

## AA District 42, NETA 65 Corrections Update

Deven K., Chair

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### Current known AA meetings for District 42 prison/jail facilities:

- a. **(Women)** Mondays 6-7pm East Texas Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX **(taking hiatus)**
- b. **(Men)** Mondays & Thursdays 5:30-7:00pm Hodge Unit, Rusk, TX
- c. **(Men)** Mondays & Thursdays 11:45am – 12:55pm, Johnston Unit, Winnsboro, TX
- d. **(Men)** Tuesdays 3:30-5pm Smith County Jail (Downtown Tyler)
- e. **(Women)** Tuesdays 7-8pm, Van Zandt County Jail, Canton, TX
- f. **(Men)** Tuesdays 7-8pm, Johnston Unit, Winnsboro, TX
- g. **(Women&Men)** Wednesdays **2:30-3:30pm** Wood County Jail, Quitman, Texas
- h. **(Women)** Wednesdays 2:45-4:00pm, Smith County Jail (Downtown Tyler) – **meetings being added**
- i. **(Men)** Wednesdays 4-6:30pm, **English & Spanish meetings**, Billy Moore Unit, Overton, TX
- j. **(Men)** Thursdays 10am, 1pm, & 2pm, Michaels Unit, Tennessee Colony TX
- k. **(Men)** Thursdays 4:30-6:00pm & 6-7:30pm, Bradshaw State Jail, Henderson, TX
- l. **(Men)** Thursdays 4:30-6:00pm **Spanish Meeting**, Bradshaw State Jail, Henderson, TX
- m. **(Men)** v 6-7:30pm, Van Zandt County Jail, Canton, TX
- n. **(Men)** Thursdays 7:00-8:00pm Cherokee County Jail, Rusk, TX
- o. **(Women/Men)** Fridays 6-7pm, Salvation Army (Downtown Tyler)
- p. **(Men)** Saturday 11:30am-1pm East Texas Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX
- q. ***Weekly Co-Ed open meeting at the Rusk State Hospital (Psychiatric Treatment) being established.***
- r. ***Coordination is underway to establish in an AA meeting Henderson County Jail in Athens, TX.***

### 2. “Orange Can” Donations & Expenditures

Current Orange Can funds balance is **\$599.14**. Group/personal contributions should be mailed by check to the District 42 Treasurer, Mo O. (903) 576-6667. Contributions by check should be made out to AA District 42 Committee, with “Orange Can” designation in the memo block of the check. Mailing address; P.O. Box 8556, Tyler, TX 75711. Contributions will be posted monthly with the treasurer’s report. Deven K.. will keep replenishing inmate literature for the prison/jail AA facility coordinators we support with AA meetings. Last order of 1000 redbooks cost about \$1630.

- 3. District 42 is pleased to announce Deven K, of the Palestine area has been elected the position as Corrections Chair to observe/learn/assume responsibilities in keeping with AA leadership rotation. Deven has demonstrated his dedication by taking weekly AA meetings into the TDCJ Michaels Unit in Tennessee Colony. Contact Deven K. (M) 316-847-1288, email: [Devenkeplar1021@gmail.com](mailto:Devenkeplar1021@gmail.com) Mallory B. elected Alt Chair, 903-368-5366. MalloryBanta487@gmail.com
- 4. AA facility coordinators: Have plenty of mini-Redbooks and Spanish mini-BB, Both English & Spanish 12&12, AA in Prisons, and softcover BBs. Advise Deven K. of your needs and coordinate pick-up.
- 5. Women interested in taking meetings into the Downtown Tyler Smith County Jail for both men & women (separately) contact Debra H. (903) 268-8473. Jonn S. (903) 445-6494 as the Smith County Jail AA coordinator will field interest for men. Also Skyview Unit in Rusk, TX has about 200 women incarcerated without an AA meeting for about 5 years!

6. Recruiting interested AA's with a year or more of sobriety remains the largest limiting factor in building this important 12-step service. Please notify Deven K. of others or contacts you have who would be receptive to AA bringing the message behind the walls of prisons, jails, or treatment facilities. We have submitted a couple of new volunteer applications in the last month. We could use 10 more! **Let's just talk to get informed!**
7. Any Group or Meeting may request District 42 Corrections Chair to make a 15 minute presentation of 'How it Works' bringing the message behind the walls, Orange Can Collections, how funds are utilized, and the various way each can participate in a meeting, as a speaker, literature donation, inmate correspondence, or "bridging the gap" sponsorship.
8. If you have been TDCJ approved (or want to be) but not 'plugged in' to a meeting, or any interested AA's want more information please reach out to me:
  - i. Deven K. (316) 847-1288 or Devenkeplar1021@gmail.com More information on volunteer requirements and **online application/training/recertification** may be found here:
  - ii. <https://tdcj.texas.gov/divisions/cvsd/volunteer.html> Online retraining, as well as in-person is available for any approved volunteers that are due for retraining. Online retraining will be allowed regardless of your last retraining being completed online. Both new and current volunteers must submit an online application prior to training. Only after training is complete will your application be processed. TDCJ said to expedite AA volunteer applications.
9. **NEEDING committed AA Correspondence volunteers for Men & Women behind the walls. GREAT 12-step service!**