful for the opportunity to do so, thank you all.

Sincerely In Service,

David M., CPC Chair Panel 61

## Lajean B., Grapevine Chair, Panel 61, Area 65

The Grapevine is our meeting in print. The Grapevine Committee is getting workshop requests. District 54 Grapevine representative Hollie F. did a work shop. There are more workshops planned. Please ask your group conscience.

The Grapevine Committee has been invited to set up a display at the Gathering of Eagles. More and more of the Grape-A-Thon planning is coming together. The Grape-a-Thon theme is "Reach for the stars". We have assigned committees to get things in order. We plan to have the Grape-a-Thon in October this year. Our next Area Grapevine Committee Meeting is April 17, 2011 from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Freedom Group in Mesquite, Texas.

Grape nut day is the last Friday of every month. Wear something purple for the Grapevine on Friday, April, 29.

Any new District and Grapevine representatives that need to be enrolled may contact me by telephone at 972-216-3663 or cell 214-557-0143, or email [neener451@hotmail.com](mailto:neener451@hotmail.com) or the Alternate at [emilymitchell@hotmail.com](mailto:emilymitchell@hotmail.com).

Lajean B. Area Grapevine Chair, Panel 61  
Emily M Area Alternate Grapevine Chair, Panel 61

## PJ HR, Intergroup Liaison, Panel 61, Area 65

Dear NETA:

It was great to see many of you at the Spring Assembly. Below is the contact information for intergroups and central offices in the NETA.

- Dallas Intergroup Association: 6162 E. Mockingbird, Dallas, TX, Phone: 214-887-6699, [www.aadallas.org](http://www.aadallas.org)
- Fort Worth Central Office: 316 Bailey Ave #100, Ft. Worth, TX, Phone: 817-694-0841, [www.fortworthaa.org](http://www.fortworthaa.org)
- East Texas Central Service Office –Tyler: 401 East Front St. #145, Tyler, TX, Phone: 903-597-1796, [www.tyler-aa.org](http://www.tyler-aa.org)
- Central Texas Intergroup – Waco: 3201 Franklin, Suite 9, Waco, TX Phone: 254-754-3336, <http://centexintergroup.org>
- Oficina Intergupal Hispana De AA – Ft. Worth: 502 W. Central Service, Fort Worth, TX, Phone: 817-694-0841
- Oficina Intergupal Hispana De AA – Dallas: 5415 Maple Ave. Ste. 318, Dallas, TX, Phone: 214-905-0770

Both the Dallas Intergroup Association and Fort Worth Central Office are in need of volunteers. Dallas Intergroup needs volunteers that can work a 4 hour shift. Fort Worth Central Office needs volunteers for Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons. Please contact the offices at the numbers provided above if you are able to volunteer.

Alternate Intergroup Liaison, Jan L, and I have attended meetings at Dallas Intergroup and Fort Worth Intergroup and been in phone contact with the Intergroups in Tyler and Waco. Our goal this quarter is to visit the East Texas Intergroup in Tyler, Central Texas Intergroup in Waco and both of the Hispanic Intergroups. Thank you to Luis P who will be helping us with the Hispanic Intergroups.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance and thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

PJ HR, Intergroup Liaison, Panel 61

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

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. This is your newsletter, and as such we depend upon you to submit the articles for the Newsletter.

The upcoming Newsletter deadlines for article submission are 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. 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.

Printing costs have risen in the last several years and the Panel 59 last quarter printing went over the \$400.00 budget by about \$135.00 (\$535.00). The first quarter of Panel 61 printing was held down to \$405.00 on a one time only basis and was still \$5.00 over budget. The least expensive printing bid has come in at \$525.00 and is \$125.00 over the \$400.00 budgeted amount. All other bids came in at well over that amount. A motion to increase in the budget will be submitted as soon as possible.

Please remember that the Newsletter is available to you on the NETA Web Page as well as through email distribution to your email mailbox. There is NO COST to the Area when your Newsletter is sent to you via email, unless you have elected to receive it by BOTH email and USPS hard copy mail out. Another advantage of receiving your Newsletter by email is that your email gets to you much sooner than if mailed through the postal system. Let the Area Secretary know if you can accept your Newsletter via email. There is space provided on the Assembly Registration Forms to note your preference for email delivery. **Please seriously consider getting your Newsletter by email;** it is faster, cheaper, and automatically appears in your email "In" box.

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 help is needed to complete that work. Email your Newsletter articles to: [mrdustywalker@yahoo.com](mailto:mrdustywalker@yahoo.com)

Thanks for all that you do in love and service,

Dusty W., Newsletter Editor, Panel 61

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

The NETA PI Committee is excited and enthusiastic about this panel! We hope it is contagious. We are happy about all the work that has been done up to now and are eager to do the work that lies ahead. When this Panel started we hoped and prayed that God would keep us busy. You all always say "Be careful what you pray for ..." We have already covered five Districts in the Area by coming to their District Meeting and giving a short, 10 to 15 minute, presentation on Public Information. We are hoping to generate interest and raise awareness of the work that needs to be done in PI.

If we haven't been to your District yet we would love to come. We have been working closely with the Dallas Intergroup and Ft. Worth Central Office and hope to work with the others in the Area to fulfill requests that have been pouring in. Some of those requests include health fairs at local school

districts, a National Conference on Crimes Against Women held at the downtown Dallas Sheraton, and presentations at local college campuses. One of the opportunities was to talk to 400 second year medical students at Southwestern Medical College. We were able to spread that commitment out to include 40 members from all over the Area. Some of the members drove in from as far away as Stephenville and Gainesville. It was a lot of fun for everyone involved. We were talking to some extremely bright young people who had promising careers yet they knew so little about Alcoholics Anonymous. It just goes to show that "Sometimes we can be too anonymous." - I think that's what Dr. Bob said.

Another really cool thing was the National Convention of Chaplains held at the DFW Hyatt Regency. That request came straight from the General Service Office in New York. We got to hang out with 800 Chaplains from all over the country for the weekend. Wow! We would like to thank Mike L. at Dallas Intergroup and Pat R.C. from the Ft. Worth Central Office for including us in these endeavors. Our Committee wants to thank the D.C.M.'s who invited us to their District Meetings. One of the benefits of us being invited to a District is the fact that we leave one of our two displays with them for their members to set up in their own Home Groups. Another opportunity that we are pursuing, taken directly from the PI Guidelines, is trying to get copies of meeting schedules to Hotel Concierge desks throughout the Area.

We have found a qualified and willing candidate who is willing to serve as the Area's Webmaster. Her name is Camille K. from the Georgetown Group. She has hit the ground running and we are fortunate to have her. By the time this goes to print we hope to have some exciting news regarding our Area's website. We have worked hard building our Committee the first couple of months. If we have missed anyone who wants to participate please contact us thru [www.NETA65.org](http://www.NETA65.org) or your D.C.M. We would love to add your name to our Committee and keep you informed about upcoming events. There are many opportunities for PI work and we need your help. There is lots of work to be done and we need many workers! We wish to give all an opportunity to serve who wish to. We welcome all requests to be of service and encourage anyone who needs us to contact our Committee. My cell phone number is 214-354-5616. Thank you for allowing me to be of service to the Area. It is an honor and a privilege...

Respectfully submitted

Randy R., Public Information Chair, Panel 61

### **Phil G., Alternate DCM District 21, Panel 61, Area 65**

District 21 hopes everyone had a great time at our Spring Assembly and wishes our Delegate Jim C a great trip to NYC and the GSC! We had 11 voting members at the Spring Assembly and about 10 others there for committee meetings or just to witness the process.

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 to host the meeting. Our DCM and Alternate DCM have started visiting all inactive groups in our District with the goal of informing them about what we do and why it's important; we'll hopefully get them excited about our 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy of Service!

At our District meeting in February we invited Roy A, NETA 65 Treasurer, to talk about the new Not for Profit laws and to help give our groups ideas if they apply to them; we have a few groups in our District that are very large and some of the changes do apply to them. We want to thank Roy for his time and his service. There were over 30 people at that District meeting hosted by The Friendship Group in Lewisville, including 14 GSR's!

We are still in the process of reviewing our Bylaws. We have a committee of 5 people reviewing them, 2 past GSR's, our past DCM of panel 59, our current Alternate Treasurer and Alternate DCM. While this is going on we have a finance committee working on our fist budget ever.

On April 9 from 12:00 to 5:00 PM the Unity Group in Denton will be having it's Group Anniversary at the First Baptist Church, 1100 Malone Denton, TX. There will be a Potluck from 12:00 to 1:30 PM and then an AI-Anon, AI-Ateen and an A. A. Speaker. For more information call Chris 940-453-6039.

On April 30 from 11:00 am to 2:00 PM the Frisco Group will have a "How to Chair a Meeting" Workshop at the St. Phillips location on Stonebrook and the Tollway. It will be moderated by our Area Alternate Chairperson and the Frisco Group GSR and Alternate GSR. 11:00 am to 12:00 PM is Food & Fellowship; 12:00 to 2:00 PM is the Workshop. For more information please email [info@frisco-aa.org](mailto:info@frisco-aa.org).

On May 1 starting at 1:00 PM the Lewisville Main St Group will be celebrating its Group Anniversary. It will be at Memorial Park in Lewisville. For more information call 972-436-4516.

July 23 from 11:00 am to 2:00 PM District 21 will be hosting a joint PI & CPC workshop at the Frisco Group's St. Phillips location. Our District PI/CPC Chair and both of our Area PI & CPC Chairs will be there giving presentations on what PI and CPC is and does. It is open to any AA member who would like to attend; we hope to see many new and old faces! For more information on the location you can visit the Frisco Group website [www.frisco-aa.org](http://www.frisco-aa.org) or email [info@frisco-aa.org](mailto:info@frisco-aa.org).

We hope everyone has a great spring and we look forward to seeing you guys at the Summer Assembly back in Fort Worth!!

In Service,

Phil G., Alternate DCM District 21

### **Dale V., DCM District 42, Panel 61, Area 65**

Well the warm weather is finally upon us and the pollen (yellow snow) is blowing and coating everything. Some days my allergies flare up and some days they don't bother me too much. Kind of like my alcoholism. When I'm busy in the program and working with a newcomer, my alcohol allergy is pretty well arrested. But if I get distracted by the clamors of daily living, well just like my pollen allergy, the pain and frustration returns.

Anytime I take the reins and try to run my life again without the guidance of a power greater than me - I seem to go wobbly. My sponsor has to remind me I am no longer responsible for the management of my life. I am responsible for the action parts of my life. I believe in the actions suggested in the Steps of our Program.

One more time I am grateful to the simple ideas given to us by our founders: One day at a time, First Things First, Easy does it. Bob, Bill and the Old Timers together distilled the essence of our Program. District 42 wants to remember that spirit and celebrate. On Friday June 10, 2011 and Saturday June 11, 2011 there will be a Founders Day Celebration at the Lake Street Clubhouse. Friday night after the 8:00 PM Meeting we are starting with a 1930's theme dance and then Saturday we will have meetings, food & fellowship all day to commemorate the Founders. Come join us! We will be sending out flyers closer to the event!

Peace! - it really works.

Dale V., DCM 42, Panel 61

### **David S., DCM District 54, Panel 61, Area 65**

Greetings from District 54!

Well, we are off to a running start in this new panel. We held a District Inventory at the end of panel 59, and we now have an ad-hoc committee bringing their recommendations in the form of motions to the District.

We have a wonderful new crop of GSRs, and held a GSR Orientation in January. All of our trusted servant positions are filled, including our standing committee chairs (Corrections, Grapevine, Literature/Intergroup, Public Information, and Treatment Facilities). They're all hard at work, with particular kudos going out to our Public Information Committee Chair! "Way to go." David!

David S., DCM District 54, Panel 61

**John R., DCM District 55, Panel 61, Area 65**

Greetings from District 55, it was good to see everyone at the Spring Assembly. The mock committees were interesting and informative. I hope you had the opportunity to participate. As of April District 55 has ALL officer and committee chair positions filled. New people with a desire to serve make our work fun. I am excited for my district.

In March Randy R. and Steve W. came to our District Meeting to talk with us about the Public Information needs and goals in the area, and at our April meeting, Rick P. presented a great Corrections Committee overview. Thanks to these men so willing to give their time to carry the message of recovery and serve Area 65.

District 55 held our first "visitation night" in March when five members met for a sandwich and fellowship then visited a group in the District to share what we are doing as a district. Our plan is to make this a regular part of our district activity.

In Service,

John R., DCM District 55, Panel 61

**Lex L., DCM District 64, Panel 61, Area 65**

Hello All,

What a wonderful time of year in the service structure. District 64 was well represented at the area assembly and participated fully in the mock committees. We wish Jim the best as he heads to New York and know he will represent our District and Area well.

The new Panel of GSR's are settling in well and bring much enthusiasm to all they are doing. Through Combined District 6 we are gaining traction with new Standing Committee Chairs in carrying the message and working on a few budget items (as usual!).

We look forward to the Delegate's return and another exciting assembly.

Lex L., DCM District 64, Panel 61

**Bobby Wayne F., DCM Disatrick 52, Panel 61, Area 65**

I'm looking forward to chairing the DCM breakout Session at Summer Assembly. I want to talk about how to make our District Meetings more interesting and attractive.

In service,

Bobby Wayne F. DCM 52, Panel 61

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