



Northwest Texas Area 66 Newsletter

FROM OUR DELEGATE

Hey Area 66!

Just a shout out to you all on what's shakin' in District IV where I hang my hat.

We have the 49th Annual Caprock Convention. Great speakers and awesome fellowship you don't want to miss!

Come chill with us July 19-21 just a couple of weeks away!

I am excited about my report to Area 66 from the conference. WOW!

The 2024 General Service Conference brought in a ton of work but we all got after it!

- The inventory by the Board
- The advisory action for the Plain Language Book motion passing. We should see it in print soon!
- Finding out that GSO will remain in NY

A little fun too!

-Visiting Bills place Stepping Stones and to stand at 182 Clinton St

It was a wild and fantastic experience!

I am grateful you all elected me and trusted me to represent Area66!

If you haven't registered for SWRAASA it's in October and a fantastic opportunity to grow in Love and Service!

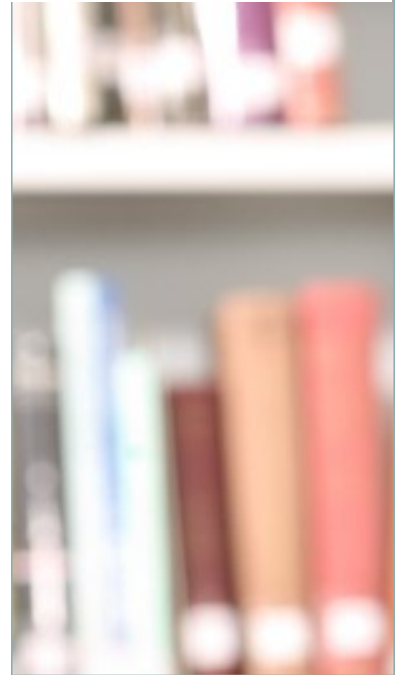
I hope that you are all standing strong and are ready too bring some of your wonderful passion to NWTA 66

We need you!!!

Passionately loving serving you all,

Linda W

Delegate, Panel 74/Area 66



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Delegate notes.....	1
Alternate Delegate notes	2
Upcoming Events	2
Area Chair notes	3
Treasurer notes.....	4
Treasurer notes cont'd.....	5
Newsletter notes.....	5
Area Assembly agenda.....	6

ALTERNATE DELEGATE NEWS

Greetings Area 66!

Hope this finds you all well!

The last few months have been super busy.

I was invited by district 4 DCM Brad Davis to lead a workshop at the Lubbock Group. It was a great event. A 12 traditions workshop that I was a part of with Chris R (district 13), Dwayne M (district 4) and Nicky F (district 4).

I am currently working on putting together a workshop rough draft that I will be taking to El Paso in August.

I recently traveled to Dallas for the 77th Texas AA State Convention in Irving. I will be meeting our Area Delegate, Linda Wells up there along with a few other members from our Area.

As alternate delegate, I had the pleasure of assigning 3 workshops that area 66 will host at this years SWRAASA in Richardson Texas.

Donnie Davis (district 13) will host “Grapevine/La Vina: It’s not just a Magazine” workshop.

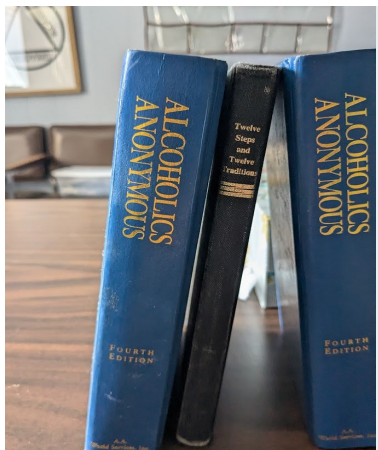
Lauren Winchell (district 13) will host “Unity of AA Service Structure” and, Delegate Linda Wells (district 4) will host a workshop on the “Area Chair” position. I will be speaking on tradition 12 at SWRAASA.

Busy and exciting!

In Love and Service,

Brian B.

Alt. Delegate Panel 74/ Area 66



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Area 66 Assembly

Where: Top of Texas Group in Amarillo

1301 S. Taylor St. 79109

When: July 13th & 14th (see agenda on back page)

49th Annual Caprock Convention

Where: District IV

When: July 19-21

SWRAASA

Where: Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel

Richardson, TX (event flyer link [Here](#))

When: October 11th-13th, 2024



NEWS FROM OUR AREA CHAIRMAN

Greetings from NwTA 66 Chair,
Here's hoping that everyone has had a great Spring and will have a wonderful Summer!
I have been coordinating with Linda Wells to set her up with a time slot for July's report back in Amarillo this coming July 13-14. I am looking forward to her presentation as I am sure she will have some interesting things to report.

Personally, I have been busy with my Borger Into Action group. I have finally handed over the Treasurer's duties after holding the position for several years. I am still the interim website chair for District 3 as we can't seem to keep anyone in that position for very long and I do not want to see it unattended. I also continue to take meetings to the Jordan Unit of TDCJ. We finally have a couple more volunteers approved which really helps when work and schedule keep me from making it to the unit. If you have never been to a meeting on the inside, you should go through the training and get approved. The Jordan group is very strong and the meetings are some of the best ones I go to. They have decided to call themselves the "Out of Order" group. I am working to get them registered with GSO.

My wife Linda and I took a cruise to Alaska last month and had a great time taking in the scenery and going on a whale watching tour that was awesome. The weather was cool and wet, but I am originally from Oregon so I was used to that. We also got to see the Northern Lights on the plane ride out of Anchorage which is the first time either Linda or I got to see them.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Assembly in Amarillo! Please make arrangements to attend and bring someone with you!

In Fellowship,
Bill Fournier
Area 66 Chair

AREA TREASURER NOTES

Greetings Family!

I wanted to talk a little bit about our 7th Tradition. As we all know, we are self-supporting through our own contributions, but what does that mean exactly? Let me break it down...

It is incumbent on us to support ourselves as members of autonomous groups. That means whatever your group brings in the basket, it is yours to spend how you want as a Group. Of course, bills must be paid first. We always want to maintain financial responsibility. Some groups like to have a Prudent Reserve as well. This, in short form, is financial security for the Group if something happens to the building you meet in (i.e., roof damage, flooding, fire, etc.) and your group would have to meet somewhere else for a while and pay rent until repairs are finished at your home Group.

As autonomous Groups, we also ask our members how they would like to contribute to other entities such as the District, Area, and the General Service Board. This decision, of course, would come in a Group Conscience. As of lately, some groups have been withholding funds from some of these entities. This is surely their right as a Group, but does it affect AA as a whole? The simple answer is yes. Your contributions make possible essential member services and support for those seeking help around the corner- or- around the world. Here are some highlights of some of the services provided and where contributions go:

1. Our public service announcements (PSA's) offer powerful messages of hope to the suffering alcoholic. The Public Information desk coordinates production and availability of TV and radio PSA's. This service has reached over 600 million viewers.
2. With many of the correctional facilities going paperless, AAWS and Grapevine have collaborated on a multi-year project to make AA literature available on over 200,000 tablets in jails and prisons.
3. The new Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS) database helps us to more quickly match persons in custody with members who are able to write them.
4. Regional Forums. Regional Forums are fun, informative and free weekend events that improve communication and unity.
5. With a half-million monthly users, the AA Meeting Guide app has transformed how people find meetings.
6. Each month Staff Members respond to thousands of emails, letters and phone calls from AA members, professionals, the media and alcoholics needing help.
7. Website maintenance. (aa.org & aagrapevine.org)
8. Archives. Thanks to a new scanner, made possible through member contributions, GSO

TREASURER NOTES CONTINUED

...archivists recently scanned 10,000 pages of Bill W.'s correspondence and other documents important to our history. Our archivists also provide timely replies to a variety of questions from AA members.

Money and Spirituality do mix. Early on, I was asked what I think 'contented sobriety' means? For me, it is the sentences as presented on pg. 89 and 103 of our Big Book: "Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics." and "After all, our problems were of our own making. Bottles were only a symbol. Besides, we have stopped fighting anybody or anything. We have to!"

And, there ya have it! We must leave our egos and self-will at the door and remember those who have not met us yet. Our services are as vital to me as they are the newcomer and I don't ever want to forget where I was nearly 12 years ago. Alcoholics Anonymous and its' services saved my life. Give with kindness in your heart...it won't steer you wrong.

Always, In Love & Service,

Shellia D.

NWTA 66 Treasurer

FEEDBACK—SUGGESTIONS—COMMENTS

Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to read this newsletter!

I wasn't quite sure how things would go when asked if I would be willing to take on the newsletter service position.

Having finally gotten this far, I must say that like all service I have participated in, this experience has helped me grow. Specifically, it has grown my gratitude for all of you, our members, and all the many things you do to carry the message of AA.

If you have suggestions, comments, or concerns about the

newsletter, please reach out to me and I'll do my best to answer questions and address any concerns. You can reach me by email at;

RuleNumberSixty2@gmail.com
or by phone at 325-301-7683.

Thank you all so very much for what you do that makes Area 66 the wonderful fellowship that it is!

Blessings in service,

Brian C.





NORTHWEST TEXAS AREA 66

DIGITAL VERSION AVAILABLE AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.NWTA66.ORG/NEWS](https://www.nwta66.org/news)

Northwest Texas Area 66 covers a large geographic area in our state roughly containing the western most 1/3 of Texas.

Within our area there are 8 Districts and roughly 176 groups meeting regularly to share experience, strength and hope and carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

AREA ASSEMBLY AGENDA, JULY 13TH & 14TH

Northwest Texas Area 66

(July 13th & 14th at Top of Texas Group in Amarillo – 1301 S. Taylor St. 79109)

Agenda

Saturday July 13

8:30 am – 9:00 am Registration

9:00 am – 9:05 am Opening of the Assembly (Serenity Prayer)

9:05 am – 9:20 am Introduction of members of the Assembly and visitors

9:20 am – 10:20 am GSR Orientation (Brian Bell, Alt Delegate), DCM Meeting (Brad Davis, DCM District 4), Officers Meeting (Bill Fournier, Area Chair)

10:20 am - 10:35 am Break

10:35 am-10:55 am Officer Reports

Secretary – Wes Ralston

Treasurer – Shellia Dodson

Alternate Chair – Sal Flores

Area Chair – Bill Fournier

Delegate – Linda Wells

Alternate Delegate – Brian Bell

10:55 am – 12:00 pm DCM Reports

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm NWTA 66 Delegate Report for 73rd AA General Service Conference

-

Q & A Session following report

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm Break

3:45 pm – 5:30 pm Committee Breakout Session

Archives – Ronnie Smith

GV/LV – Donnie Davis

Bilingual – Hector Jurado

Literature – Tammy Darnell

CPC/PI – Mike Torres

Newsletter – Brian Champion

Corrections – Dawn Meyers

Treatment – Kendel Wibbing

Finance – Shellia Dodson

Website – David Houston

Sunday July 14

8:30 am – 9:30 am Report Back From Committee Sessions

9:30 am – 10:00 am Committee Chair Reports

9:30 am – 10:30 am Old Business

New Business -

Financial Situation with GSO

Close (Responsibility Pledge)