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Jimmy D., Delegate,
Panel 59, Area 65

Another panel of service is rapidly drawing to a close. Everyone suited up and showed up for the Fall election assembly and convention and we have a new group of incoming trusted servants for Panel 61. Congratulations to all of those who were elected to serve the Fellowship in Northeast Texas, and a special thanks to every one of you who were willing to expend much time and energy when you stood for a position in our Area. I stand ready with the rest of you to share any experience that may be beneficial to those who will begin their rotation on January 1, 2011.

The principle of rotation seems quite bizarre to the world outside of AA – we certainly understand that especially because we are ego-driven at our core we must not be given any opportunity to take ownership of a position in the Fellowship, nor should we be given license to continue to advise without the request to be advised ☺. A very good friend of mine who as delegate served in the Conference with Bill W. and as past regional trustee served with Dr. Jack Norris counsels that a past servant in AA should always be willing to share experience, should take an active role in mediating difficult situations when they arise, should attempt to resolve personality conflicts between members, but above all else should respect rotation and give the next person their “turn in the barrel”.

The Trustees' Literature Committee has requested two appointed committee members. These members come from the Fellowship and bring a special skill set to the Trustee Committee in order to assist that committee in executing the work requested by the Conference. I have a resume sheet for anyone who may be interested in applying for the assignment. There is a minimum sobriety requirement of five years and the resumes must be submitted to GSO by December 15. Keep in mind that this is a significant time commitment. If you have any questions about the scope or purpose of this position please contact me.

We have had a realignment of responsibility at the General Service Office. Doug Richardson, who was serving in the rotation as Staff Coordinator, has moved to a newly created position as Director of Staff Services. This position is experimental for the next year – Doug continues to serve as the Assistant Secretary of the General Service Board (a position always assigned to the Staff Coordinator at GSO). Rick Walker has assumed the duties of Staff Coordinator and will

also handle responsibilities related to our GSO website and serve as a member of the new eTechnology sub-committee of AAWS.

Our triannual Membership Survey was inadvertently left off of the 2010 Conference Public Information Committee agenda and thus the survey did not have the opportunity to be reviewed and approved by the Conference. It will be an item of business for the 2011 Conference PI committee so, if approved by next year's Conference, the membership survey will be taken in 2011.

Your AA Grapevine has published a new compilation of stories about spirituality in AA – Spiritual Awakenings II. This publication is available through the Grapevine office or your group, district, or Area Grapevine/La Vina chairperson. Please continue to circulate the Grapevine Survey which was requested by the advisory action of the 2010 General Service Conference. I have received many responses as have other delegate areas in the US and Canada but the more we hear from members the more informed our decision making process will be regarding our meeting in print.

I have forwarded the eTechnology survey responses to the General Service Office and have received acknowledgement of their receipt from Rick Walker. Thank you so much for participating in this endeavor – I hope that any move toward production of our literature in electronic format is made as a result of the needs expressed by the Fellowship through the General Service Conference process.

It has truly been a once-in-a-lifetime experience to serve as your Panel 59 delegate. I have attempted to share with you what I have seen, what I have heard, and what I have felt without too much interjection of my own opinion. I owe all of you a tremendous debt of gratitude for allowing me the opportunity to serve with you, one day at a time.

In Service,

Jimmy

Jim C., Alternate Delegate, Panel 59, Area 65

Panel 59 is almost history! It is astonishing sometimes how quickly time flies. And just as we were getting so close to really learning and understanding our positions, it is time to rotate. Our history has shown us that AA rotation serves our Fellowship well, but also has

the benefit of keeping us "right sized". It has truly been a joy and privilege to have served with so many highly capable people in the Northeast Texas Area throughout this panel. I would like to commend all the NETA Trusted Servants, Committee Chairpersons, and DCMs and GSRs who have really done an excellent job in making our area strong and providing the tools and means for facilitating our Twelfth Step work.

Our Fall Assembly and Convention was a great success. Our invited speakers were fantastic – both at the podium and as election workers. Election Assemblies are always very exciting to me and an experience no one should miss. I am honored and grateful to have been selected as your next Delegate in the upcoming Panel 61 for North East Texas Area and will do my best to serve our area and Alcoholics Anonymous. Congratulations to all who stood for a position at the group level, district, or the area.

I had the opportunity to participate in our Southwest Region AA Service Assembly (SWRAASA) in Denver this past October. I learned a lot and met some wonderful people from throughout our Region. I was reminded again of how important our third Legacy of Service is to Alcoholics Anonymous and the responsibility that we all share in maintaining our Society for ourselves and for those yet to need us. As part of that responsibility, we also need to encourage others to get involved. I have stated many times that participating in service is like having a second home group and the rewards are just about as good. We can generate interest and enthusiasm when we are interested and enthusiastic ourselves. Let the members of your home group know how important service is and by all means, get your sponsees involved.

I am very proud of our Area. I was able to listen to many comments from around the SW Region and it is obvious that we are doing quite a number of things right. One concern that we should always have is to be mindful of the harm that gossip and unfounded rumors can have on unity. We will certainly always have differences of opinions and disagreements, but these alone don't cause disunity – these can actually be healthy exchanges that can make us stronger. Our problems grow out of our disrespect for our fellow AA's when we allow personalities and favoritism to be our guide. I have heard several unfounded accusations made at Assemblies and Committee meetings that have gone unchallenged. This lack of discussion and verification is nothing less than character assassination and causes friction and factions within the Area. Continuing unchecked over a period of time will lead to disunity. We all know the solution – ours is a spiritual entity. We need to always practice our principals.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve as your Alternate Delegate. It is an experience that has taught me more about humility and a lot more about how much God has truly blessed us.

Jim C.
altdelegate59@neta65.org (Area Web Site:
www.neta65.org)

"Frequent contact with newcomers and with each other is the bright spot of our lives" BB – p 89

Mo N., Alternate Chair, Panel 59, Area 65

Hello Everyone! Well, we're about at the end of panel 59. Time has gone quickly. But I would like to say to all the GSR'S out there that invited me as well as the host of people I've asked to facilitate

workshops, thank you for the privilege to serve you. I've met some wonderful folks that have enriched my sobriety and soul. To the folks that have served as facilitators, I couldn't have done this job without you. Thank you, my friends.

Rotation is a wonderful principal we have in AA. I'm ready for a new job, as Area Alt. Delegate, and I promise I will work hard and be like white on rice with our Delegate as he goes around to groups and reports on the conference to your districts and groups.

I would also like to congratulate everyone who will be serving on panel 61. We have the opportunity to make a difference and come together in Unity.

I look forward to seeing you all in January at the assembly.

Mo
Alt Chair

PJHR, Secretary, Panel 59, Area 65

Dear NETA 65, As we come to the close of Panel 59, I would like to share information received from GSO regarding updating records in Fellowship New Vision (FNV).

The year end update process of area records into the GSO database Fellowship New Vision (FNV) is one that has to be precisely timed to ensure outgoing trusted servants receive GSO communications through the years end. Changing or updating certain position records prior to a specific date would cause non-receipt of important information by outgoing trusted servants. To ensure the process goes smoothly, FNV will be inaccessible for changes beginning 10/25/10 -12/18/10 for area officer, area standing committee chairs, and DCMs. Group records will be available for updates throughout this time period.

The conference assignment at GSO sent out an Area Election forms package to the Area Delegate, Jimmy D. He will make sure the election forms are completed for all incoming Area officers and standing committee chair positions and returned to the GSO for updating. This will ensure the newly elected trusted servants are in the database prior to 1/1/2011.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as area secretary for the past two years. It has been wonderful getting to know so many of you. Thank you to Camille K. of the Georgetown Group who maintained FNV this panel and assisted me with roll calls at the assemblies. I also want to thank Jane G., Newsletter Editor who set up the layout of the minutes/newsletter mailer each publication and Dusty W. Alternate Newsletter Editor for translation. It has also been a pleasure to serve with Maile S, Alternate Secretary.

Congratulations to all incoming officers, standing committee chairs, DCMs, and GSRs. I look forward to serving the Area in the position of NETA 65 Intergroup Liaison and hope to see many of you as we "trudge the Road of Happy Destiny".

In Service,
PJ HR
Panel 59 Area Secretary

James V., Treasurer, Panel 59, Area 65

Neta 65, the Fall Assembly / Convention in odd number years has been my favorite NETA event ever since I participated in my first in 2001. Though the 3rd Legacy election is confusing at first, by the time I had lived through my first one, I WAS HOOKED! With the assistance of our Higher Power, we picked 8 willing and mostly ready NETA officers for Panel 61 (2011-2012). They now have a couple of months to become "entirely ready". Congratulations to our next NETA65 Delegate, Jim C. and to all the other elected servants. My personal congrats and appreciation goes out to our Panel 61 Service Committee Chairs who are volunteering their time and resources to serve the alcoholics of Area 65 in a variety of ways. Along with their Alternates, some of whom are already in place, they will make presentations, coordinate their committees, and do the work necessary to help NETA alcoholics, both inside and outside of these meetings.

I would like to thank Delegate Jimmy D., active Past Delegates and Past Treasurers (and current ones, too) for serving on the Finance Committee and for helping address budget issues. They have made my job much easier. I am grateful to be continuing to serve with them.

Please continue to remind your home groups to keep mailing monthly contributions. Area donations have been below our needs for 2010, and unless they start picking up SOON, we may have to dip into our Prudent Reserve to operate. A big "THANK YOU" to all of the groups and individuals who continue to support service work in Northeast Texas.. For those of you reading this who may be new GSRs (or new Group Treasurers), please make note of the address for making contributions to Northeast Texas Area 65:

Current 2010 Address: NETA 65 TREASURER, PO BOX 260083, PLANO, TX 75093

**** After January 1, 2011 **** Send contributions to your Panel 61 Treasurer, Roy A. **

New Address: NETA 65 TREASURER, 222 E MCKINNEY #100, DENTON, TX 76201

Thanks for the opportunity to serve!
James V. - Area Treasurer

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

Hello NETA 65!

Another hot Texas summer (and fall) is winding down, along with another General Service panel, and once again its time to rotate on to another job in Alcoholics Anonymous. I've been to another Regional Service Assembly in Denver, saw lots of old friends and made some new ones there, and picked up some tips on how to better do my new job as (incoming) Chairperson of the Area Archives Committee.

First, I want to thank and congratulate Vince for the great service he has provided the committee over the last four years. He's given me an example to emulate and a template to guide my view of our committee, how it can function well as we provide the services

(history presentations and memorabilia exhibits) that this area requests from us, while maintaining the quality of our artifacts and continuing to grow through donations from members. Of course, Arthur has been invaluable to the committee as well as to the Area through his work in digitizing our archives and NETA records, and through his tireless service in helping create and maintain our present memorabilia collection and the historic timelines which bring our story to life. Also many thanks to Dano B from Combined 6 Districts for his help with so many NETA displays. And it goes without saying that none of this would be possible without the support of financial contributions from the fellowship, and your continued interest and excitement in seeing our presentations and historic displays. Thank you all.

The Archives Committee includes three members of the NETA Committee (Chair, Alternate and Archivist/Historian). Area archives responsibilities include the collection, preservation and display of historical AA artifacts and memorabilia as well as NETA records management and retention. It also plays something of a "sponsor" role to the Area's group archivists and Combined District 6 Archives Committee and provides them with materials for presentations and displays (the CD6 Archives Committee Chair is a member of the NETA Archives Committee). Archives committee services have expanded beyond the boundaries of the Northeast Texas Area to include commitments and cooperation with other Texas Area Archives Committees, the Oklahoma Area, conventions in other areas, the Texas State Convention and National Archives Workshop.

As the area archives have grown over the years a compelling need has also evolved for a core body of Archives Committee members (with broad service experience) to serve in an oversight and policy making role. The NETA archives collection has a collector's value of several thousand dollars that will certainly increase with time and future donations. The Archives Committee began receiving member and group monetary donations this year and the area budget was increased to include the cost of archives storage. The need for independent financial oversight exists simply as a matter of basic responsible and accountable administrative and business practices.

The Archives Committee is extending a personal invitation to all past Delegates, Chairs, and Budget Committee members to come and help us become more accountable to the Fellowship by assisting in this budgetary oversight role. Me and my (as yet unknown) alternate will take care of the traveling exhibits and presentations, the heavy lifting part, but I need to form an oversight committee willing to be responsible for the policy and oversight considerations, so I can do what I do best. Committee meetings are usually held every other month and committee members have a voice and a vote. I thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of this request. See y'all on the road!
Keith C.

Margie R., Grapevine/Lavina Chair, Panel 59, Area 65

Greetings everyone!

Wow, it is hard to believe two years is almost come and gone since I first addressed you all as your Grapevine committee chair. First off, I would like to thank all of you who stepped up to the plate to help the Grapevine committee. Your service is greatly appreciated! I could not have asked for a better group of folks. We have two big shindigs

before I hang my hat in January. That is the Grape-A-thon V and Tyler's Anniversary. Fliers will be out mid-October for the December 18th Grape-A-thon. We need volunteers in the way of people, food and some small financial would go a long way. For those who are unaware the Grape-A-thon is the NETA Grapevine's one day mini conference of food, fellowship and fun. At the end of the Grape-A-thon I will officially be passing my hat on to my successor LaJean. and as LaJean starts her role as GV chair in January, I will be attending Tyler's anniversary as my last act before fading into the background.

DCM's and GSR's, please have your incoming Grapevine reps make themselves known to LaJean. E-mail lajeanb@att.net so that she may start planning her first committee meeting in January. The last three Committee meetings under my direction are October 16th ODAAT at 3pm; November 13 at 3pm Town North; December 18 at 10 am at Grape-A-thon. Hope you'll have a great holiday and I look forward to seeing you all at the Grape-A-thon

Margie R
Outgoing NETA 65 Grapevine Chair

Jana A., Literature/Intergroup Liason Chair, Panel 59, Area 65

FORT WORTH CENTRAL OFFICE:

The draft Bylaws are still being reviewed by the groups and will be voted on in this month.

Treasurer's report shows group contributions are up somewhat when compared to the same time last year.

DALLAS CENTRAL OFFICE:

The net income for August increased substantially over the same period last year and total expenses are down for the same period.

The Dallas office is upgrading their 20 year old phone system and is asking anyone in the industry to contact them to discuss a quote.

New Board members will be elected in November.

So, for both the Fort Worth and Dallas Office the word is getting out how important it is that your group participates in the support of these services. It isn't how much a group sends, but that they send something and participate. This applies for all service areas of AA, the GSO, your Group, District, Area, and Intergroups/Central Offices.

It is hard to believe that Panel 59 is almost over. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service over this last panel and I want to thank my Alternate – Charli M., our Spanish Translator, Laura D., our Dallas Intergroup Liaison – Lauren D. and all of the District Representatives that participated in the review of the sponsorship pamphlet. The Committee would not have been able to get their work done without them.

Respectfully submitted, Jana A.
NETA Intergroup Liaison/Literature Chair

Jane G., Newsletter Chair, Panel 59, Area 65

Panel 59 is almost at an end and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as your area newsletter chair this panel. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you.

A special thanks to Dusty W., Alternate Area Newsletter Chair, for all his exceptional work on the newsletter/minutes translations. He did a superb job. Thanks also go to Past Delegate Joe P. and his committee for their help, to past Secretary PJHR for all her help and suggestions and to Maile S. for making sure the newsletter/minutes were dispersed at the mailouts.

Thank you to all who have contributed articles to the newsletter and to those of you who read and enjoy it. God speed!

Congratulations to all who be serving as members of Panel 61. Jane G.

Dusty W., Alt. Newsletter Chair Panel 59, Area 65

As the Alternate Newsletter Chair it has been my responsibility to do the Spanish translations for the Newsletters, Minutes, and Agendas for the Area. It has been an honor and a privilege and I am grateful to have been of service.

Panel 61 will soon be upon us and I am equally thankful for the spirit of rotation.

I have enjoyed my service as Alternate Newsletter Chair and am now ready for the new challenges of being the Newsletter Chair. I still do not have an Alternate Newsletter Chair for Panel 61. If anyone is interested please let me know. The qualifications are not as difficult as you might think. The Spanish translations are done using online translation programs and I am able to teach anyone who is computer literate how to do them. You really do not need to be a Spanish speaker to do this job; just be conscientious and computer literate. Please contact me for more information. My personal phone number and email address are in the Area Directory.

I will set the next deadline for Newsletter article submissions after the Alternate Secretary has set the next mail-out date for Panel 61.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve, and thanks for all that you do in love and in service,
Dusty W.
Alternate Newsletter Chair

Tom M., Public Information Chair, Panel 59, Area 65

In this last newsletter of the panel, I would like to extend my gratitude to the area for allowing me to be of service as chairman of the NETA PI Committee for the past two years. I'm sure that Olga R. is similarly grateful to have served the area as the PI committee's alternate.

Many of our members across the area are doing important work in carrying AA's message to the still-suffering alcoholic by informing the general public—both potential members and non-alcoholics alike—about what AA is and is not. It has been my pleasure to have been of service to them and to all of you.

I wish our incoming PI committee chair and alternate (Randy R. and Steve W.) much success in the upcoming panel. I think it will be helpful to them and to the Panel 61 PI Committee to continue the momentum we have built these past two years. You can help in that effort by letting us know who in your respective groups and districts will be doing PI work next year. If you would kindly email me at pichair59@neta65.org or call me at 972.922.1014 with that information, I can pass along to Steve and Randy the most up-to-date information.

I would like to share a comment made by a non-alcoholic panelist at a recent CPC/PI workshop. The Hon. Deborah Nekhom, a Tarrant County criminal court judge who has seen first-hand how AA (and NA) has benefitted the defendants in her court, was good enough to give part of her Saturday afternoon to participate in Combined District 6's CPC/PI workshop on October 23. Among her remarks, Judge Nekhom suggested that AA is sometimes *too* anonymous. She went on to explain that people sometimes think that we're anonymous because we're bad people, lurking in the shadows with something to hide. While we know this is not why we're anonymous, many people aren't familiar with AA, and it is reasonable to expect that folks may jump to the wrong conclusions if we leave it up to them to figure things out for themselves.

I share this with you as an example of why it is so important that we do what we can to inform (without persuading) the general public about what AA is and is not. The better informed the general public is about AA, the more effective we can be in carrying AA's message.

Jan L., Special Needs Chair, Panel 59, Area 65

Greetings NETA- With the end of the panel right around the corner, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped our committee over the past two years. We started out with a vision to reach out in our communities to the elder population in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Several senior AA's have been reunited with, or in some cases exposed for the first time, to the wonderful fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous as the direct result of your efforts.

Work in Special Needs covers a very broad spectrum, so we tried to always keep our eyes open for opportunities to be of service. Most recently we had the opportunity to visit a long-time member who had been admitted into hospice. This is was an area of Special Needs that our committee hadn't even discussed. In our Responsibility statement the phrase, "When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help..." the *anywhere* has taken on a new meaning for us.

Because of the beautiful principles we learn to live by in Alcoholics Anonymous, along with our legacy of service, each of us are given opportunities to touch the life of a fellow alcoholic. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Northeast Texas Area these past two years, because in allowing me to be of service, I am the one who has received.

Jan L., Special Needs Chair

Hannah B., DCM District 24

I'm happy to report that District 24 is doing well overall. Our elections were held in October, and David B. from the Twinkle Group in Bonham (Fannin County) will be serving as DCM for 2011-2013. Andy W. from the Foxhall Group in Sherman (Grayson County) will be our Alternate DCM. Andy will also be serving as our Treatment Facilities chairperson, in honor of his first sponsor, David M. who passed away recently and was serving as TFC for District 24 at the time of his passing. Curtis B., of the New Beginnings Group in Bonham will serve as our Corrections Committee chair, and Richard W., of New Beginnings Group will be our Treasurer. We have voted to combine PI and CPC, and we created a committee to do the PI/CPC work in our District. Ariana C., from the Big Book Group in Sherman will handle Grayson County, Vivian from the Twinkle Group in Bonham will cover Fannin County, and I will cover Cooke County.

I'm also happy to report that one of our oldest groups - the Anchor Group - in Gainesville (Cooke County), is participating in the District again after several years of no participation. A new group formed in Pottsboro (Grayson County), and we are looking forward to their participation as the group gets organized.

On a personal note, I want to thank District 24 for the opportunity to serve as your DCM the past two years. I have enjoyed this aspect of service work, and look forward to serving Area 65 as the Alternate Convention Chair for the next panel!

I also want to thank everyone who willingly drove to our rural area to speak at our various groups. We know it's a long drive for you, but your stories were most appreciated!

In love and service, Hanna Brinker DCM, District 24

Dale V., DCM District 42

Greetings from District 42 in the heart of Northeast Texas! We continue to "trudge". "Trudge" is such an appropriate word to describe service work in AA, yet it is so misunderstood. The meaning I like "is to walk with a purpose". So many of us come to the AA program with the mistaken idea that it means to slough through the mud. So once again Old ideas avail us nothing!

In District 42, I think we're trying to continue the walk our founders showed us and to share that path with others.

As a part of our service work we held elections for District Officers at our October 9th, 2010 meeting. I was re-elected by the members of my District to stand for one more term as DCM. Lynn L was elected to stand as Alternate DCM. Angie D is our new District Secretary. Linnadean D was re-elected as Treasurer.

We're working on getting some standing committees going, but attendance at our meetings has been off.

However, we do have one workshop scheduled for this fall. Suburban Group in Tyler has asked NETA 65 to send us a speaker to talk about chairing a meeting. This workshop is set for November 13th, 2010 at the Lake Street Clubhouse. Call me if you want details.

Take care for now and I hope to meet some of you on the road of happy destiny. dcv> DCM 42

Kathy F., DCM District 52

Our district has been studying the Concepts using the Concepts Check list this year. We have 2 more to go, both are to be led by past Delegates. The attendance has been down; hopefully the new panel will get better. It has been a learning and gratifying experience serving as DCM the last 2 years. You will continue to see me at all service meetings, so that I can keep up with everyone I have come to love.

In service,
Kathy Farrar DCM 52 Panel 59

Bobby Wayne F., Incoming DCM District 52

I'm looking forward to serving as DCM for District 52 in the new panel 61. I found 2 groups in the Western Directory that we were not aware of, and plan to call contacts and plan to visit. When we are in any of the area meetings I would like everyone to be able to finish talking without interruption.

Bobby Wayne F., Incoming DCM District 52, Panel 61

Keith D., DCM District 53

Hello NETA members! Well, Panel 59 is almost complete. It has been a pleasure to serve District 53 as its DCM (which has been my favorite job so far....well, actually my favorite job is Greeter, but this has been a close second.)

I am looking forward to, and consider it an honor and a privilege to be, serving you as the Panel 61 Area Secretary. District 53 has elected the district officers for the next panel and they are as follows:

DCM: Zach M., The Principles Group
Alt. DCM: Steve M., Chicago Group
Secretary: (Elected officer had to decline, therefore we will hold a special election in November.)
Treasurer: Michael T., Lake Highlands Group

District 53 has been working to spend down funds above our prudent reserve.

The last two years seem to have flown by. I hope to see many of you during the next panel.

Love, Keith Davis, DCM, District 53

David S., DCM District 54

Well, we've been pretty busy here in District 54! We continue to try our best to be of service to the groups in our district through our standing committee, to help inform them about the value of general service, and to be a two-way conduit of communications between the groups and the area and conference levels of service.

As we prepare for panel rotation, we've elected our district officers, selected our standing committee chairs, we'll be holding our District Inventory, and approving a new budget. We do need to elect a secretary for panel 61, which we plan to do at our November meeting. We've also gone through our "Guiding Principles" (which acts as our general policies and procedures document). We're also revamping our website to be more useful to our district and member groups.

One thing that I've learned in service is that arriving at the best solution in a matter can often take a long time, and that we frequently learn more from our mistakes than from our successes. Recently, District 54 has learned the hard truth that having too much money can be as bad a problem as not having enough. To spend down our excess funds, we've been experimenting with purchasing cases of literature (mostly Big Books) to be made available for 12th Step work by our standing committees and member groups, when requested. It seemed like a really good idea at the time. In practice though, we've begun to run into some issues in the implementation. We've run into circumstances where requests for this literature has come from correctional facilities, treatment facilities, or halfway houses, rather than from alcoholics themselves. We've wrangled with questions asking where does this literature go, to the facility or into directly into the hands of the next suffering alcoholic? How do we make sure? If and when do we need to be concerned about 6th Tradition issues here? Is it a break of the 6th Tradition to provide a supply of books for the library in a correctional facility or halfway house? If the books are given to a group to be given to their newcomers, is there a 7th Tradition issue? We're still working through this, and it's getting a lot of discussion at our district meetings. We may end up deciding that just because we've converted out excess funds into a literature inventory, we still have the same concerns with keeping within the Traditions. We're listening hard for God's will to be expressed through our district's group conscience.

One thing's for sure, service work ain't boring! Yours in Service,
David S.

Ed C. DCM District 61

Hello to everyone. It was good to see yall at the last assy. I will start off by saying what a pleasure it has been to be the DCM of Dist 61, I was handed over a great dist. 2yrs ago and have a great group of GSR's. At the Election Assembly we had all but 2 groups represented there, and to me that is awesome to see their commitment to their home groups.

Dist. 61 had its elections in Aug. and I am excited to see the group of incoming Dist. officers. Some of you may already know our new incoming DCM his name is Bruce W from the Arlington central group.

We are going to have to reelect Alt. DCM as the one who was elected had some health issues come up and will not be able to serve. This will happen at our Dec. meeting. Anyway as I said it has been a pleasure to get to serve and I look forward to seeing everybody at future assy from the back of the room.

Ed C. DCM District 61

Congratulations to the Area 65 nominee for Southwest Regional Trustee:

Past Delegate Larry J.

Congratulations to Area 65, Panel 61 Trusted Servants who take office January 1, 2011:

Area Chairperson: Jana A.

Alternate Chairperson: Tom M.

Secretary: Keith Davis

Alternate Secretary: Olga R.

Treasurer: Roy A.

Alternate Treasurer: Pam C.

Archives Chair: Keith C.

Archivist/Historian: Arthur S.

Bi-Lingual Committee: Maria R., Florinda F.

Convention Chair: James V.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair: David M.

Corrections Chair: Rick P.

Grapevine/LaVina Chair: LaJean B.

Intergroup Liason Chair: P.J.H.R.

Literature Chair: Paul W.

Newsletter Chair: Dusty W.

Public Information Chair: Randy R.

Treatment Facility Chair: John V.B.

Upcoming Events and Assemblies:

January 15-16, 2011, Doubletree Hotel, 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, Texas 75244, (Tel: 972-385-9000)

March 19-20, 2011, Radisson Hotel South, 100 E. Altamesa Blvd., Ft. Worth, Texas 76134, (Tel: 817-293-3088)

June 18-19, 2011, Radisson Hotel South, 100 E. Altamesa Blvd., Ft. Worth, Texas 76134, (Tel: 817 293-3088)

Sept. 16-18, 2011, Doubletree Hotel, 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, Texas, 75244, (Tel: 972-385-9000)

Janury 2012: Open

March 17-18, 2012, Doubletree Hotel, 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, Texas 75244, (Tel. 972-385-9000)

Workshops:

October 61, 2010, Burlson Group, Sponsorship, 1:30—3:30 p.m.

December 11, 2010, One Day at a Time Group/TexasArkana, How To Chair A.A Meetings, 2-4 p.m.

If your group or district would like a workshop, contact Mo N., Alternate Chair: 817-680-0807, or email altchair59@gmail.com. Be sure to have group approval first.

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