

# THE BEACON

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE EAST TEXAS AREA AL-ANON/ALATEEN ASSEMBLY

## A Message from the Chair ~ Rosie M. ~

Greetings to all ETAAA members,

We had our Area World Service Committee Meeting (AWSC) on Saturday, September 20th in Longview, Texas. Thank you very much to District 10 for hosting us and for your warm hospitality, it was a wonderful meeting place and the lunch provided was awesome.

### **New Business discussed at the AWSC meeting:**

1. A motion to recommend that any group using a sub-site on the Texas Website pay a minimal fee of \$25.00 per year to the East Texas Area Treasury. This recommendation passed unanimously by the AWSC members and will be added to the Agenda for the November Assembly for a motion from a Group Representative and a vote.

2. We discussed the timeframe for submitting expenses to the ETAAA Treasurer for Texas East Area Officers and Coordinators. It was recommended that the Treasurer will determine at each AWSC meeting and Assembly the deadline for submitting all reimbursable expenses for a time frame to be no longer than 60 days.

3. I read a list of members who are qualified to run for an Area Officer position in our upcoming November Assembly on Saturday, November 1st, Tyler, TX. This list and criteria is shown below.

### **Eligibility to stand for Delegate, Alternate Delegate or Officer for the next 2015 Panel for East Texas Area.**

A. Any person that has served three years as a District Representative or as an Area

Officer in the World Wide Fellowship of Al-Anon/Alateen

B. Has remained active in the East Texas Area 53 by not missing more than two (2) assemblies during the current panel term. Current District Representatives must also not have missed more than four (4) Area World Service Committee Meetings during the current panel term

C. Regularly attends Al-Anon meetings

D. Is not also a member of Alcoholics Anonymous

### **Qualified to run for Area Officer Position at the Fall, 2014 Assembly on November 1st, 2014 in Tyler:**

Current District Representatives	Past District Representatives
Norma W.	Kay C.
Lyn B.	David S.
Paula H.	Melissa H.
Jane M.	Tricia L.
Diane B.	Margaret F.
Pat R.	Rich M.
Jan H.	
Al M.	
Julie A.	

### **Current Officers Eligible to Run for Area Officer Position**

Nancy M.	Joyce Y.	Rosie M.
Kathy M.	Shelly S.	

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### Calendar of Events

#### **NOTICE!!!**

See Page 3 for LOCATION CHANGE of Fall 2014 ETAAA Assembly

ETAAA Fall Assembly  
Oct. 31 - Nov. 2, 2014  
Tyler, Texas

A.T.A.A.C  
February 20-22, 2015  
Irving, Texas

P.O.S.S.E.  
March 20-22, 2015  
Gonzales, Texas

TEA AC  
April 24-26, 2015  
Gonzales, Texas

ETAAA Spring Assembly  
June 5-7, 2015  
Franklin, Texas

Deadline for Submissions for the next issue of The Beacon January 1, 2015

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**AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE 2012-2014**

**For Contact Information for East Texas Area 53**

**Area World Service Committee Members**

**Contact your Group Representative**

**Or**

**Send a Request to:**

**[web@texas-al-anon.org](mailto:web@texas-al-anon.org)**

# TIME FOR CHANGE

(Hotel has changed as of September 5, 2014)



## East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Area Fall Assembly

October 31- November 2

Magnuson Hotel and Conference Center  
Tyler

3310 Troup Highway, Tyler, TX, 75701, USA

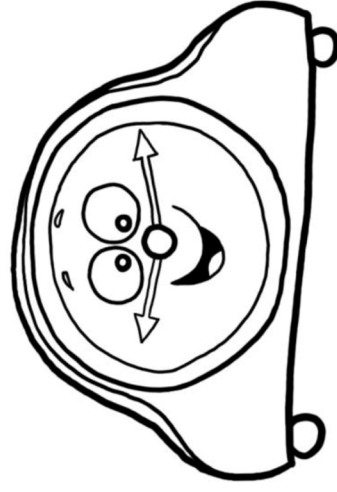
Phone: 903\_593\_3600

<http://www.magnusonhotels.com/Magnuson-Hotel-and-Conference-Center-Tyler/>

\$72 single, queen, or king; \$76 two queens

Ask for ETAAA Rate  
(Reserve before October 15, 2014)  
Reservations may be made online.

**Come in Costume  
Friday Night.  
Prizes  
Speakers  
Banquet  
Entertainment  
Raffle  
Hospitality**



# IT'S TIME!

GR \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_ AMIAS \_\_\_ First Assembly \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name/District \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 Al-Anon Registration (Before 10-17-14)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 Late Registration (After 10-17-14)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 Alateen Registration \*

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 AA Registration (Before 10-17-14)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 Banquet

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

Make checks payable to: ETAAA District 9  
Assembly

Mail to: PO Box 7093 Tyler, TX 75711

\*All Alateens when registering at Assembly must turn in to the registration desk a completed East Texas Area 53 Behavioral Guidelines Form and be accompanied by a responsible registered adult. Notarized Permission and Medical Forms are to be kept by a responsible registered adult. Forms can be obtained from an Alateen Sponsor, Alateen Coordinator or at

[http://biz130.inmotionhosting.com/~texasa13/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Permission\\_and\\_Medical\\_Forms\\_2007.pdf](http://biz130.inmotionhosting.com/~texasa13/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Permission_and_Medical_Forms_2007.pdf)

**Area Chair (Continued from Page 1)****Past Delegates**

Pat E., Jan H., Bennie P., Rosie M.

Since this is the last issue of the Beacon for this year, I want to express my gratitude for allowing me to serve as your ETAAA Chairman these past three years. It was an awesome, humbling and rewarding experience and it has been a pleasure to serve alongside each of you. I wish all the best for those of you who will be running in our upcoming Texas East elections.

See you soon and in gratitude,

Rosie M.  
ETAAA Chair

**Delegate Report ~ Nancy M. ~**

In preparing for the AWSC held in September, I was aware that there was little change since my last report. I determined to review the 54th Annual conference Summary and found the following pages to be of primary interest. Starting on page 3, with regard to the selected committees, work groups, thought forces and talk forces. This page defines the roles of these committees.

On page 8 through 10, it talks about the conference theme and a welcome by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

On page 13, AFG INC. VS .AFG, THE FELLOWSHIP. This is a good explanation of the difference between the organization and the fellowship.

Page 17 – This is an article by Ric B. answering questions regarding adding to our electronic literature (e-books and audio books).

Page 21 contains a great article about Alateen Service Manual.

Page 48 – 51 contains an article regarding Delegate initiated proposed motions. If you become informed on this item, you may be able to give some feedback to our next Delegate so that she/he may be able to better participate in this item at next year's World Service Conference.

Pages 53 – 57 POLICY DISCUSSIONS. There is an in depth discussion regarding dual membership. It is a good reference if and when the issue comes up in your District.

You may ask: Where can I find the full 54th Annual Conference Summary? I thought you would never ask!

If you were not one of those who received a copy via the Delegate, you can find the full 54th Annual Conference Summary on the website [www.al-anon-alateen.org/members](http://www.al-anon-alateen.org/members).

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Fall Assembly, October 31 in Tyler.

Nancy M. – Area 53 E. TX Delegate, Panel 52.

**Alt. Delegate/Literature/Forum Coordinator**  
**~ Joyce Y. ~**

**An exciting announcement**—our first audio book! *How Al-Anon Works for Families and Friends of Alcoholics* became available as an audio mp3 book (\$24.95) on September 13 through Audible.com and Amazon. You may listen to a sample copy on these two websites. It will also be available at Apple iTunes Store soon. It is sold through these vendors rather than directly from Al-Anon, because they have the technology that can provide copyright protection for our literature. The 16 hours and 19 minutes of narration is by anonymous Al-Anon members whose willingness to participate in this service project made the audio book possible. 121 copies have been sold from September 13-25.

**e-book update** *Having Had a Spiritual Awakening* (eB-25): 1596 e-books have been sold March-September

**Electronic version of the Forum:** See Page 105 of *2013 World Service Conference Summary* for more information. WSO is still waiting on the vendor.

**Reaching for Personal Freedom** (P-92) was released at Al-Anon International Conference in Vancouver in July. As of 9/25, 20,000 copies in English, 178 in Spanish and 947 in French have been sold.

**How Al-Anon Works for Families and Friends of Alcoholics:** 49,211 soft cover and 6,246 hard cover books have been sold in 2013.

Sharing Request/Guidelines for the **PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS OF YOUNG PROBLEM DRINKERS** (working title) pamphlet is posted on the Members' Web site, along with a page for submitting a sharing directly on-line at the Members' site, <http://al-anon.org/members/sharingsheets.php>. Or a completed sharing sheet can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. as shown on the attached Sharing Request Form. Please help spread the word about this project too. As of 9/25 report from Associate Director of Communications—Literature, WSO has only received one sharing.

**INTIMACY IN ALCOHOLIC RELATIONSHIPS** (working title): WSO has received about 900 sharings as of September. More sharings are still needed if this piece is to express the diversity of our fellowship.

**Guide for Sponsors of Alateen Groups** (P-29): The latest printing includes revisions and can be identified by the numbers "13-12" at the bottom left corner of the copyright page.

**Why Anonymity in Al-Anon** (P-33) Revisions have been completed. Will be released when current stock is depleted.

**"CAL Corner" in The Forum:** In October the 40th anniversary of *Alateen-Hope for Children of Alcoholics* (B-3)

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**Alt. Delegate/Literature/ForumCoordinator**  
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will be celebrated in "CAL Corner". In December issue, suggestion will be given to give CAL (Conference Approved Literature) as holiday gift

**2013 World Service Conference Summary:** Hard copies may be purchased from WSO or also available in PDF format on members website <http://www.al-anon.org/members>

There is a wealth of information on the above Members website – Check it out! Each tab has several categories to explore.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve as your Alternate Delegate and continue to learn and grow with this "We" program. Please keep investing time for serenity through practicing the principles which keep the fellowship firmly grounded in our Legacies – the Steps, the Traditions and the Concepts. How much is your Serenity Worth?

Gratitude through Service

Joyce Y.

Concept

4 – Participation is the key to harmony.



Area Highlights is a quarterly publication which provides service-related news from Areas to all Area Officers, Coordinators, and District Representatives in order to communicate with, motivate, and inform other service-minded members. The articles are compiled from Area newsletters and reports from the links of service.

Online Access:

1. [www.al-anon.org/members](http://www.al-anon.org/members)
2. Enter *password* ( *Please enter the name of your home group followed by "afg" in the password box*).
3. Click on **Service Structure** tab
4. Scroll down and click on **Area Resources**
5. Scroll down and click on **Area Highlights**
6. Click on issue you want to see. (*2014 first 3 quarters, 2013 and 2012 – all quarters currently available*)

**WANTED!! ALTERNATE DELEGATE**

(Also serves as **AREA LITERATURE COORDINATOR** and **AREA FORUM COORDINATOR**)

If you are interested in being the next Alternate Delegate, the following is what you need to know:

As described in Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual 2014-2017, page 134 and pages 161-162

- Works along with the Delegate as much as possible in communicating with the groups.

- Acquaints himself with all the Delegate's duties, so that if the Delegate is unable to finish his three-year term, the Alternate can step in to complete it.

- May share the responsibility with the Delegate in visiting groups in the Area.

**Additional duties as assigned by the Texas East, Area 53:**

*Also see Guidelines for Area Literature Coordinator (G-6) and Forum Coordinator (G-32)*

- Chairs the Group Representative Orientation at Spring and Fall Assemblies

- Prepares Group Representative packets with the following information:

- Assembly Welcome letter
- Knowledge Based Decision Making process
- Assembly Voting Procedures
- Group Representative Guideline (G-11)
- Tips for Assembly and Procedures
- Al-Anon Group Records form (G-1)
- Tips for GR's as Forum Representatives
- Any other pertinent information for Group Representatives

- Submits article to the Beacon four times a year before the quarterly deadline.

- Becomes as familiar as possible with Conference Approved Literature, hard copies as well as electronic formats

- Provides Literature/Forum report at two assemblies (Spring and Fall) a year.

- Provides Literature/Forum report at four Area World Service Committee meetings a year.

- Sends Literature report to AWSC and District Literature Coordinators when updates received from the World Service Office.

- Participates in Literature Conference Calls with World Service Office and other Areas as scheduled (usually two times a year).

- Participates in e-communities for Literature Coordinator and Forum Coordinator for updates and questions.

- Encourages subscription to Forum throughout Assembly and use of Conference Approved Literature.

- Assists in Conference Approved Literature workshops or writing workshops, where applicable.

- Assists Delegate while giving Delegate's report at Assemblies where applicable.

Area World Service Committee Meeting Saturday, September 20, 2014 Longview, Texas

**Chairman:** Rosie M., Chairman opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions, Concepts and Warranties were read. She welcomed everyone and visitors were introduced. She thanked District 10 for hosting the meeting.

**Secretary:** Barbara G. called the roll. She then read the minutes from the AWSC meeting held May 30th in Humble, Texas. The minutes were accepted as read.

**Treasurer:** Margaret F. reports that she now has full access to the account. Currently, we have \$37,857.60 in the checking account. She has the individual districts donations available but not printed out so see her for that information. Our tax exempt status was revoked because the 2011-2012 taxes were not filed and she filed them in June as soon as it became apparent. She is working with her niece, a CPA, and she will file the necessary forms for reinstatement as soon as she has all the information she needs. The insurance bond, which we carry on the treasurer, has expired and she is having a difficult time locating an insurance company that carries this type of insurance. She suggested that we need a backup for the treasurer to prevent this from happening again.

**Delegate:** Nancy M. passed out copies of the 54th Annual World Service Conference Summary. She called attention to various page numbers and topics that she felt most pertinent for us. Her complete report will be in the Beacon.

**Alternate Delegate:** Joyce Y., reports that there is a form for the new daily reader which is intended to reflect the diversity of our fellowship. For clarification of diversity, she refers to the Conference Summary (P-46) pages 23-25. The summary is available on line on the Members site or can be purchased for \$5.00. The Cal Sample Chapter for October through December is a chapter of From survival to Recovery (B-21). She encourages all members to use the Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual 2014-2017 as the go to manual for service. Her complete report, including e-mail addresses, will be found in the Beacon.

**Reports:** All Coordinators, District Representatives, AIS Liaisons, and Alateen Liaison reports will be in the Beacon and are on file. Of special note, concern is mentioned that several entities using the area website are posting their own meeting lists and often the information is not the same as the area website listings. Tricia L suggests that groups posting on the area website do not post their meeting lists but instead keep the area website up to date so that individuals looking for a meeting will press a link to the area website and receive accurate information on meeting schedules.

**Assembly Committee Reports:**

**1. District 5,**-Lyn B.-May 30-June 1, 2014-Humble, Tx. Lyn reports 221 Al-Anons. 4 AA's and 4 Alateens in attendance. 144 were pre registered and they used online registration which was successful. Spanish translation equipment was borrowed from AA. They had 85 raffle items bringing in

\$1577 and a quilt which brought in \$748 but overall lost \$300 plus dollars which was partially attributed to overestimating the amount of food to be served. She expressed difficulty in getting accurate information on past assemblies. Tricia suggested the possibility of filing assembly reports on the web page for easy accessibility.

**2. District 9,**-Kim F.-October 31-November 2, 2014-Tyler, TX. Arrangements with a new hotel have been made and flyers are available. We will have elections, a costume party and a talent show. Speakers and the taper are in place. Debbie C. has made the arrangements.

**3. District 7**-Jane M.-June 5-7, 2015-Franklin, TX. There will be a dessert contest, entertainment and a workshop by our trustee, Annette T.

**Unfinished Business**

**1. Alateen Task Force.** Bennie P., Task Force Chairman, reported that the new process, for certification as an Alateen sponsor, is in place beginning September 10 and will be in the Beacon, including forms, and also will be posted on the area website. Training will be via a self-guided Training Manual which has been distributed to District Alateen Coordinators, District Representatives and all other trainers. The position of Driver-Helper Chaperone has been eliminated.

**New Business:**

**1. Upcoming Elections.** Rosie compiled a list of members qualified to run for area officer positions in the November Assembly. The list will be posted in the Beacon.

**2. Website Coordinator.** Tricia recommends that each entity posting on the area website contribute financially as per our 7th Tradition. Candy N. made a motion to recommend that any group using a subsite on the area website pay a minimal fee of \$25 per year to the East Texas Area treasury. Diane B. seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. This will go onto the agenda at the assembly in November.

**3. Timeframe** for submitting expenses to the Treasurer for officers and coordinators. Diane moved to recommend that the treasurer will determine at each AWSC meeting and Assembly the deadline for submitting all reimbursable expenses, not longer than 60 days. Jane seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**4. Announcements** from AWSC Members. Kay C. states that the ATAAC needs a board member who resides in Houston within the loop. If you are interested, contact Kay.

**5. Transition Meeting.** District 8 is responsible to host the January AWSC meeting. Nancy knows of a beach house that holds 24 with 5 bathrooms in Surfside. The group consensus was to investigate the feasibility of holding an AWSC meeting there on February 7, 2015 with January 31 as an alternate date. Diane will take this to her district meeting in October for district approval. A motion passed

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**AWSC Meeting (Cont. from Pg. 6)**

in 2011 stated that the Budget Committee will add a line item to the budget and will also set the amount for the transitional meeting. This motion is still in effect so the budget Committee will add this to the budget for 2015.

**Announcements:**

1. Beacon Deadline-October 1, 2014
2. ETAAA Fall Assembly-Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2014-Tyler, TX
3. ATAAC-February 20-22, 2015-Irving, TX
4. P.O.S.S.E.-21st Annual-March 20-22, 2015-Gonzales, TX
5. TEA AC-April 24-26, 2015-Gonzales, TX

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara G.  
Interim Secretary

**Area Alateen Coordinator ~ Melissa H. ~**

Since the Assembly, I have spent most of my time working with Bennie on the new process, now in place for a one-year trial. Approved in the new process is the opportunity for AMIAS to be trained via a self-guided Training Manual, followed up with a conversation with any of our approved Area Trainers. The new Manual has been distributed to all of the DACs, DRs in districts without a DAC and to all of our Trainers. It is not available online as it includes contact information of our Trainers. Additionally, I have updated the Alateen Training Presentation that is based on the WSO PowerPoint modules. As trusted servants, Trainers can use any format that they choose, including the original Training Workbook provided during the last term, the WSO-based Training Presentation and now including the new Training Manual. Training Workshops no longer have a minimum time requirement, allowing for additional flexibility for training opportunities.

I appreciate all of our Trainers and hope that they will continue in service into the next term. Our Trainers are:

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|--------------|-----------------------|
| D1 Bennie P. | D4 Norma W.           |
| D5 Lyn B.    | D6 Jayne G.           |
| D7 George E. | D8 Mary W. & Cindy O. |
| D12 Lynn S.  | D13 Melissa H.        |

As we wind down these 3 years, I am extraordinarily grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as the AAC. I have learned many lessons and experienced tremendous growth in my recovery. Having said that, I am also now ready for a break! I anticipate supporting the next Area Alateen Coordinator. I am unable to attend the Fall Assembly, as I will be trick-or-treating with my son (if Seth has his way, I will be dressed as a Despicable Minion!) but I am excited for the upcoming rotation of service.

**Area Alateen Process Person ~ Bennie P. ~**

This summer has been a very difficult time due to the illness I've been dealing with. I'm now on my way to full recovery, I want to thank everyone for your get well greetings, love and prayers.

I also want to thank everyone for their patience as we worked on the new AMIAS simplified process which we released on September 10th to all AMIAS, DAC's and DR's.

The new Instructions and Registration forms are now posted on our Texas Website; [www.texas.al-anon.org](http://www.texas.al-anon.org). I want to thank Tricia, our Website Coordinator for her help and support in posting it.

Current AMIAS serving as Alateen group sponsors do not need to do anything but continue serving Alateen groups.

Current AMIAS serving as Driver/Helper/Chaperones do not need to do anything UNLESS they are ready to sponsor a group. In which case they will need to be trained, either in a Workshop or by using the new self-guided Training Manual. No additional background check is necessary. To receive training, please contact your District Alateen Coordinator, or, if none is available, the Area Alateen Coordinator, Melissa H.

ALL AMIAS will need to use the new process for their next certification, during the trial period of June 2014 – June 2015. Accordingly, all AMIAS will be trained and the position of D/H/C will be phased out.

All new AMIAS will be certified using the new process, including training, regardless whether they plan to sponsor a group, or just serve as a helper.

If you have any questions, please direct them to myself or Melissa H., our Area Alateen Coordinator.

Love in Alateen Service,

Bennie P.  
Area Alateen Process Person

**See Page 17 for TEA AC Report****Brain Teaser**

*An active member of Al-Anon leaves home, makes a left turn, gets straightened out, makes another left, gets straight again then makes one more left before returning straight home only to find someone is there wearing a mask!*

**What is going on here?**

Be the first to send me an email with the correct answer and you will be announced as the winner in the next issue of the *Beacon!*

ETAAA Financial Report 9/16/2014	2013 Totals	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 3/31/14	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 6/30/14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 9/31/14	4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 12/31/14	Total YTD	2014 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
<b>Income</b>								
<b>Assembly Surplus</b>	\$3,966.87		\$2,012.00		\$0.00	\$2,012.00		
Fall 2013	\$3,248.88		\$2,012.00			\$2,012.00		
Spring 2014	\$717.99					\$0.00		
Fall 2014	\$0.00					\$0.00		
<b>Beacon Income</b>	\$330.00	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$200.00	(\$110.00)
Group Subscription	\$42.00	\$36.00	\$18.00			\$54.00		
Personal Subscriptions	\$288.00	\$24.00	\$12.00			\$36.00		
<b>Contributions Income</b>	\$15,429.45	\$5,147.71	\$2,226.95	\$3,229.82		\$10,604.48	\$24,630.00	(\$14,025.52)
<b>Fall Gratitude Basket</b>	\$505.00					\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	\$20,231.32	\$5,207.71	\$4,268.95	\$3,229.82	\$0.00	\$12,706.48	\$24,830.00	(\$12,123.52)
<b>Expenses</b>								
<b>Travel / Expenses</b>	\$10,647.27	\$3,605.07	\$1,925.09	\$2,459.21	\$0.00	\$7,989.37	\$15,700.00	(\$7,710.63)
Alateen Coordinator	\$893.79	\$491.30	\$498.44			\$989.74	\$1,200.00	(\$210.26)
Alateen Liaison	\$219.18	\$24.22				\$24.22	\$500.00	(\$475.78)
Alateen Process Person	\$929.83	\$220.44		\$1,264.86		\$1,485.30	\$1,000.00	\$485.30
Alternate Delegate	\$499.66	\$219.34		\$96.88		\$316.22	\$500.00	(\$183.78)
Archives	\$270.00					\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)
Beacon Editor	\$733.11		\$328.97			\$328.97	\$800.00	(\$471.03)
Chair	\$351.96	\$456.12		\$106.27		\$562.39	\$1,500.00	(\$937.61)
Delegate	\$1,822.13	\$1,817.57		\$520.05		\$2,337.62	\$1,500.00	\$837.62
International Conference	\$1,456.09					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Group Records	\$121.60	\$300.00	\$227.73			\$527.73	\$800.00	(\$272.27)
Public Outreach	\$0.00	\$25.25	\$185.06			\$210.31	\$600.00	(\$389.69)
Past Delegates	\$255.06		\$299.04			\$299.04	\$3,000.00	(\$2,700.96)
Past Area Chairperson	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$900.00	(\$900.00)
Secretary	\$483.59			\$104.50		\$104.50	\$800.00	(\$695.50)
Spanish Coordinator	\$285.86					\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)
Treasurer	\$545.30			\$166.73		\$312.28	\$800.00	(\$487.72)
Website Coordinator	\$700.11	\$50.83	\$219.12	\$221.10		\$491.05	\$800.00	(\$308.95)
<b>Other Expenses</b>	\$2,896.22	\$997.33	\$884.03	\$991.37	\$0.00	\$2,872.73	\$4,420.00	(\$1,547.27)
Beacon Publishing	\$2,896.22	\$607.45	\$614.03	\$991.37		\$2,212.85	\$3,100.00	(\$887.15)
Storage Unit for Archives	\$1,080.00	\$270.00	\$270.00			\$540.00	\$1,080.00	(\$540.00)
Team Event	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Web Hosting Fee	\$0.00	\$119.88				\$119.88	\$240.00	(\$120.12)
<b>World Service Conference</b>	\$2,668.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,910.00	(\$910.00)
Area's Gifts to WSC	\$300.00					\$0.00	\$300.00	(\$300.00)
Delegate's Equalized Expense to WSC	\$1,968.00	\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00	\$2,210.00	(\$210.00)
Delegate's Incidental Expenses to WSC	\$400.00					\$0.00	\$400.00	(\$400.00)
<b>SC Regional Delegate Meeting</b>	\$1,246.43	\$898.68	\$170.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,069.20	\$1,800.00	(\$730.80)
Delegate	\$595.34	\$635.81				\$635.81	\$600.00	\$35.81
Chair	\$651.09	\$262.87				\$262.87	\$600.00	(\$337.13)
Past Delegate	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alternate Delegate	\$0.00		\$170.52			\$170.52	\$600.00	(\$429.48)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$17,457.92	\$7,501.08	\$2,979.64	\$3,450.58	\$0.00	\$13,931.30	\$24,830.00	(\$10,898.70)
<b>Net Income Less Expenses</b>	\$2,773.40	(\$2,293.37)	\$1,289.31	(\$220.76)	\$0.00	(\$1,224.82)	\$0.00	(\$1,224.82)

Extraordinary Income/Expense	Total YTD	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 3/31/14	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 6/30/14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 9/31/14	4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 12/31/14	Total YTD
<b>Income</b>						
Returned Seed Money	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$6,000.00
Received Attn. Background Checks	\$514.50	\$13.00	\$19.50	\$390.00		\$422.50
Spring Birthday Basket	\$770.75		\$1,149.77			\$1,149.77
<b>Total Extraordinary Income</b>	<b>\$5,285.25</b>	<b>\$2,013.00</b>	<b>\$3,169.27</b>	<b>\$2,390.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,572.27</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Seed Money	\$2,000.00					\$0.00
Fees paid Attn Background Checks	\$599.51	\$19.50	\$240.50	\$188.50		\$448.50
Spring Birthday Basket to WSO	\$770.75		\$1,149.77			\$1,149.77
Durable Goods	\$0.00					\$0.00
Transitional Meeting Expense	\$0.00					\$0.00
<b>Total Extraordinary Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,330.26</b>	<b>\$19.50</b>	<b>\$1,390.27</b>	<b>\$188.50</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,598.27</b>
<b>Net Extraordinary Income Less Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,954.99</b>	<b>\$1,993.50</b>	<b>\$1,779.00</b>	<b>\$2,201.50</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,974.00</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>						
Beginning Balance	\$28,412.64	\$33,141.03	\$32,841.16	\$33,578.29	\$37,473.63	
Increase/(Decrease)	\$4,728.39	(\$299.87)	\$737.13	\$1,980.74	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$33,141.03	\$32,841.16	\$33,578.29	\$37,473.63	\$37,473.63	
<b>Ample Reserve Fund</b>						
Beginning Balance	\$13,583.71	\$13,651.53	\$13,651.53	\$13,651.53	\$13,726.55	
Increase/(Decrease)	\$67.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.02	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$13,651.53	\$13,651.53	\$13,651.53	\$13,726.55	\$13,726.55	

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO - EAST TEXAS AREA 53**

(Please attach this form to your check or money order) **PRINT ALL INFORMATION**

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ CK/MO #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Send Self Addressed Stamped envelope (SASE) or

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Make checks payable to: ETAAA. Please do not send cash by mail.

Mail to: Treasurer - ETAAA, PO Box 392 Alvin, TX 77512

**Public Outreach ~ Dan M. ~**

Of the areas that have sent me reports, the focus of public outreach has been the distribution of Al-Anon faces Alcoholism 2014 and health fairs. One individual in District 13 took on the responsibilities of POC and did a great job of getting out public service announcements, providing information to health facilities, teaching institutions, and asked if there was any thing she had missed. I have not received reports from most of the districts but I take full responsibility for that. I realized too late that I needed to ask for their input instead of waiting to receive it. I intend to stand for my own term as Area Public Outreach and if I am so honored I pledge to do a better job now that I have figured out what I need to do. To that end, I will be asking each area at the Fall assembly for the contact information of the new DR's and Dist. POC's if the areas have had their elections. Any information I accumulate I would gladly share with someone else, if I am not elected to this position.

Dan M.  
Area Public Outreach Coordinator

**Group Records ~ Kay C. ~**

Greetings from your Area Group Records Coordinator (GRC)! Fall is upon us and elections are in the air! I hope all of you will think about how you are going to carry the message to others as suggested in Step 12. Service work has been a true growth opportunity for me to learn how to practice the 36 principles of Al-Anon in my affairs. It has given me a safe venue to learn how to disagree in a healthy manner. This practice has enabled me to do conflict resolution in my workplace and in other aspects of my life. What a blessing that has been. Do not be unwilling to be of service to the community of Al-Anon as the service you do will reap blessings in your life. This is one of the promises that I have been given.

On a group records note, is your group changing trusted servants, location or meeting times? You can change all of the information with one-stop-changing, by filling out a GR1 form and sending the form directly to me at [kacdoc@austin.rr.com](mailto:kacdoc@austin.rr.com). I have access to the WSO database and can enter the information directly. I then notify your DR and, if needed, the Information Center that supports that group, or the webmaster for the Texas Al-Anon site. Below are some of highlights of being a Group Records Coordinator.

**Get Tos:**

1. Fellowship with the winners and learn how to practice the principles of the program by attending 4 Area World Service Committee meetings. Two of the meetings are the Friday before Assembly and two meetings are in-between the Assemblies (e.g., January and September).
2. Interact with other Group Records Coordinators and the World Service Organization (WSO) to District Representatives (DR) and Information Centers by

**Group Records (Continued)**

providing group updates and resolving questions asked by the groups.

3. Get to meet via email or talk to all the other cool Al-Anons in Area 53 by receiving group updates and provide those updates to WSO, information centers and DRs.
4. Get to help get our Area Newsletter, the *Beacon*, out to the Area by quarterly sending He or She the list of Current Mailing Addresses (CMS's) to the *Beacon* Editor for production of mailing labels.

**Must Haves:**

Must have a computer and internet access.

Must be able to run Microsoft Excel on your computer so that you can export reports.

This position takes about 1 to 2 hours a week, but it can be done at any time. (Great pajama position!).

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay C.  
Area 53 GRC

**Beacon Editor ~ David S. ~**

Hello Area 53!!!

Well here it is, the last issue of the *Beacon* for my tenure as your Area Newsletter Editor!! I have to say it has been a wonderful experience. And one I am more than happy to pass on to the next editor! I never dreamed 10 years ago when I first walked through the doors of Al-Anon that it would lead to doing something like this.

It is truly humbling to me to think of all the personal growth I have experienced the last three years. All it took was the willingness to try something different. Service work is amazing and I am so grateful that eight years ago the District Representative for District 13 contacted our "detached" little group in Uvalde and invited us to a District meeting. The rest is history!!! Thanks, Melissa.

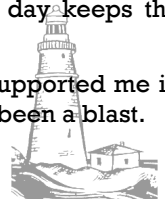
If you are interested in being the next Editor and didn't see the last issue of the *Beacon* for what it involves, you can view it online on our Texas Al-Anon website at: <http://texas-al-anon.org/>

Click on the Members tab, enter anonymity as the password and then click on the Area 53 (Texas East) link. From there you can view all the previous 2014 issues of the *Beacon!*

The winner of last issues Brain Teaser by 45 minutes over Lyn B. was **Dan M.!** Answer: An apple a day keeps the doctor away!

Thanks to all of you who have taught and supported me in this position, especially you Dana S.! It has been a blast.

See you in Tyler, for further adventures!



**Website Coordinator ~ Tricia L. ~**

As my time as your Area Website Coordinator draws to a close, it's nice to take a look back at all the things that have been accomplished over the last few years and it is also a time to pass on the ideas and inspirations that weren't realized.

I remember the first few weeks of my term as we tried to restore the old website to working order. Talk about trial by fire! But as time went on and as we developed our new site, life got much easier. I've had so much fun playing in the cloud but I am a firm believer in rotation of service. It is time to step aside so another can grow as I have.

The website is still growing and new content is being added regularly. I've recently added some new things to the Member's Section, updated some meeting lists and have secured our legacy permissions for the next year. We are also researching additional mapping options for the meeting lists.

The Texas website has a total of 25 slots available to build subsites. This number is shared with Texas West. We are reserving at least 2 of those slots for expansion of the Member's Sections for each Area. At this time, the Ft. Worth Information Service and most recently the San Antonio Al-Anon Information Service have chosen to avail themselves of this opportunity. Area 53 has approximately 10 slots still available. If you're Information Service or District is interested, please contact the website at [web@texas-al-anon.org](mailto:web@texas-al-anon.org) for more information.

Elections are drawing near. I urge anyone who is interested in computers, websites, and/or public outreach to seriously give this position some thought. I've had many different service opportunities in Al-Anon. Website Coordinator has by far been my favorite.

It has been a wonderful three years. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you.

Tricia L.

**Houston AIS/LDC ~ Jeannie J. ~**

Greetings from Houston Intergroup!

At our regular monthly board meeting held on August 24th, Gretchen D. was voted in as a new board member. Gretchen has been an active ISR and a regular presence at our board meetings for quite some time now. She has taken on the position of managing our website. She has also been a member of our financial strategies committee since its commencement this last summer. We welcome her dedication and experience to our team.

With total support and a unanimous vote of the board two of our board members have switched positions. Lynn E., who has been serving as secretary since April will now serve as treasurer and Tina P. has been the treasurer since April will now serve as secretary.

**Houston AIS/LDC (Continued)**

Our website [www.houstonalanon.org](http://www.houstonalanon.org) is in grand order. The website committee works diligently to keep things up to date. Our very special volunteer, who prefers to remain anonymous, keeps the meeting list and schedule up to date as needed. The zip code meeting finder is up and running and continues to be a great help to many.

Our next scheduled quarterly ISR meeting is to be held at 1:30 p.m. on October 26th at Chapelwood United Methodist Church, 11140 Greenbay in Houston. The regular monthly board meeting will immediately follow the ISR meeting. The board remains thrilled to have so many ISR's attending the meetings and joining various committees. We look forward to their continued interest and support as well as that of so many volunteers. As always our board and ISR meetings are open to all members of Al-Anon. Visitors are always welcome!!!

We continue to be successful accepting credit cards for purchases made from the Houston Intergroup Literature Distribution Center (LDC). Just make a list of what you need and give Mary M. a call at 713-683-7227 to place your order with your VISA or Master Card. It's as simple as that! Mary will box it up and send it out to you, frequently on the same day you call her. This will save you a trip to the office thru all the road construction that has been going on for so long. Of course all are welcome to come by and pay by check or with cash and have a visit with Mary.

We are always seeking new members to join our various committees, especially public outreach. If you are interested in helping on any committee or in any other way please contact Mary M. at the intergroup office 713-683-7227. She will put you in touch with the proper board member or committee chair.

Houston Intergroup's annual fundraiser, Face-To-Face was held on Saturday, September 20th. The committee reported the largest turnout ever, making it a successful fundraiser.

Please come by and visit our office located at 9800 Northwest Freeway, Suite 201. Mary M. continues doing a wonderful job keeping things at the bookstore organized and in good order. She is a valuable information source for all. Please feel free to give Mary a call during regular business hours if you need any information at all regarding Houston Intergroup Al-Anon Information Services (AIS) which includes Districts 4, 5 and 7. After office hours one of our super phone volunteers can assist you.

Blessings to you all for a safe and glorious ending to 2014!

Jeannie J.

**San Antonio AIS/LDC ~ Donna D. ~**

Serving District 12 & District 13

Monthly speaker meetings continue to be held at Club 12 on the first Saturday of each month at 7 pm with an AA and Al-Anon speaker with different District 12 Groups hosting each meeting. Mark S. continues to be the monthly speaker chairman and hosts for 2015 are being scheduled. Our SAAIS meeting is held quarterly prior to this speaker meeting so as to improve attendance and help spread the word plus have a good time.

We continue to have CAL available which has been purchased from WSO for groups at a reduced purchase rate and is available to groups.

The AIS has been successfully using an answering service for phone duty with Al-Anon members from District 12 and 13 taking 12 step calls from their respective districts. Total number of calls taken from Feb 2, 2014 to Apr 4, 2014 was 258, 194 calls were referred to the web and 64 calls were referred to a monitor (return call by Al-Anon member). Jim S. has joined the answering committee so call will be rotated around to monitors. We were asked to call the SAAIS number to test how our calls were handled by the answering service and report.

Our website continues to be monitored and updated regularly. It is a very useful individual and group tool. Within the next 18 months a new website will need to be developed and implemented. A committee is in place and seeking ideas and solutions More to come!

Our 11th Serenity Celebration is to be held Saturday, October 4th at the Bulverde Senior Center with speakers Al-Anon Cindy S. from Helotes, Texas & AA Gay N., San Antonio, Texas. Our dessert auction and wonderful food tradition will continue. Tickets are \$15/person.

Elections were held at the September 6th meeting and all service positions filled.

The next SA AIS meeting will be held December 6, 2014 in conjunction with the District 12 meeting and holiday party.

Thank you for my service!  
Donna D.

**~ District Reports ~**

**District 2 ~ Clare W. ~**

Report by Clare W. DR, District 2

District 2 AFG had A Day In Al-Anon on September 27th. Participants enjoyed a day of learning, fun and fellowship as well as delicious food. The 12 Steps were discussed by 5 presenters. Members from Laredo, Kingsville, Alice, Rockport, Portland, Alvin, Port Aransas, Aransas Pass, Corpus Christi and McAllen area participated.

We are gearing up for our last District Meeting in Alice October 11th and the election of new officers for the next 3

**District 2 (Continued)**

years.

Lastly, a group of members are planning a trip to Tyler for the Fall Assembly for the Election of Area Officers.

With Gratitude and Service,  
Clare W.

**District 3 ~ Jocelyn B. ~**

Hello, Area 53. Wishing each of you are healthy and happy.

We held our 2nd quarter District meeting on June 14, 2014, at which time all reported doing well through the warm, dry summer. A group member from Schulenburg AFG was in attendance and requested to transfer into our District 3 from District 7. District 3 agrees. We await District 7's approval.

Our alternate DR has been appointed interim treasurer. Her signature was previously on file at the bank institution which made for an easier transition. Thank you, Darlene S. Our next district meeting will be held October 4, 2014 at which time elections will be held for district positions.

Three from our district attended the Day in Alanon held in Alvin on July 19, 2014. We enjoyed and learned much. The program was on the 12 Steps. Good food and Fellowship as always.

Interested members that wish to begin a new group in Shiner attended our Hallettsville AFG. It was suggested they attend several meetings prior to making a decision. Yet we so welcome their interest.

We appreciate all efforts and bumps that District 9 is experiencing. We'll see you in Tyler...

Serving with a grateful heart, Jocelyn

**District 4 ~ Norma W. ~**

Our 2nd Quarterly District Meeting was on June 8, 2014 hosted by Let It Begin With Me AFG, Serenity AFG, and Surfside AFG. The meeting was held at the Surfside AA/Al-Anon building on Surfside Beach. There were about 20 in attendance with 6 voting GR's. Our Texas East Area Delegate, Nancy M. presented a work shop and shared from the WSC. She did a great job as usual. We also had a surprise visit from Annette T., Regional Trustee, who was in town visiting her daughter.

On Saturday July 19, 2014 we hosted a Day in Al-Anon District 4 Fundraiser. This was a huge success with 68 in attendance. There were 4 workshops on the steps, with lunch, a skit, a raffle, and open microphone at the end of the day for sharing. This was our 2nd year to do this and I hope District 4 will continue to host one in the years to come.

Our 3rd Quarter District Meeting was on September 13, 2014 9:00-2:00, hosted by Alvin AFG held at the Alvin  
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Taylor St Club 204 S Taylor St, Alvin, TX 77511. We had 20 in attendance with 6 voting GR's. This was our election meeting for a 3 year term 2015-2017 and I am happy to say all positions were filled. Mattie T. will by our next DR. With a surplus of money from the Day in Al-Anon a motion was passed to send \$100.00 each to Texas East Area 53, Houston Intergroup, and WSO. There was discussion to also use some funds for public outreach in the near future. Following the business meeting and pot luck lunch we had an art workshop using our members favorite readings form CAL, to inspire us as 12 canvases were passed one by one for our own creation. When done they were all put together and framed to create a beautiful piece of art to be donated to Dist. 9 for the Fall Assembly.

Our 4th Quarter district meeting will be on December 13, 2014 9:00-1:00 hosted by Courage to Change AFG in Missouri City.

The Light the District 4 newsletter 3rd addition just went out the first week of September before our District meeting. This is a great asset to get information out to the groups.

District 4 members along with Jay J. with Houston Intergroup participated at the Cruzin 2 Recovery in Galveston on September 20, 2014, this is a Recovery Festival to promote September as National Recovery Month. They had a table set up were they passed out literature, meeting schedules and share their ES&H.

Also Linda F. our DPOC helped out with a fundraiser at the Gulf Coast Center Rehab In Freeport, TX on September 20, 2014 sharing literature and ES&H.

Yours in Service

Norma W.

District 4 DR

**District 5 ~ Lyn B. ~**

Greetings from the "Best 'Lil District in East Texas" – District 5. After surviving Assembly, it's time to get back to work at the District level. I am hoping that our report, along with a detailed treasury report from the Spring Assembly will help the next host districts with their planning. I have asked the area to try to incorporate a plan that would make previous information available. It would have been extremely helpful to know that we were going in the right direction (or not) in the early planning stages of the Spring 2014 Assembly.

Our District Meetings continue to be well-attended and we are doing things to improve our district in many ways. Our archiving system has been updated with several years of minutes from the 2008 to 2011 period to provide past information from the district. I will continue to request copies of any old minutes, coordinator reports, etc. to be

saved for the future.

Written job descriptions (along with corresponding WSO Guidelines) for each district position have been approved by the GRs and will become a part of the district records. Since our elections will be held at our next meeting on October 5th, these will be available for distribution to anyone who wants to be of service to the district.

Our Archivist is gathering group history/information via a form to be filled out by each Al-Anon/Alateen group that wishes to participate. We hope to have many of these to improve the information about groups in our district. She is also gathering information on any Al-Anon members with at least 25 years in recovery in our district.

Our Public Relations Coordinator has developed an extensive outreach plan for District 5. A Thought Force was established to work on how this will be accomplished.

The fourth edition of our district newsletter has been distributed. It includes the agenda for the next district meeting, minutes, coordinators' reports, a list of Alateen meetings, fliers for Assemblies and conferences, along with any contributions from our district members that are appropriate. A calendar of events is also included. So far we have received great compliments on it. Since the district has nearly 150 groups to serve, it's a great way to get information out to all the group members. All GRs and CMAs, along with more than 100 other individuals, are on my mailing list. The newsletter is available via e-mail only and the cost is FREE!

Our District website, [www.hafg.org](http://www.hafg.org), continues to be a great tool for Al-Anon and Alateen members. It is a very reliable source for a meeting schedule and posting of Al-Anon/Alateen events. Visit us and see all the information that can be found there.

Our remaining meeting schedule for 2014 will be the first Sunday of October and December. Plans are in place to make our December meeting a celebration of "a job well done" by our trusted servants. Maybe even a catered dinner and some entertainment to say thank you for all those who have participated in the district for the last three years and especially for our Assembly volunteers.

District Alateen Sponsor Meetings will continue to be scheduled during the year for those who want to attend. We meet at Zion Lutheran Church, 3606 Beauchamp (@ Pecore), Houston, TX 77009, which is located right off I-45 North and the North Main exit just outside of downtown. The time is from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Even if you're not a GR, please come and join us for the fellowship and take information back to your groups of what's going on in the district.

Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to serve the "Best 'Lil District in East Texas."

In grateful service, Lyn B., D5 Representative

**District 6 ~Paula H. ~**

Our last District Meeting was held July 26 in Harker Heights, TX. Nancy M. visited our meeting and presented a wonderful workshop on using the 2014-2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual. She also shared material from this year's WSC with us, as well as some other useful information. Specifically, she discussed the benefits of having a home group and strategies for districts and groups to use when encouraging participation in a home group. Also, she presented information on Knowledge Based Decision Making, an outline for group treasurers, dual membership service positions, the Alateen Service e-Manual, principles vs. procedures, spiritual principles in action, the importance of communication among groups, sponsorship – personal and service, and games that districts and groups can use.

Our Austin Al-Anon Information Center liaison gave an update, including a job description for the position. The Waco AIS presented information regarding a parents/grandparents meeting taking place in the Waco area.

Public outreach is doing an excellent job in both the North and South parts of District 6. On Mondays there is an Al-Anon meeting in the Waco Juvenile Detention Center. In August there was a Hip Hop for Health Fair in Waco, and much Alateen information was distributed. There will be a health fair at Providence Hospital in Waco in October, and health fairs are planned for the Killeen area. In the South part of District 6 Public Outreach is still serving Austin Recovery, the Phoenix House, and the Austin transition center in Del Valle. The Lockhart Women's Prison outreach project is in need of support.

Alateen is alive and well in District 6! At the current time, we have 26 AMIAS! Kudos to Jayne, our District 6 Alateen Coordinator for her service!

The financial task force gave a presentation at our meeting, and six motions were presented and approved. They are as follows:

1. Move that ETAAA District 6 include a Prudent Reserve in the Annual Budget to be determined annually based on the previous year's operating expenses.
2. Move that Area 53 ETAAA District 6 create a standing Financial Committee that annually reviews previous year's spending and surplus funds which will help the committee recommend spending of future funds based on historical events. The Committee should include the Treasurer, at least one Public Outreach person and an additional one to three members.
3. Move Area 53 ETAAA donate annually \$500 to ETAAA District Budget to be used for Alateen TEAC.
4. Move Area 53 ETAAA purchase an MP3 recorder, A PA System, as well as a Microphone and Microphone stand at a purchase price of no more than \$400 including tax.
5. Move Area 53 ETAAA District 6 approve the one time start up graphic services that will cover several images to be approved by WSO and owned by District 6, for Al-Anon and Alateen Outreach use at a purchase price of no more than \$850.

**District 6 (Continued)**

6. Move Area 53 ETAAA District 6 approve the printing of 250 Alateen posters and a one month posting of an Al-Anon billboard for a cost not to exceed \$4250.

We have had several meeting changes in District 6, including several new meetings. Freedom Oaks AFG meets Thursdays at 7 P. M. at 8601 S. 1st. Georgetown Men's AFG meets at 7 P. M. Wednesdays at 1314 E. University Ave. in Georgetown. Listen and Learn AFG meets on Fridays at 1:30 P. M. in Bertram at 170 N. Gabriel St. in Bertram, TX. We have a new Spanish group, Fuente de la Paz, that meets on Tuesdays at 7 P. M. at 310 E. New Hope Rd. in Cedar Park, TX. Salado has a new meeting, Let It Begin with Me AFG that meets on Sundays at 6 P. M. at the United Methodist Church on 650 Royal St. The St. Stephan's meeting in Wimberley has closed. In addition, one of the largest Al-Anon groups in Austin, Hilltoppers AFG, will be moving to a new location on September 28. The meeting times are still the same, but their new meeting place is Hillcrest Baptist Church at 3838 Steck Ave.

Our next District 6 meeting will be October 18 at 9 A. M. at Bee Caves Road AFG, 1460 Redbud Trail in Austin. We will be holding elections for District Officers and Coordinators.

There is so much happening in our District that I may have forgotten to include some things in this report, but catch us at the Assembly in Tyler, and we can fill you in on anything else new and exciting that is happening in our District! I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in District 6. We have all worked so hard to make our District so active and so vital in recovery to the Central TX and North Central TX areas! This is truly a "we" program, and I am grateful for everyone of you!

Paula H. District 6

**District 7 ~ Jane M. ~**

Greetings from District 7. We have been busy planning the Spring Assembly 2015, "Where to Turn". You will find the flier in this issue of the *Beacon*. The Best Western and Franklin Lodge in Franklin have blocks of rooms to reserve. Both offer hot breakfasts. Our trustee, Annette T. will present a workshop, related to the theme. Fun, food, and fellowship are planned throughout the weekend, besides the business meeting.

The district groups I've heard from are either growing or remaining the same. The Harmony Alateen group in Conroe has a new certified chaperone, Marla N. The Alateen group in College Station took the summer off. A restarted Al-Anon group in Schulenberg has asked to join District 3. We will discuss and vote on the matter at the October district meeting. We have a new webmaster for the district website, Kurt N. Thank you Kurt for your service.

Eight of us made the Spring Assembly in Humble and had a great time of learning and fellowship. We had a good showing at the AAgieland Convention in Bryan in August. I believe several made the Capitol of TX convention later in August.

Our next regular district meeting is Oct. 18th in Bryan. We will vote on service positions then.



**East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen  
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**Where To Turn?**



**Pridgeon Community Center**  
351 cooks Lane  
Franklin, TX 77856  
June 5-7, 2015



**Best Western Franklin**

790 W. US Hwy 79  
979-828-9090  
ETAAA rates:  
\$95.99 night for king suite or double  
\$87.99 king single



**Franklin Inn & Suites**

208 N. Center St  
979-828-2550  
ETAAA Rates  
Double \$95.00, Single \$85  
King Suites \$90.00

GR \_\_\_\_\_ DR \_\_\_\_\_ AMIAS \_\_\_\_\_ First Assembly \_\_\_\_\_ # of years in the program \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Al-Anon Registration (before 5-22-15)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Registration after 5-22-15
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 AA Registration
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$5 Alateen registration
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 18 Saturday Night Banquet



Make Checks payable to ETAAA District 7

Mail to : ETAAA Where to Turn  
P.O. Box 10552  
College Station, TX 77842

Email questions to:  
wheretoturn2015@gmail.com



When registering, all Alateens must turn in a completed Behavioral Guidelines Form and be accompanied by a responsible, registered adult. Notarized Permission and Medical Forms are to be kept by the responsible, registered adult. Forms can be obtained from an Alateen Sponsor, Alateen Coordinator.

**District 8 ~ Diane B. ~**

Greetings from District 8 –It was a pleasure seeing everyone at the most recent AWSC meeting in Longview. As usual we had great food and spirited discussions.

Our district is preparing for supporting District 7 at the Spring Assembly in Franklin. We also are preparing to host the AWSC in January 2015. We will be discussing the possibility of having the transition AWSC meeting at Surfside Beach. We did this several years ago and we all have a great time. It gave the newly elected officers, coordinators and liaisons an opportunity to spend time with the outgoing AWSC members - so important for a smooth transition of the new Panel.

We will see all of you in Tyler for a spooky good time. Love in Service, Diane

**District 9 ~ Debby C. ~**

Greetings from District 9.

We are very excited to be hosting the Fall Election Assembly in Beautiful Tyler, Texas. As you may know by now, we have had to make a change in the Hotel as the original location could not meet our needs. The Management at the Magnuson has made every effort to comply with all of our needs. I am also happy to report that the room rate includes a hot breakfast. Speakers are all confirmed as well as Taper James M. who has done many of our local assemblies. The new flyers have been snail mailed, emailed and should be posted in this issue of the *Beacon* as well as the various websites. Beaumont AIS will be providing literature. All the details seem to be coming together seamlessly. I admit I was a bit overwhelmed with all the details to see to. With a lot of prayer and GREAT volunteers we are getting there.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon and don't forget your costumes for Friday Night. Also there will be a Talent show Saturday after speakers, so brush up on your best performing art. Thanks to District 10 for providing Karaoke Music to accompany talent show participants.

This experience has been a chance to practice principles above personalities and continued growth through service.

Joy In Service,  
Debby C.  
Host Committee Chair/Acting DR-District 9

**District 12 ~ Al M. ~**

The District 12 Quarterly Business Meeting/District Elections was held at The Tri-Party Club in Seguin hosted by Seguin Serenity AFG. on Sep. 6, 2014. All of the out-going group representatives, officers and coordinators were thanked for their work and support over the past three years.

Our Treasurer reported that our Appeals Letter had been sent out.

Here are the results of our elections:

**District 12 (Continued)**

ELECTIONS: (Those elected will begin their term of office beginning January 1, 2015 and will serve through December 31, 2017). The outgoing officers are committed to working with the incoming officers and coordinators during this transitional period so the District can run smoothly and effectively for the groups they serve.

District Representative: Two very qualified persons stood to be of service as District 12's District 12 Representative. Both presented their resumes and answered questions as to what direction they would like lead District 12 in. Following appropriate voting procedures, Dolores W was voted in as the new DR for District 12.

Alternate District Representative: Lynn S stood for Alternate District Representative and was unanimously approved.

District Secretary: Donna D stood for the service position of District Secretary and was unanimously approved.

District Treasurer: Candy N stood for the service position of District Treasurer and was unanimously accepted.

District Alateen Coordinator: No one stood for the position. Lynn S volunteered to remain as District Alateen Coordinator until such time as a replacement could be found. Unanimously accepted.

District Archivist: Michael B volunteered to continue on as District Archivist. His offer was unanimously accepted.

District Literature Coordinator: Mark K offered to continue on in that capacity and was approved by the voting body, however that position has been eliminated and placed back in the responsibilities of the Alternate DR.

Al-Anews Editor: Allison W, upon much prayer and meditation, has taken on the task of publishing the Al-Anews and maintaining the Al-Anews email list.

District Public Outreach: Carola T stood for the position and the vote was unanimous.

Spanish Language Coordinator: Josefina C offered to continue on as Spanish Language Coordinator for the District and was unanimously supported in her decision to serve the District.

District Travel Coordinator: No one stood for this service position. Position to be filled in the future.

SAAIS Liaison: That position was to be filled at the SAAIS elections to be held in the afternoon.

Each GR will receive under separate copy/separate email a roster of the new officers and coordinators.

Our last District Meeting for 2014 will be on Dec. 6, 2014 At the Community Bible Church in Bulverde, TX. It will be hosted by Spring Branch AFG.

Respectfully Submitted,

In Your Service

Al M. District 12

**District 13 ~ Julie A. ~**

Hello, Texas East!

How thrilled we were as District 13 to be the first recipients of the Spirit Stick at the Assembly in May!! This little District is active in service at all levels. We thank you all for these opportunities.

District 13 had its last District meeting in July at which the GR's voted to change some of the celebration plans for our 10 year anniversary. The GR's voted to celebrate our 10 year anniversary as a District at our next district meeting later this month with Al-Anon members of District 13 instead of a spaghetti dinner fundraiser open to everyone. We are Keeping It Simple and celebrating at the same time.

At our next District meeting later this month, we will be voting in new district officers and coordinators. I am excited to see the results our Higher Power is going to bring about at that time. I look forward to reporting on this at the upcoming Assembly in Tyler.

It is difficult to put into words what serving as a District Representative has meant for me these last three years. My opinion is that I could not have served a better District. This position of service has brought out many characteristics in me I didn't know existed and many characteristics that used to be in me that I have missed. I have loved serving with all of you that I would see at Assemblies and AWSC meetings. I hope to return to service at this level in the future. Thank you so much for my opportunities here.

I love my Al-Anon family!!

Julie A.

DR Dist. 13

**TEA AC Report**

Texas East Area 53 Alateen Conference will be held in Gonzales, Texas on April 24 – 26, 2015. Registration materials will be distributed to all of the Alateen groups early next year. The Conference is an amazing time of fellowship and recovery. Alateens & Sponsors participated in a writing workshop at the 2013 conference, and shared:

I have attended the 2014 TEA AC. I have to say, it's one of the most fun places I've been. You will make friends, play games, learn about the Steps and Traditions all while keeping your sanity. Lots of laughter, but also a fair share of tears. TEA AC has helped me realize how many people are just like me, I've also developed a new relationship with God. Alateen has saved me. – An Alateen Member

I really enjoyed watching the kids get to know each other & bond. We all had a great time. My favorite part of the weekend was the "red ball" meeting on Friday night. Just when I think that kids aren't listening or that they don't care in their home groups, they surprise me with what they share and it brings tears to my eyes or makes me laugh. Please come next year and join in the fellowship, workshops and downtime to play and relax. – An Alateen Sponsor

**East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly  
(ETAAA) Agenda**

**October 31-November 2, 2014 Tyler Texas  
"Time for Change"**

*(Proposed Agenda submitted by your Area Chairman)*

**Friday, October 31, 2014**

3:00pm Registration Open  
6:00pm Area World Service Committee Meeting  
6:00pm Meet and Greet  
6:30pm Welcome and Introductions  
7:00pm Costume Time  
9:30pm Night Owl Meetings-Gratitude Room Open

**Saturday, November 1, 2014**

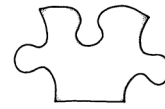
7:00am Early Bird Meetings-Gratitude Room Open  
7:30am Registration continues  
8:00-9:00am Assembly Orientation Procedures/  
Discussion (Group Representatives/GR's)  
All are welcome to attend  
9:10am On Time Raffle  
**9:15am ETAAA Business Meeting Opens**  
12:00-1:30pm Lunch Break  
1:30pm On Time Raffle  
**1:35pm ETAAA Business Meeting Resumes**  
**1:45pm ROLL CALL-ALL GR's MUST BE  
PRESENT TO VOTE**  
4:30pm Close ETAAA Business Meeting  
-Raffle

6:00pm Banquet  
7:40pm Alateen Speaker: TBA  
8:00pm Al-Anon Speaker: Johnny A. Forney, Texas  
9:00pm Final Raffle Items  
9:30-10:00pm Talent Show and Karaoke  
11:00pm Night Owl Meetings

**Sunday, November 2, 2014**

8:00am Early Bird Meetings  
9:00am Spiritual Meditation-Gratitude Room  
10:00am Alateen Speaker: TBA  
10:20am Remarks from our Delegate-Nancy M.  
11:00am Al-Anon Speaker: Diane H.-Rockwall, Texas  
12:00pm Closing Remarks  
Close with Al-Anon Declaration

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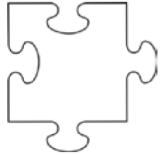


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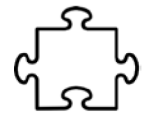
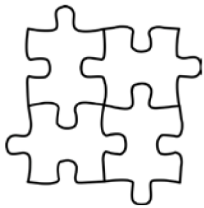
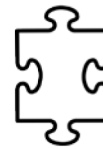
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Judith P. from Hawaii

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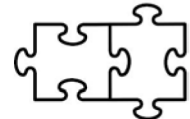
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# AI-Anon Registration/Group Records Change Form (GR-1)

Please send this form through your Area Process or the WSO

## 1. Group Record

WSO I.D. Number \_\_\_\_\_  
District Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Name (Abbreviation) \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Status

- New  
 Change  
 Inactive  
 Not Sure If Registered

## 3. Changes (Check all that apply)

- Group Name  
 Current Mailing Address (CMA)  
 Mtg Place  
 Mtg Day       Mtg Time  
 GR               Contact

## 4. Group/Registration Overview

Group Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Language \_\_\_\_\_

*Reflects AI-Anon principles and is inviting to all. See [Instructions to fill out the GR-1 Form]. Please note that group names not in compliance with the AI-Anon policy will delay processing of the registration. Contact your Area Group Records Coordinator or the WSO for further information.*

Location: Meeting Place \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Contact First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Contact First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Meeting Details

Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  AM  PM

Type:  Open  Closed

Spoken Language \_\_\_\_\_ Member Count \_\_\_\_\_

Beginners\*  Introductory\*\*  Limited Access

Handicap Access  Babysitting  Fragrance Free

Smoking Permitted  Sign Language

Location Instructions

## Additional Meeting

Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  AM  PM

Type:  Open  Closed

Spoken Language \_\_\_\_\_ Member Count \_\_\_\_\_

Beginners\*  Introductory\*\*  Limited Access

Handicap Access  Babysitting  Fragrance Free

Smoking Permitted  Sign Language

Location Instructions

\* Held in conjunction with a regular AI-Anon group meeting; not considered an AI-Anon group. Provide newcomers a simple introduction to AI-Anon.

\*\* Attendance changes frequently; not considered an AI-Anon group. Attendees are invited to go to regular AI-Anon meetings.

## 6. Current Mailing Address (WSO mail for the group is sent to the CMA postal and e-mail address)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street/PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. For Area Use

Group Rep  Other \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street/PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*The WSO will register any group designating itself as an AI-Anon Family Group with the understanding that it will abide by the Traditions and that meeting will be open to any AI-Anon members. AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27), "Digest of AI-Anon and Alateen Policies"*

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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