Hi Texas East Area 53,

I am Kay C., your Area Chair for the next 3 years (Panel 55). I live in the Austin Area and have been in Al-Anon for 22 years. My past Service positions above the group level have been District Representative, Web site Coordinator, Group Records Coordinator, Chair of the Austin Al-Anon Alateen Information Center (twice), Treasurer of the Austin Al-Anon Alateen Information Center and Chair of the All Texas Al-Anon Alateen Conference, which is held in cooperation with Texas East Area 53 and Texas West Area 55. I have a sponsor and I sponsor. I am committed to attending two Al-Anon meetings a week and try to attend an open AA meeting once a week. I hope that gives you a brief glimpse of my recovery. I am honored and blessed to serve as your Area Chair.

Enough about me! Let’s talk about this great Area we live in!!! We had a great Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting. At this meeting 38 members of Panel 54 (outgoing) AWSC and Panel 55 (incoming) AWSC met and had much discussion about the past three years and the next three years. Joyce Y. discussed the WSO theme of Living Our Spiritual Principals, Expanding Our Vision. etaaa.panel55.chair@gmail.com with your ideas of what you would like.

The two principles, I hope to promote this year are Concept 4 - Participation is the key to harmony and Concept 9 - Good personal leadership at all service levels is a necessity. One vision that I have the unification of the Area and more involvement of the Group Representative’s (GR’s) and Al-Anon members at the Assemblies.

One concern that came up at the AWSC meeting that I would like to address is the misspelling of Al-Anon and Alateen in our communications. Please use the proper spelling of these names in all of your communications as Al-Anon and Alateen are proper names. It is easy in the world of texting and email to not capitalize Al-Anon or Alateen or not use the hyphen with Al-Anon. Think of it this way – do you like it when your first and last name to be misspelled or not capitalized? I know I don’t, so please show our program the respect you would show your own name.

In closing, I would like to thank Rosie for the great job she did as the Area Chair for panel 54! You have made the transition super easy and I look forward to working with the AWSC and Texas East Area 53 for the next 3 years. Thank you! Thank You!!!

Service is Love in Action,

Kay C.
Area 53 Chair.

Delegate Report ~ Joyce Y. ~

Happy New Year to all. How very honored and humbled I am to serve Texas East Area 53 as your Panel 55 delegate. Right now this coming year is like a jigsaw puzzle with the pieces coming in a few at a time. But it is also an anticipated adventure and an awesome privilege to

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Area World Service Committee Members
Contact your Group Representative
Or
Send a Request to:

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East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen
Spring Assembly 2015
June 5-7, 2015

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

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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) Make Checks payable to ETAAA District 7
$25 Registration after 5-22-15 Mail to: ETAAA Where to Turn
$20 AA Registration P.O. Box 10552
$5 Alateen registration College Station, TX 77842
$18 Saturday Night Banquet Email questions to:
_____________________________________________________________________

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.
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participate in the World Service Conference which makes
the group conscience available and effective for all Al-
Anon and Alateen.

The 2015 World Service Conference (WSC) theme is

*Living Our Spiritual Principles: Expanding Our Vision*

*Viviendo nuestros principios espirituales – Ampliando nuestra vision*

*Vivons nos principes spirituels – Élargissons notre vision*

The Conference will be held at Wyndham Virginia Beach
Oceanfront Hotel. I will also have the opportunity along
with other delegates to visit Stepping Stones in Bedford
Hills, New York on April 25th.

**Other News from WSO**

The 2015 “Meet the Board” Event will be held in Nisku,
Alberta on Saturday, July 25, 2015. Thank you to our past
delegate, Nancy M., for submitting Texas East as one of the
twenty-two Areas that submitted bids. This enthusiasm for
meeting the board is greatly appreciated.

A universal understanding of what alcoholism has been in
progress since 2009. At the 2014 WSC this was presented
(Page 71 of 2014 WSC Summary for more details.) Family
recovery is a process of healing and growth for family
members affected by someone’s drinking. This
process helps these individuals make healthier life
choices and develop relationships that are more
positive and supportive.

The Work Group was asked to continue to work on it.
Based on feedback from some of delegates after the WSC
following question is now being asked:

**Does the fellowship, as expressed through the voice of
the World Service Conference, need or want a
definition of family recovery?**

Delegates will participate in **Sharing Area Highlights** – A
kind of icebreaker for delegates, an opportunity to share
without input or planning by WSO. We can share our area
successes, projects, highlights, issues and or concerns
since 2014 WSC and/or how the Conference theme has
been instrumental in the growth of our Area. Thank you for
sharing your ideas and thoughts with me.

When I was first elected Group Representative, I was
excited but fearful and not sure if I could commit to three
years. My loving sponsor reminded me “Your term may
be for three years, but you only have to do it one day at a
time as you turn it over to your Higher Power.” Sometimes
that Higher Power’s direction comes through the sponsors,
group sharings, prayers voiced by others – another words
“God with skin on”. As your trusted servant, your prayers
and continued love and support would be greatly
appreciated and enjoyed especially during the World
Service Conference. Cards, letters, emails of
encouragement can be sent to

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Joyce Y (Hold for WSC April 19-23, 2015)

**Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront**

2700 Atlantic Avenue

Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

Remember to write my name and address in the return
address section in the event that mail delivery is
delayed. Please plan to have your cards arrive after April
15.

Page 240, last paragraph on Concept 4 states:

“Participation also responds to our spiritual needs……”

Now Let us embark this journey of service together.

**Together we can make it.**

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**Service = Gratitude in Action**

Joyce Y

Texas East Delegate Panel 55

**Alt. Delegate/Literature/ForumCoordinator**

~ Margaret F ~

Hello to Texas East Area 53 Al-Anon Groups’

First, I want to thank everyone that chose to vote for me at
the assembly in November. With the help of my Higher
Power and each of you, I will do the best to serve you not
only as the Alternate Delegate but as the Forum and Litera-
ture Coordinator.

There is so much wonderful Al-Anon literature available
that it would take a long time to list it all and to talk about
each piece. One of the best pieces to keep each group
informed about what is happening from WSO to all the Dis-
tricts in Texas East Area 53 is the area newsletter – The
Beacon. If your group does not receive this (it is sent to
each group), please contact the Beacon Editor, ami-
as@earthlink.net. I encourage each group to make the
$6.00 donation to defray the cost of printing and/or to get a
personal subscription. If you have a Contact for your
group it can be emailed. Subscription forms can be found
on the website – www.texas-al-anon.org. Don’t get left
behind. This is where you can find information from all the
area officers, coordinators and District Representatives to
when the next Assembly or event that is happening to what
new literature is being published and all the things going
on in the other Texas East Districts.

Sharings are needed for **Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism**. The
goals of **Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism** are:

To help potential Al-Anon members get past the obsta-
cles we typically face before we reach out for help.
To let potential members know that we understand
To give comfort and offer a possible solution
To give potential members basic information about Al-Anon and Alateen and let them know we'll be there if and when they want help.

Please consider writing a few words about any topics (50-300 words). Other suggestions are: How difficult was it to go to your first meeting? What helped you take that first big step? Did you hear anything early on that made you want to come back?

There are other new pieces of literature in the works. I will have the details at the Assembly in June. Be inquisitive and show up to find out the scoop on everything. Stayed tuned .... Much more to follow.

Love and hugs from your trusted servant,
Margaret F.

Area Alateen Process Person ~ Bennie P.~

GREETINGS TO ALL MEMBERS IN AREA 53! Hope you all had a Joyous Holiday season with your loved ones.

As some of you may know, at the Fall Assembly in Tyler, I was re-elected for another term as Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP). I want to thank everyone for giving me another opportunity to serve you in this position.

Want to let everyone know, that we now have a new Alateen Sponsor Certification Process in place. The new Instructions and Registration forms can be found on our Texas Website; www.texas.al-anon.org. If you have trouble downloading or have any questions, please let me know.

I want to thank all of the driver/helper/chaperones that have taken the training to upgrade to Sponsor status under the new system. There are only 3 that have not taken the training. For all first time AMIAS, you must have had training prior to submitting your application.

AMIAS Recertification Process will start March 1, so we need to start thinking of scheduling Sponsor Training or workshops! Remember, POSSE is a good place to get it done plus have a weekend of fun with other AMIAS and sharing our experience, strength and hope! This year as always, it's in Gonzalez and the date is March 20, 21 & 22. Please come and join us!

We currently have 77 AMIAS and 27 Alateen Groups.

I had a teleconference with WSO on Online Alateen Group Changes Training. So now, the AAPPs can go in and make changes on the groups and AMIAS, so it is much easier and faster.

Your trusted servant,
Bennie P.

Area Alateen Coordinator ~ Norma W.~

Hi everyone, hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. My name is Norma W. and I am your new Area Alateen Coordinator for the next 3 year term 2015-2017. I would like to share my Alateen experience with you. I attended my first 6 hour Alateen training in 2005. I remained a driver helper chaperone till 2006 and then became a sponsor for the Alvin Alateen group till it closed in 2011. I held the District Alateen Coordinator position for the 3 year term 2009-2011, I remained a driver helper chaperone for 2012 and upgraded back to sponsor again in 2013. After the Alvin Alateen group closed in 2011, I remained active at the Area level on 2 separate Alateen Committees. April 2014-present, I am helping co-sponsor the Way Out Recovery Alateen group in District 5 and I hope to start a new Alateen group in District 4 soon. In all, I have attended 6-6 hour training, with 2 of them being POSSE Weekend, prior to the revised certification process May 2014. As of May 2014 with the revised certification, I have held 2 required Alateen Sponsor Workshops as a Trainer.

As your Area Alateen Coordinator it is my job to Communicate, Educate, Facilitate, and Coordinate. I look forward to the next 3 years serving as your Area Alateen Coordinator, learning and growing with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. If I don’t have the answer I will find it for us both.

POSSE Weekend (Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything) will be held on March 20-22, 2015 at Disciples Conference Center in Gonzales TX. This is an awesome weekend to come learn and share about being an Alateen Sponsor. Hope to see many of you there. This year will be the 21st year for POSSE. This is not a teen event.

TEA AC will be held on April 24-26, 2015 at Disciples Conference Center in Gonzales TX. Registration information will be sent out soon to the District Alateen Coordinators and DR’s. This is a teen with sponsor event.

Yours in Alateen Service
Norma W.

Beacon Editor ~ Lynn S.~

Thank you for entrusting me with the area newsletter. This issue has been a REAL learning experience in my ability to edit, cut and paste. Believe me it is nothing like cutting out paperdolls or pasting in arts and crafts class!

David S. assures me I will get faster as our term moves on in the year.

The next issue deadline is April 1, 2015. Please send your reports in Word.
East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly November 1, 2014 Tyler, Texas

Opening: Rosie M., Chairman opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Preamble, Traditions, Concepts and Warranties were read. She thanked District 9 and support District 10 for putting on the Assembly. All GR’s were recognized and announcements were made by Assembly Committee members. Joyce Y. announced the Ask-it-Basket procedure. She also asked members to sign quilt squares so she can put together a quilt for Shelly. Rosie appointed Candy N. as timekeeper and Bennie P. and Carol as vote counters.

Delegate’s Report: Nancy encouraged everyone to read the World Conference Summary and then shared some of her personal recovery story.

Secretary’s Report: Barbara G., Interim Secretary, read the minutes from the Assembly in Humble, Texas held on May 31, 2014 and they were accepted as read.

Treasurer’s Report: Margaret announced that the deadline for expenses for reimbursement for AWSC members will be December 1. She explained the Gratitude Basket procedure and passed it. It is suggested that members give the amount which represents their years in recovery and the amount collected stays in the area. She has been unable to find an insurance company to write a policy to bond the treasurer. She has received the bank statements from years 2011 and 2012 to aid in filing the taxes for that year in an attempt to reinstate our tax exempt status. Our current checkbook balance is $35,744.06 and our ample reserve is $13,726.55. She explained the proposed budget for 2015 and how she has adjusted the amounts to more fully reflect our income. The budget will be voted on this afternoon.

Alternate Delegate: Joyce states that she participates in 2 conference calls annually. There are writing guidelines for the new daily reader on Diversity on our members website and also in the November Forum. We are celebrating the 45th anniversary of P15 “3 Views of Al-Anon.” The CAL corner for November is “From Survival To Recover.” We have a new tent card for meeting tables. G11 is a new GR guideline and G13 has suggested programs for meetings. A 3 piece kit about Conflict Resolution is now available. Joyce’s complete report will be in The Beacon.

Other Reports: P.O.S.S.E., TEA AC., Coordinators, District Representatives, AIS/LDC Liaisons and Alateen Liaison reports were given. All reports will be in the Beacon and are on file.

Assembly Reports:
1. Lyn (D5) May 30-June 1, 2014- Humble, TX.- 221 registered, 4 AA’s 4 Alateens.
2. Debbie (D9) October 31 -November 2, 2014-Tyler, TX.- 113 Al-Anons, 4 AA’s, 1 Alateen
3. Jane (D7) June 5-June 7,- Franklin, TX. Flyers are available.

Roll Call: Barbara called roll and there were 80 voting GR’s present. The method of voting was established; ⅔ would be 53 and the simple majority is 41. By a standing vote, it was determined that we will use the simple majority for agenda items. Rosie read from the Service Manual, page 150, on the election of officers which states that the Delegate and Alternate Delegate need a ⅔ vote and Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are elected by simple majority. She referred back to November 5, 2011 at the Area’s last election where 3 motions were made to clarify the elections further. The first was to accept the voting procedures as outlined in the Service Manual. The second stated that we vote 2 times at ⅔ vote and then vote on the top 2 candidates and the majority wins of these 2. The third motion stated that we vote twice to elect officers and coordinators and if no one is elected the top two will be voted on and the winner selected by majority. By a show of hands with 80 members voting, it was approved to adopt the voting guidelines as established at the Area elections in November 2011.

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New Business:
1. Mileage reimbursement was discussed.
   Motion 1: I Diane B., move that for the 2015 budget, ETAAA reimbursement is .33 per mile or actual expenses not to exceed .33 per mile. Barbara G. seconded and the motion passed with 75 for, 4 against and 2 abstained.

2. Treasurer's Report presented this morning.  Linda F. seconded the motion to accept the budget for 2015 from Margaret F. as presented this morning.  By a standing vote, it was determined that we will use the simple majority for agenda items. Rosie read from the Service Manual, page 150, on the election of officers which states that the Delegate and Alternate Delegate need a ⅔ vote and Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are elected by simple majority. She referred back to November 5, 2011 at the Area’s last election where 3 motions were made to clarify the elections further. The first was to accept the voting procedures as outlined in the Service Manual. The second stated that we vote 2 times at ⅔ vote and then vote on the top 2 candidates and the majority wins of these 2. The third motion stated that we vote twice to elect officers and coordinators and if no one is elected the top two will be voted on and the winner selected by majority. By a show of hands with 80 members voting, it was approved to adopt the voting guidelines as established at the Area elections in November 2011.

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2. Seed money for assemblies was discussed.
   Motion 2: I Sarah W., move that the amount of seed money to be given for each assembly be $3500. Julie A. seconded the motion and the motion passed with 75 for, 2 against and 4 abstained.

3. 2015 Budget.
   Motion 3: I Eszter W., Serenity, Lake Jackson GR, make a motion to accept the budget for 2015 from Margaret F. as presented this morning. Linda F. seconded the motion and the motion passed with 68 for, 8 against and 5 abstained.

4. Area Website fee presented by Tricia L.
   Motion 4: I Candy N., make the following motion: any ETAAC connected AIS or District using a subsite of Texas East Website to pay a minimal fee of $25 per year to the East Texas Treasury. Dolores W. seconded the motion and the motion passed with 77 for and 1 abstained.
Assembly Meeting (continued)

5. Meeting moving to another district presented by Kay C. I, Kay C., GR for Courage to Change in Austin, make the following consciences that the Schulenburg AFG move from District 7 to District 3 be approved by the Area and be entered into the minutes. By a show of hands, approval was given by acclamation.

6. Election of Texas East Area Officers and Coordinators was started with the Serenity Prayer. The following were elected:

   Officers:
   - Delegate: Joyce Y.
   - Alternate Delegate: Margaret F.
   - Chairman: Kay C.
   - Secretary: David S.
   - Treasurer: Tricia L.

   Area Coordinators
   - Alateen Coordinator: Norma W.
   - Alateen Process Person: Bennie P.
   - Archivist: Becky F.
   - Public Outreach: Judy W.
   - Group Records: Candy N.
   - Beacon Editor: Lynn S.
   - Spanish Services: Anita C.
   - Website Coordinator: Lisa W.

7. The Spirit Stick was awarded to District 3.

Announcements:

- ETAAC-Feb 20-22, 2015-Irving, TX.
- P.O.S.S.E.-21st Annual-March 20-22, 2015-Gonzales, TX.
- TEA AC-April 24-26, 2015-Gonzales, TX.
- ETAAC Spring Assembly-June 5-7, 2015-Franklin, TX.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara G.

Interim Secretary

Public Outreach ~ Judy W. ~

Hello everyone and again thank you for letting me serve as the East Texas Area Public Outreach (PO) Coordinator for the next term. I was really excited about meeting the new AWSC team in February and look forward to working with all the East Texas District Public Outreach Coordinators. While attending the All Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Conference (ATAAC), I had the opportunity to meet with the West Texas Area Public Outreach Coordinator and hear their area’s plans and lessons learned.

Within our area, I have already had a few phone conversations with several district PO coordinators. We discussed their planned activities and what I can do to help support them with their goals and challenges. Special kudos to District 12 for including me in their group planned Public Outreach seminar they are organizing within the next two months. Also, a special shout out to District 2 for helping me learn about their previous PSA experience and plans to get other poster images approved by WSO. As I become more organized, I will find a way to communicate more of what I am learning from WSO & in the district conversations. This may be a separate written communication or a conference call; the way the Alateen Task Force was used over the last couple of years.

To summarize my progress to date, I have spoken to 5 District PO Coordinators. There are 3 districts that may not have PO Coordinators so I will be contacting their District Reps. My goal is to make initial contact with these District Representatives and the remaining 4 PO Coordinators in March.

Love In Service, Judy W.

Group Records ~ Candy N. ~

I am very grateful to have the opportunity to serve as your Area Group Records Coordinator. There have been numerous group changes submitted since I took over in January and I am happy to say all have been processed through the WSO database and are currently up to date. Most exciting is that I have seen four new groups added in the Area!

As part of my job, I provided updated Group Detail Records to each of the District Representatives in Area 53 recently and plan to do this quarterly. With all the recent changes in Group Representatives, now would be a great time for groups to verify their information. I would be happy to make any needed changes. Based on my experiences thus far I would highly recommend using the GR-1 (Al-Anon Registration/Group Records Change Form) for your group changes. The use of this form makes it much more likely that the changes you are requesting will be accurate and done in a timely manner. I have asked your Beacon Editor to provide a copy of this form in the Beacon for your convenience. Also, an editable version of the GR-1 can be found on the Texas website: Go to texas-al-anon.org, click on the Members tab*, scroll down to Access Area 53 (Texas East), scroll down to Group Records, and click on Editable Al-Anon Registration/Group Records Change Form (GR-1). Then just type in the information, save the edited form as a .pdf file and e-mail it to me. (*If asked for a password, just enter AFG.)

I look forward to serving the groups in Area 53 by maintaining accurate group records.

Gratefully in Service, Candy N.
Hello Area 53!
One of the duties of the Website Coordinator is to maintain the joint Texas Website at http://texas-al-anon.org which serves both Area 53 and Area 54.

The Texas Al-Anon website is still relatively new and is definitely new to me! Since the beginning of 2015, our site has had 7,883 unique visitors who have accessed the site 13,718 times and have viewed 43,397 pages.

At the AWSC meeting in February, Tricia L. passed to me our annual permissions to post the Al-Anon Legacies added to the Twelve Traditions of Alateen that exist on our website. You will find them all posted under the Literature Tab of the site. She spent some time helping me transition and I am grateful for her help and support.

We continue to update meeting lists for several of Area 53’s Districts, post event flyers and answer emails which come into the site. On an average we see 10-15 emails a week with the majority asking for a meeting or prospective members asking about the program itself. Where applicable we follow the Links to Service and forward emails to our District Rep’s or Area Officers or Coordinator and even one or two to our Delegate. The others I personally respond to.

The Texas website is a great tool for getting the word out about an upcoming event that your group, district, area or AIS may be having. If you would like to have an Al-Anon event posted, feel free to submit the event flyer for publishing on the site. It is as easy as visiting the ‘Contact Us’ Tab and, in an email, send me a flyer for your event. You may also, send me an email to my personal email address listed in the front of the Beacon.

Conversely, the site is also a great tool to find an event anywhere in Texas. Have a free night or weekend coming up? Just bored and looking for something fun to do? Find a new meeting, a workshop, an Alateen Sponsor Training, a conference...well you get the idea. It’s all happening in Texas!
In Service with Gratitude, Lisa W.

~ District Reports ~

District 1 ~ Gracie P. ~
Hello Al-Anon Family, I would like to introduce myself as your trusted servant for District One as Acting District Representative for the next 3 years. I am very happy to share with all of you that District One is doing well and very active in Service and Recovery. We will be holding our District Meeting at South Padre Island this month and participating at the Annual AA Jamboree. We are all enjoying our Winter Texan Visitors with their many years of Recovery and Wisdom to share with us in the Valley Meetings (they are a Blessing). District One continues to look for ways to share Recovery with friends and family members affected by the disease of Alcoholism. District One has all New GRs and with our Higher Power’s help; I look forward to getting to know them and work with all of you in Recovery.

HOLA Familia Al-Anon, me gustaría presentarme como su servidora de confianza para el Distrito Uno interino Representante del Distrito para los próximos 3 años. Estoy muy feliz de compartir con todos ustedes que el Distrito Uno está haciendo bien y muy activo en el Servicio y Recuperación. Vamos a celebrar nuestra reunión de distrito en la Isla del Padre Sur este mes y participar en la AA Jamboree Anual. Todos estamos disfrutando de nuestros visitantes de invierno tejanos con sus muchos años de Recuperación y sabiduría para compartir con nosotros en las reuniones del Valley (que son una bendición). Distrito 1 continúa buscando maneras de compartir Recuperación con amigos y miembros de la familia afectados por la enfermedad del alcoholismo. Distrito uno tiene toda Nueva GRs y con nuestra Poderes Superiores ayuda; Espero poder conocerlos y trabajar con todos ustedes en la recuperación.

Your humble servant, Gracie P.

District 2 ~ Myrthala C. ~
Our 4th quarter district meeting of 2014 was held in Alice last October. We elected district officers for the next three years. The newly elected district officers held their first district meeting on January 26th in Corpus Christi.

We are excited to have our alternate DR, Lisa W, serving as the Area Website Coordinator.

Our newly elected Public Outreach officer, Paula is eager to spread the message. Among other outreach activities, she plans to visit the high schools to promote the Alateen meeting.

The Alateen group continues to grow. They elected their GR, Diego. We now have four Alateen sponsors in our district.

Three from our district, the incoming and outgoing DRs and the Area Website Coordinator attended the AWSC transition meeting. It was an enjoyable weekend with fellowship and learning.
In Service, Myrthala & Clare

District 3 ~ Jocelyn B. ~
Wow, here we are 2015. I for one, as a young adult, thought the year 2000 was ions of years away. And yet...here I am!

District 3 established the new term of officers at our December district meeting. Most of us agreed to another term (as you can see). We are few in numbers yet we are accepting of the challenge and growth.

During our last district meeting, we received a visitor from MidCoast Services. They are concerned with teens affected by alcoholics; and asked if Victoria area had an
Alateen or any future plans for one. The need for one is tremendous. We advised that should a group be established we would be in touch. Alateen literature and Al-Anon meeting schedules are available. Interest is being discussed to attend POSSE in March and see what the future brings.

The group Courage to Change our Sunday night meeting, decided to close at year-end 2014. Their treasury was given to the district's treasury.

One of our long-time members brought in years-old Forums to which they hoped would go to the current Archivist. We will approach and proceed.

The 14th Annual New Year’s Eve Bash for AA’s and Al-Anon’s families to be held in Victoria. Evening provides fun, food, games, and meetings.

Serving with a grateful heart, Jocelyn B

District 4 ~ Mattie T. ~

Happy New Year from District 4, it is an honor to be the newly elected District Representative for Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Matagorda and Wharton Counties. As I start this new endeavor of Service, I will look to each of my sisters and brothers in the fellowship for guidance and support. I hope to visit as many groups this first year of Service as possible.

The 3rd Quarterly Meeting was hosted by Alvin AFG and we elected our 2015-2017 Officers/Coordinators at our September 13, 2014 quarterly meeting and they are: Mattie T (DR), Sheri B (Alt DR), Norma W (Secretary), Margaret F (Treasurer), Judy R (Alateen Coordinator), Renee G (Archivist), Eszter W (Public Outreach), ISR Liaison (Sheri B) and Newsletter Editor (Norma W). We have a great group of energetic officers and I look forward to working with them.

I wish to give a special thank you to the out-going District Officers and Coordinators: Norma W (DR), Lisa A (Secretary), Margaret F (Treasurer), Linda F (Public Outreach), Sherrie W (Archives), Judy R (Alateen Coordinator) and Sheri B (Intergroup D4 Liaison) for an awesome 3 years of Service.

Welcome to all the newly elected 2015-2017 East Texas Area 53 Officers/Coordinator. District 4 has 3 representatives: Joyce Y (Delegate), Margaret F (Alt Delegate) and Norma W (Alateen Coordinator).

Our 4th Quarterly meeting was held December 13, 2014 at the Courage To Change Group and they served a delicious Southern Breakfast. During the meeting, we set the calendar for the 2015 Quarterly meeting to be held the 2nd Saturday in March, June, September and December.

I am looking forward to serving District 4 for the next 3 years; this is an opportunity for growth and I feel privileged to have this position.

With Gratitude In Service, Mattie T

District 5 ~ Anita C. ~

I hope your New Year is off to a GREAT start! Now that we are in 2015, it is time to serve our district with a New Look. As you may have heard our beloved District Representative for District 5, Lyn B., was involved an auto accident last year and passed on January 21st. I had the privilege to step up to the first District meeting as the Alt DR for the term of 2015-2017. As this being a voted in position, I prayed before I made a decision to be a candidate for District Representative. I was elected by our GRs and I am proud to say that I have an opportunity to work with the best team that a power greater than myself has provided. I will appreciate all your assistance as I work through some of the benefits as the DR. I know I am not alone and look forward to working with all of you.

I encouraged all our incoming officers and coordinators to have a vision as we work together and enjoy all the benefits of service and that we can do as the subheadings written in the Conference Approved Literature (CAL) P-78 When I Got Busy I Got Better they are:

- Reaching Isolation with Community
- Learning Trust
- Increased Self-Esteem
- A Sense of Purpose
- Making a Difference
- Reaching Out to Others

In service, Anita C.

Espero que su nuevo año ha tenido un gran comienzo! Ahora que estamos en el año 2015, es el momento para servir a nuestro distrito con una nueva mirada. Como usted habrán oído nuestra amada Representante del Distrito para el distrito 5, Lyn B., tuvo un accidente automovilístico el año pasado y el 21 de Enero falleció. Tuve el privilegio de servir a mi primera reunión como Alt DR plazo de 2015-2017. Como siendo posición por votó, me puse en oración antes de hacer la decisión del compromiso de decidir de servir como RD. Fui elegida por nuestros RGs y estoy orgullosa de decir que tengo una oportunidad de trabajar con el mejor equipo que mi Poder Superior ha proporcionado. Aprecio tu ayuda mientras camino por algunos de los beneficios como RD. Sé que no estoy sola y espero trabajar con todos ustedes.

Me propuse animar a todos nuestros funcionarios y coordinadores entrantes de tener una visión a medida que trabajamos juntos y disfrutar de todos los beneficios del servicio y que podemos hacer como los subtítulos escritos en Cuando Estoy Ocupado Me Siento Mejor (P-78), que son:

- Alcanzar el aislamiento en la comunidad
- Aprender a Confiar
- Aumento de Auto Estima
- Un sentido de Propósito
- Hacer la diferencia
- Llegar a los Demás

En servicio, Anita C.

District 6 ~ Lori L. ~

Our last District 6 meeting was held on January 31, 2015, in
Austin, Texas, hosted by Courage to Change AFG. We had a workshop on “tools to drop the weight and not breaking a sweat!” The workshop was centered on what tools of the program we use to help us in our recovery. Fun and inspiring ways were shared with us to give us a different perspective of how to use the tools of the program.

During our business meeting, we discussed the positions that are still available that needed to be filled. We also discussed as well as voted on does District 6 support dual members to hold non officer positions (i.e., Coordinator positions), which passed. We were able to fill our Forum/Literature, Public Outreach North and Public Outreach South during our business meeting.

We also discussed at length to accept the amended budget for 2015 as presented and voted on it and the motion passed. We also talked about District 6 hosting the 2017 Assembly and what that involves in the financial department. Finally, a Thought Force was formed which included Tom B., Jennifer, Doon & Judy P. to propose a prudent reserve for the district and will be presented at the next District meeting in April.

When it came to the Ask It Basket questions, I asked for any suggestions anyone may have. We had one member talk about possibly changing our meeting format with the business meeting being in the morning and the workshop in the afternoon. It was decided to have our format remain with the workshop in the morning and the business meeting in the afternoon. That way, there are still participants for the workshop where the hosting group has put much time and effort into putting it on for the members at the District meeting.

We concluded our meeting in looking for a group or groups to co-host our next District meeting on April 18th. This was Kay C.’s suggestion of where one group could host the District meeting and another group could facilitate the workshop. I have sent out an email to the groups updating them on this idea and to see if there are any volunteers to host the next District meeting.

In Service, Lori L.

District 7 ~ Jane M.~

Greetings from District 7. We have been busy planning the Spring Assembly 2015, “Where to Turn”. You will find the flyer 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 Thuresson 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 AAggieland 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.

District 8 ~ Diane B. ~

We had a blast at the AWSC Transition Meeting in Alvin. What a great time to fellowship, learn, share and of course eat. It was our pleasure to provide kitchen duties during the weekend. That’s not a place I’m usually found but it was fun being with those who cook much more than I do. Our District was behind us in spirit but Carole, Barbara and I were there in the flesh.

We wish all the new committee members the best of love and prayers. And we join in the joy of having served! Our new leader Kay C. is off to an enthusiastic start with her committee right there with her.

We join our fellow members of Al-Anon and Alateen in our sorrow of the passing of Lyn B. She will be missed beyond measure. But her district was well represented and following her spiritual path to progress.

We look forward to seeing all of you again at the next Assembly – Stay safe and keep the spirit of Al-Anon and Alateen present in all our affairs.

Love and Gratitude, Diane B.

District 9 ~ Beverly C. ~

BRRRR...it is cold here is Northeast Texas, I guess winter has finally arrived.

It is with a sad heart that I tell you all of the passing of one of our dear members this last month. Kathryn A. many of you knew her as the AIS liaison for TYLER AIS/LDC. She was also Alternate DR for our district for these last three years and our recent Assembly would not have been possible without her invaluable support and input. I know she will be remembered with love in our area and she had a great deal of wisdom. I learned something new every time she shared in a meeting I attended. Please remember her immediate family and her Al-Anon group(s) in your prayers.

Our new DR is Beverly C.. I am writing this report for her as she is having family health and computer issues. She is a great asset to our district and I am really excited to see her grow through service in this position for the next three years. I will remain as Alternate DR for our area.

Our next district meeting will be on January 10th at the 68th Annual Tyler AA Anniversary conference, which meets in Harvey Hall, by the Rose Garden. We will meet during the lunch hour in one of the rooms there. So, if you are in the area, come join us as it is a great conference.

I am really looking forward to upcoming transitional AWSC
meeting and getting to know our new group of officers. I am amazed at every election Assembly I participate in to see the positions being filled with capable and qualified servants, who realize that to keep our program we need to give it away.

Remember our recovery is contingent on maintaining a spiritual program of recovery ONE DAY AT A TIME.

Respectfully submitted, Debby C.

Greetings from District 10.
We remain active in service and are growing. As a new DR, we will have our quarterly district meeting on March 28. We will begin planning 2015 and how to strengthen our Al-Anon groups in District 10.

Gratefully, Susan L.

As 2014 comes to a close, as well as our 3 year terms, I'm pleased to say our District is doing well. As of our last District Meeting held in Spring Branch at CBCB Church, we have all service positions filled.

I feel our District has grown in both numbers and Serenity. Our new team has some great things coming up for the next 3 years. They are already working on the 2015 Fall Assembly to be held in San Antonio.

What I really want to say is “Thank You” for the privilege to serve as your DR for the past 3 years. It has been a blessing which has added so much to my recovery. Without the love and experience of many of the long time members, and new members of our wonderful fellowship, I would have been at a loss for ideas and solutions. We started this term planning for the 2012 Fall Assembly and continued from there to accomplish many great projects.

I look forward to serving our new team whenever possible and will continue to be involved in service work for our fellowship.

In Your Service, Al M. (Out Going DR)

*District 13 ~ David Scheel ~*

**TEA AC Report ~Melissa H.~**

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

**Spanish Coordinator ~ Anita C.~**

Soy importante, aunque no demasiado.
Soy importante por haber logrado algo muy importante para mi vida; admitir mi impotencia.
Soy importante, por haber logrado algo muy importante para mi existencia: Empezar a creer.
Lo soy, porque ayer era una lagrima y hoy soy una sonrisa.
Soy importante ciertamente, aunque no demasiado
Soy importante porque existo, porque siento, porque rio, porque amo y porque canto.
Soy importante porque no estoy sola; Porque dentro de mi ha vibrado parte de la fuerza mas grande e importante del universo: Dios.
Porque El se ha fijado en mi y me ha permitido caer de rodillas ante su excelsa bonda.
Soy importante, porque El me ha dado la gracia de poder ayudar, sintiendome dichosa al mismo tiempo.
Soy importante y pudiera serlo mas, si me fuera posible comprender mas, tolerar mas, amar mas y ayudar mas.
Dejo de ser importante, cuando me olvido de la causa de mi importancia. Es entonces cuando la sombra y la pena se aproximan. Pero mientras yo sepa estar con El, El esta conmigo y yo, sequire siendo importante, ¡Aunque no demasiado!
Cuando me comprometi en la labor de servicio no sabia la gran oportunidad que llegaria a vivir.
Aprendi por medio del servicio que si nos trataramos de ayudarnos mutuamente seriamos mas felices. Necesito al programa de Al-Anon/Alateen y ambos tambien me necesitan.
Hoy juntos podemos lograrlo. Trabajando con mis companeros hay una libertad personal para mi. En los tres anos que siguen hay mas confianza en mi para seguir adelante. Así es lo que es Al-Anon dar para recibir.
Estoy dispuesta para servir en los anos que siguen en mi nuevo servicio como Coordinadora de Area de Grupos Hispanos.
Gracias por su apoyo………………….. Anita C.
Spanish Coordinator (continued)

I am important, but not much.
I am important for having achieved something very important for my life; admit my powerlessness.
I am important, for having achieved something very important in my life: Start believing.
I am, because it was a tear yesterday and today I’m smiling.
I am certainly important, not too much
I am important because I exist because I feel, because I laugh, because I love and sing.
I am important and I do not care that everybody else knows.
I am important because I am not alone; Because inside me I vibrate part of the largest and most important force in the universe: God.
Because He has set me and has allowed me to my knees before Him
I am important, because He has given me the grace to help feeling happy together.
I am important and could be more, if I were possible to understand more, tolerate more, to love more and help more.
I Ceased to be important, when I forget the cause of my importance. That is when the shadow and the penalty approach. But while I know I am with Him, He will be with me and I will still be important, although not too much!
When I undertook the work of service I did not know the great opportunity that I would come to live.
I learned through service if we all tried to help each other we would be happier. I need the program of Al-Anon/Anon and they also need me.

Today we can achieve together. Working with my colleagues is a personal freedom for me. In the three years that follow there is more trust in me to look forward... So in Al-Anon/Anon and Alateen I give to receive. I am willing to serve in the years that follow in my new service as Area Spanish Group Coordinator.

Thank you for your support. *Anita C.*

~Fall 2014 Assembly Report~

We began with the theme “Time for Change” for the Fall Assembly since it was to be an election assembly and would take place on time change weekend necessitating more changes. Pat Ragan had a verbal agreement with the hotel and we were all excited and ready to begin work.

In August Pat Ragan, DR and committee chairman was forced to resign due to health issues as was the Alternate DR Kathryn A. Kathryn asked for a volunteer to assume leadership and I found myself with my hand up, due to past DR Experience and because I felt a nudge from my H.P.

We had many concerns about the hotel, so I called an emergency e-meeting in August and a decision was made to seek another venue. Thus continued the committee’s journey of change. The Magnuson Hotel was chosen and the many changes handled with grace. More changes ensued with a management change at the new hotel but those led to improvements we had not expected.

The entire Host Committee embraced the many opportunities for change presented to us, increasing group and individual trust in a Higher Power who was in control from the beginning as evidenced by the chosen theme. The ETAAA Fall Assembly was successful and I appreciated the opportunity for growth in service.

We ended up with over 100 baskets to raffle as well as several special homemade items, including a homemade TOOLKIT box filled with Al-Anon Tools. We were able to include a LOIS BOX “with all thing LOIS” and a CD of her last known talk, this was our only auction item and went for about $100.00.

The costume night, speakers and talent show was a resounding success, and although we had some technical difficulties related to the karaoke portion, we did not let it dampen our enthusiasm.

Our Hospitality Room was well received and special thanks goes to Beverly Crossley who arranged for a wonderful Italian meal for our AWSC meeting.

The Gratitude Room was the brainchild of Pat Ragan and Suzy Green. The tree for writing gratitude notations on leaves was an inspired idea. I think a quiet place for prayer and meditation should be included in all future assemblies if possible.

We want to extend a special thank you to the Beaumont LDC for providing our literature.

Our final numbers are as follows:

186 total registered; 180 Al Anon, 5 AA and 1 Alateen. (This includes one scholarship and 4 registrations as well as hotel rooms paid for by us for speakers and our tapers) Total Banquet tickets sold #121

Our Banquet Chairperson expressed her dissatisfaction with the catered meal. The Catering company was in agreement that they should have been better prepared for the number of people to serve and consented to refund a portion of our cost for the meal. Therefore we will be able to return the additional money back to the Area.

After all expenses were satisfied, we ended up with $5,263.20 and we are returning this amount to the AREA at the AWSC meeting in February. This includes the $2000.00 seed money, given to us to get started. FINAL AMOUNT COLLECTED OVER AND ABOVE THE SEED MONEY IS $3,263.20.

I want to say an extra big TEXAS Sized Thank You, once again to all who helped make this Assembly a Success, you know who you are. The teamwork and support received by the Assembly Committee and all the Chairs of different areas was PHENOMENAL. All the volunteers worked above and beyond the call of duty and I know I appreciate it as well as did our Assembly Officers and GRs who attended.

*Debby C., Host Committee Chair*

San Antonio AIS/LDC ~ Ronda M. ~

The monthly speaker meeting held at Club 12 on the first Saturday of each month, providing continued revenue for the San Antonio AIS and fellowship for area Al-Anon and AA members.
The San Antonio web site is being discontinued. In its place, is the Texas web site with Districts 12 and 13 information available. The web address is www.texas-al-anon.org/sanantonio. At this site, in addition to basic information about Al-Anon, there is a complete meeting list for Districts 12 and 13 with a map and the capability to put in a zip code and get a list of meetings in that area.

The next San Antonio AIS meeting is scheduled for Feb 28th, 10am to 12, at the Rolling Oaks Christian Church, 7150 Stahl Rd.

Ronda M

Austin AIS/LDC ~ Paula H. ~

The Austin Al-Anon Information Center held a meeting on January 20, 2015 at 6:30 P. M. in the Northland Al-Anon Room, 2809 Northland Dr., Austin, TX 78757. The meeting was chaired by Chairperson Joyce L. The other new officers are Charlotte, Secretary and Peggie, Treasurer. Kitty, the Al-Anon Information Center employee, was also present as were representatives from other groups in the Austin area.

Several items of business were discussed. It was decided that we would use Knowledge Based Decision Making in our discussions. Last year’s budget was discussed, and more investigation will be done by the treasurer. A financial committee will meet to discuss the prudent reserve, and a report will be given at the next meeting. Although literature sales were a bit lower than the last period, group donations to the Austin Information Center increased.

Several AA conferences that also have Al-Anon participation have contacted Kitty regarding having Al-Anon literature available at the conferences. After much discussion, a committee was formed to develop a policy on how to handle literature sales at these conferences. The committee will present a recommendation at the next board meeting.

The board voted to meet four times a year rather than seven times a year. The meeting location will rotate between North and South to give more people the opportunity to participate. The next meeting will be Monday, May 18, at 6:30 P. M. at the Austin Al-Anon Information Center. The Austin Al-Anon Information Center is located at 6301 Manchaca Rd., Suite F, Austin, TX 78745. Office hours are from Monday through Friday from 10 A. M. until 2 P. M. The center’s phone number is 512-441-8591, or toll free, 888-287-2115.

Respectfully submitted, Paula H.

Texas East Area 53 Alateen Conference

To: Texas East Area Registered Alateen Groups
From: TEA AC Chairman
Subject: TEA AC
Date: April 24, 25, 26, 2015 (Fri, Sat, and Sunday)
Cost: $90.00 per Alateen and certified Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service - payment MUST be made by ONE cashier’s check or money order per group made payable to TEA53AC. Personal checks cannot be accepted. Do not mail cash.

Attendance Requirements:
Alateens must be at least 13 years of age and not more than 19 years of age at the time the Conference begins.

Alateens must be attending Alateen meetings for at least six (6) weeks prior to Conference.

Pregnant females (Sponsors/Alateens) may attend only if they are in their first or second trimester and provide written permission from their physician.

Each Alateen group must be accompanied by at least one (1) certified sponsor who has been a sponsor for at least one (1) year. There are no exceptions to these rules.

Registration Deadline:
Your registration will be returned if not postmarked Friday, April 3, 2015.

To receive more information or a registration packet email: Pat E.
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**World Service Conference**

- $2,668.00, 1st Qtr: $2,000.00, 2nd Qtr: $0.00, 3rd Qtr: $0.00, 4th Qtr: $2,500.00, Total: $4,500.00
- Area's Gifts to WSC: $300.00, Total: $300.00
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**SC Regional Delegate Meeting**

- $1,246.43, 1st Qtr: $898.68, 2nd Qtr: $170.52, 3rd Qtr: $0.00, 4th Qtr: $1,069.20, Total: $1,800.80
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- Chair: $551.09, 1st Qtr: $262.87, 2nd Qtr: $262.87, 3rd Qtr: $262.87
- Past Delegate: $0.00, Total: $0.00
- Alternate Delegate: $0.00, Total: $0.00

**Total Expenses**

- $17,457.92, 1st Qtr: $5,899.51, 2nd Qtr: $2,792.10, 3rd Qtr: $3,469.37, 4th Qtr: $816.23, Total: $12,967.21
- Net Income Less Expenses: $2,773.40, 1st Qtr: ($5,899.51), 2nd Qtr: ($2,792.10), 3rd Qtr: ($3,469.37), 4th Qtr: ($816.23), Total: ($3,837.21)
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Ending Balance: $33,141.03 $32,841.16 $33,578.29 $37,817.95 $27,996.21

Ample Reserve Fund
Beginning Balance: $13,583.71 9/17/2014
Increase/Decrease: $67.62 $0.00 $0.00 $75.02 $37.97
Ending Balance: $13,583.71 $13,651.53 $13,851.53 $13,726.55 $13,764.52

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(Please attach this form to your check or money order) PRINT ALL INFORMATION
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Area World Service Committee Meeting  
February 7, 2015  
Alvin, Texas

Chairman: Kay C., Chairman opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. She welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Kay read the primary function of the Area World Service Committee from page 162 of the Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual.

Chair Report: Kay C. is honored to have been elected and to serve. Will accept emails to either the official email address: (etaaa.panel55.chair@gmail.com) or her personal account: (kacdok@austin.rr.com). Feel free to call if need to contact her. Encourage groups to fill out group membership surveys sent out to groups from the WSO. Wants to keep meetings short and concise. Will use a timer to try to keep meetings on schedule as shown on the agenda.

Secretary: David S. read the minutes from the previous AWSC meeting held October 31, 2014 in Tyler, Texas. The minutes were approved as read. He then called the roll. 25 voting AWSC members were present, with a simple majority of 13 needed to approve voting items.

Treasurer: Tricia L. passed out copies of the new AWSC reimbursement form and Area contributions form. Forms can also be found on the website. She presented the current financial status of the Area.

Area checking account balance as of Jan. 31, 2015 was $28,109.61. Advised that the Ample Reserve fund is in a CD (Certificate of Deposit). Also advised that the Area reimburses travel expenses of AWSC members at the rate of $0.33 per mile. Reimbursement forms may be mailed or emailed. Attach receipts for all expenses. Kay C., Area Chair clarified that mileage for reimbursement is just from your home to the event, and does not include any side trips. A Mapquest printout or similar should be turned in showing mileage to be reimbursed. Treasurer is to note that expenses for this AWSC meeting will be unique as no individual hotel expenses will be shown for AWSC members.

Discussion Topic-Audit Committee: Chair brought up the need for the Area to have an Audit committee to review Area finances. Diane B. and Lynn S. volunteered to be on the committee and will audit the Area’s books for the last 3 years.

Discussion Topic-Surety Bond: Chair introduced the topic of a Surety Bond for the Area. Tricia L., treasurer, explained that a Surety bond is to protect the area from financial loss due to treasurer misappropriating funds. The chair asked for a recommendation from the AWSC for the Treasurer to explore the costs to obtain a surety bond and to publish this information in the Beacon. The recommendation passed.

Coordinator Reports: To be published in the Beacon.
Area Delegate Report: Joyce Y. reported that she is excited and looking forward to serving as Delegate and explained that the World Service Conference is the group conscious for all Al-Anon and Alateen. The 2015 WSC’s theme is “Living Our Spiritual Principals, Expanding Our Vision” and will be held April 19-23, 2015 at Wyndam Virginia Beach Ocean Front Hotel. Joyce shared the general itinerary of the conference. The 2015 “Meet the Board” event will be July 25, 2015 in Nisku, Alberta. WSO sent a special thanks to past delegate, Nancy M, for submitting a bid to host the event from Texas East.

The WSC has been working on coming up with a universal understanding of what Alcoholism is and this was presented at the 2014 WSC. (See Page 71 of 2014 WSC Summary for details). The work group was asked to continue working on this and were asked to address the question of whether or not the fellowship needs or wants a definition of family recovery.

Love gifts, cards, letters, emails of encouragement will be appreciated during the World Service Conference. Please mail them to her at the conference and be sure to put her home address on the return address in the event delivery is delayed. (See mailing information and her full report in the Beacon).

Alternate Delegate Report: Margaret F. passed out a report for Literature Coordinators. Her main goal is to promote The Forum and Beacon subscriptions in the area to have more informed groups and to encourage participation.

New Business:

Alateen Certification Process: Norma W. and Bennie P. read a request to the AWSC to make a recommendation at the next Area Assembly to extend the trial Alateen Certification process which will expire in June of 2015 through June 30, 2017. The trial process has already proven to be effective and the membership likes its simplicity. The AWSC approved the request by a vote of 23 for, 0 against and 2 abstentions. Norma and Bennie will work on getting a recommendation and a possible motion to be presented at the next assembly into the Beacon.

Health of District 11:

At the request of the Chair, Sherry B., GR from D11 related issues she has had with trying to make contact with District representation and other groups in D11. It was decided that Beverly C., DR for D9 will send a letter polling all the groups in D9 to see if it would be acceptable to them to merge all the D11 groups into their district. In addition, Kay C. will send a letter to all groups in D11 polling them about being moved into D9, with possibly Lufkin either going to D9 or D8. This information will be shared at a later assembly to be presented for possible action on this item.

Assembly Rotation Order:

Due to inactivity of D11, there is no supporting district for the November assembly to be hosted by D12. In order the assembly rotation schedule as it is, it was decided the volunteers from the AWSC will form the support “district” for the November assembly.

The AWSC meeting host group rotation schedule was discussed. It was decided that beginning with the September AWSC meeting the Area will asking for volunteers to host the next meeting.

District 6 volunteered to host the meeting and will set the date in September on either the 19th or 26th and announce the location at the June AWSC meeting.

Kay will send out a new corrected Assembly Rotation to the area.

Group Transfer Task Force:

Kay will create a task force to look at the development of a policy for group transfers from one district to another, combining districts and splitting districts. Joyce Y., Delegate, will be an ad hoc part of this task force. Kay will reach out to Past Delegates to form this committee.

Discussion Topic - Area Assembly Guidelines for Area Host Committee:

Kay brought up that guidelines need to be updated. She is going to reach out to past DR’s that have recently hosted to update the guidelines.

Discussion Topic – Finance Committee:

A finance committee was created to be comprised of Pat E., Margaret F., Bennie P. and Diane B. They are tasked with coming up with some recommendations for the creation of a new Area Service Position, Alternate Treasurer.

Discussion Topic – Conflict Resolution:

There was discussion about whether or not the area in the past may have had a policy in place to spell out how the area would handle an officer or coordinator that was not attending AWSC meetings or performing their duties. The chair decided that she would look into old motions to see if there is already something in place before trying to establish a new policy or establishing a Thought Force.

Discussion Topic – Group Meeting Lists Linked to our Website:

In order to try to eliminate multiple meeting lists for individual districts within the area there was discussion about the possibility of having one meeting list for the entire area hosted and maintained on the Area’s Website by the Area Group Records person and the Website Coordinator. Districts websites would have links to the Area’s webpage for meeting lists. After much discus
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sion, Lisa W., Kay C., and Tricia L. are going to look into the issue and work on the possible creation of an Area Website Policy between the Area and the Districts/AIS for how our Area will host meeting schedules.

Transition Meeting Reports: Reports were given from the various transition meetings held earlier in the day.

District Representative meeting:
- Encourage groups to become active at Area level.
- Educate groups about following Al-Anon principals.
- Getting word out to the groups in the Area about where to send contributions to the Area. Past Treasurers still receiving mail/contributions.
- Good Q&A session.

AIS/LDC meeting:
- What is working, concerns, how can we improve?
- Talked about Bylaws.
- Trying to get more GR’s to meetings
- Lot of good discussion

Discussion Topic - Breakout Groups at Assembly:

Jeannie J. really found breakout meetings at past assemblies very helpful. Kay also mentioned that the Area has been asked to have more breakout sessions and conveyed that there will be more in the future.

District 9 reported that the Tyler AIS has now been dissolved and needs to be removed from the Area list.

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

Respectfully Submitted, David R. Sc.

Intergrupal Hispana de Houston ~ Virginia L. ~

I’d like to thank you for presenting us with a section in the Beacon that entrust us to share the latest news. I am the new liaison to the AWSC for the Intergrupal Hispana de Houston.

I’m so excited to share with you that we have been invited to Austin Texas to share what an Intergroup is, how it works and why it is so important for the community. We named it: “Reunion de Intergrupos de Texas” several cities will be participating and sharing; Houston, El Paso, Nuevo Mexico, Dallas, San Antonio, Wichita Falls, on March 27-29, 2015! This event will be held in the Wingate by Wyndham Round Rock, 1209 N IH 35, Round Rock. Tx. 78664

For more details please call: 713-6811296 or e-mail us to: intergrupohispahouston@gmail.com

Our intergroup meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 6160 Glenmont Dr. Apt. 191 Houston TX 77081 the mailing address is: P.O BOX Bellaire, 77402.

Service = Gratitude in action. Virginia L.

To: Area 53 Members

TOPIC: Extend the New Alateen Sponsor Certification Process

Presented by Area Alateen Coordinator, Norma W. and Area Alateen Process Person, Bennie P.,

Are hereby, making an official request to present to Area Al-Anon/Alateen members, at the next Area Assembly, our recommendations to extend the 1 trial Alateen Certification Process to three years, adding 2 years starting June 1, 2015 through June 1, 2017. This will give this current panel, the opportunity to experience this new process during their full 3 year term.

This new certification process has proven to be effective and members like the simplicity. Here are some guidelines for the New Certification Process;

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, Norma W or myself.

ALL AMIAS will need to use the new process for their next certification during the trial period of June 1, 2014 – June 1, 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 if they plan to sponsor a group, or just serve as a helper.

Suggested Motion:

I, ____________, move to extend the 1 year trial Alateen Certification Process June 1,2014-June 1, 2015 to a 3 year trial, adding 2 years starting June 1, 2015 through June 1, 2017.

Your trusted servants!
Norma W.
Area 53 Alateen Coordinator

Bennie P.
AREA 53 AAPP
# Al-Anon Registration/Group Records Change Form (GR-1)

Please send this form through your Area Process or the WSO

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## 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**

Reflects Al-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 Al-Anon policy will delay processing of the registration. Contact your Area Group Records Coordinator or the WSO for further information.

**Mailing Language**

**Location:** Meeting Place  
**Meeting Address**

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## 5. Meeting Details

### 5.1 Day

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### 5.2 Time

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**Location Instructions**

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

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

*** Meeting access is limited due to the facility’s entry restrictions. These groups meet at sites such as military bases, institutions, industrial plants, or schools.

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

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## 7. For Area Use

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

Submitted by:  
**Date:**  
**Phone:**  
**E-mail:**

Email: cand07@icloud.com

Or mail to: ETA 53 GRC, c/o Candy N. 15005 Saint Hedwig Rd., Saint Hedwig, TX 7852
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To change a Current Mailing Address: please use the: Group Records Change Form