

THE BEACON

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

A Message from the Chair ~ Lynn S.~

Hello Area 53,

The Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting was held in Corpus Christi on September 8 with District 2 hosting. I may walk away from a meeting with a tired back but never hungry. Texas East Al-Anon members are the best at providing wonderful and plentiful meals. Thank you District 2 and DR Ginny McC.

It is with a “Grateful Heart” that Fall weather is just around the corner and the Fall assembly is November 2-4 in Longview. District 10 is planning a great weekend for our area and I hope your group is making plans for your Group Representative (GR) to attend. I know it is a long drive for many of us so I suggest call your District Representative (DR) and ask if there is a “share-a-ride” coordinator you can contact for a ride. If you haven’t taken a “road trip” with a car full of Al-Anons I suggest you try it. It is great fun and the sharing is amazing.

Past Delegate Panel 22 and Area Chair, Suzie Smith, passed away in August. Suzie was Texas East Delegate from 82-85 and Chair from 85-87 she remained active with our area and AWSC for many years. Her positive attitude and her smile will be missed.

Please read the minutes from the September AWSC meeting for the work groups that have been appointed. The assembly agenda published in this issue is a proposed agenda and will be reviewed and a final approval on Friday, Nov. 2 at the AWSC meeting. Please bring this issue of the *Beacon* with you. Be familiar with the information concerning your area and the possible items for discussion and vote at the business meeting on Nov. 3.

Sunday morning, Nov 4 (if you don’t have to hurry back home) your area Literature Coordinator, Mattie T., your Website Coordinator, Dorie J, your Public Outreach Coordinator, Lynn B. and your Alateen Coordinator, Jayne G. will be conducting workshops. These workshops will be coinciding so we are asking you to sign-up for the workshop that is of interest to you and/or your home group. The sign-up sheets will be at the GR sign-in table on Friday and Saturday morning. The reason for this information is to help our workshop leaders have enough handouts and materials for attendees.

The World Service Office (WSO) Annual Al-Anon Group Update Sheet for the South Central Region is on the way. Please take a moment to verify your group information and return the completed form to the WSO or through our Area Group Records Coordinator, Al M. If you or your group is a subscriber to the *In the Loop News From Your WSO* you will find a link to the Al-Anon Family Groups Annual Update Instructions at al-anon.org.

Individuals seeking Al-Anon/Alateen meetings rely on the accuracy of the meeting information, so timeliness in reporting group changes is essential.

I am looking forward to a great assembly weekend of fun, business, speakers and workshops for all to enjoy. Love in Al-Anon and Alateen Service.



Calendar of Events

October 20, 2018 Road Trip
You and Your Board
Connect
Houston Marriott South
9100 Gulf Freeway
Houston, TX 77017

Fall Assembly 2018
Nov. 2-4, 2018
Hilton Garden Inn
905 East Hawkins
Parkway
Longview, TX 75605

ATAAC

February 8-10, 2019
Houston Marriott
Westchase Hotel
2900 Briar Park Dr.
Houston, TX 77042

POSSE

March 22-24, 2019
Gonzales, Texas

Deadline for Submissions for
the next issue of *The Beacon*

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Delegate Report ~Kay C. ~

Greetings from your Delegate for WSC Panel 58! Life has been busy for me, but God has made room for all the extra activities and Service to the Area. I am always amazed when I become willing, God helps me find the time. The slogans, Keep it Simple and Do the Next Right Thing have helped a lot. As Delegate I am your link of Service to World Service Office (WSO). Please contact me if you have any questions or comments on my report or Al-Anon in general. Al-Anon is definitely not standing still!

Road Trip 2018. You and Your Board Connect! I hope you have registered for the October 20th Event at the Houston Marriott South, 9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX 77017. It should be a great experience to get to know the Board of Trustees. Please turn out and make this a great event for our Area and find out how Al-Anon in Texas East is not standing still! To register online: www.al-anon.org/roadtrip. The cost is \$30.00 for the day and that includes lunch and a snack. Hotel rates are \$99.00 + tax. Reference Road trip! You can also register at the door. This registration will not include lunch or snack.

At-Large WSO Committees. The deadline to apply for as an at-Large member for the *Forum* Editorial Advisory Committee, Literature Committee, Public Outreach Committee, and Audit Committee is January 1, 2018. **These committee's** require a one-year time commitment and 5 years of Al-Anon. Active Alateens must have 1 year of Alateen and be 13 years old. You cannot be a member of AA. Please contact your DR, myself at kacdocetxdel58@gmail.com or WSO at wso@al-anon.org for more information about these positions. Please apply as these committees are what makes our organization thrive and keep moving forward. The Chairman of the Board (COB) letter. The COB letter is available at <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/>, and includes a financial update, a policy committee update and Board of Trustee (BOT) Policy Motions. Of note, the BOT has passed the following motions. 1) To provide translation at World Service Conference (WSC) for those who need Spanish and French translation. This will be a 3-year trial period being funded by the Reserve Fund (\$100,000.00). 2) Instructions to WSO to send a communication to every registered group to consider developing safety guidelines (e.g., bullying, stalking, etc.) This will be sent through *In the Loop*. **If your group don't subscribe to *In the Loop***, or received emails from WSO, then you will get something **by post**. 3) **"Do Not Refer" and "Re-Refer" policy. WSO will review an Area's "Do Not Refer" and "Re-Refer" policy** and if found to have established a fair and balanced policy, WSO will not list or refer a designated group on their meeting lists. As discussed at the AWSC meeting, we will be forming a Thought Force to see if Texas East wants to develop such a policy.

The International Convention and the Day of Connecting was a huge success! I saw many members from Texas East and Texas West at the Convention. To connect with the Board of Trustees (BOT) again, you can attend the *Road Trip 2018! You and Your Board Connect*.

Group Contributions. A total of 203 groups have donated \$22,517.22 to WSO January to July. This is about 60% of the groups in our Area. Thank you very much for your support to WSO! I have distributed to each district with a District Representative (DR) a listing of their group contributions to WSO for the first 6 months of the year. Please note, if your group does not put your group number on the contribution form or use the envelope with the group number on it, the contribution goes into a general category for all of Texas.

2019 World Service Conference. The 2019 WSC is in Virginia Beach, Virginia and will be April 12-18 due to religious holidays on April 19-21. At the 2018 WSC, the Conference Leadership Team asked everyone to put in ideas for the 2019 WSC. From these ideas, they chose the Theme Action is Attraction – There is No Growth in the Comfort Zone. I will have more information at a later date as to where to mail love gifts. I do appreciate all the gifts I receive from the groups, individuals, and districts.

Al-Anon Membership Survey. The 2018 Membership Survey responses from a record-breaking 13,395 Al-Anon members have been tallied. The 2018 Membership Survey report is posted on the WSO website, al-anon.org/surveyresults. Thank you to all the Al-Anon **members who took the time to complete the WSO's twelfth** membership survey. 76% of the members with 0 to 1 years of continuous Al-Anon attendance report improvement in their mental health. 56% of the Survey participants were 25–48 years old when they first attended Al-Anon. Approximately 7 in 10 members have been affected by alcoholism that spans 2 or more generations. 58% of the members reported attending 2 or more meetings per week. More than 1 in 4 members first heard about Al-Anon from a professional. 78% of the Survey participants have sought professional counseling or therapy.

District Visits. I have contacted all the DRs for times that are convenient for me to visit their Districts. I have visited **District 6 and gave a presentation on "An Informed Group Conscience and Knowledge Based Decision Making"**. It was well received and I learned a lot. I have plans to visit District 4: December 8, 2018, District 2: January 19, 2019, District 1: January 25-27, 2019, and District 7: July 20, 2019. I am looking forward to these visits and visits to other Districts.

Suzie S., WSC Panel 22. Suzie S recently passed away. She was a delegate on the WSC Panel 22, (we are currently on panel 58). Suzie was a great story teller. I loved hearing her stories about Lois and her service to Al-Anon. She always came at a problem from a place of love and what was best for Al-Anon. In recognition of her service to the WSC and the Al-Anon fellowship, Texas East received a letter from WSO, expressing their condolences on the passing of Suzie. I have given the letter to our Archivist to be placed in the Texas East Area 53 Archives.

Thoughts on being a Delegate. Becoming Delegate has been a growth experience for me. I have had to take a few inventories, become more grounded in the spiritual principles of the program, and learned even more leadership skills. I have definitely expanded my thinking from how **situation "X" impacts me, to how does "X" impact all of our** members. One of the benefits I have experienced from the

WSC is the BOT modeling of Knowledge-Based Decision-Making (KBDM) in the Conference proceedings and the open BOT meetings. It is very humbling to be the voice of the members of Texas East Area 53. I truly thank all of you who send me comments about the Area and/or AI-Anon as a whole.

In closing, I would like to thank you for letting me serve as the Texas East Panel 58 Delegate.

Alt. Delegate Report ~ Mattie T. ~

What a wonderful summer vacation meeting old friends and making new at the 6th Annual AI-Anon/Alateen Convention in Baltimore, MD. Texas was represented from the East and West.

The Book Mark Challenge is in high gear. DRs please continue to encourage your District to get those bookmarks in. Alateen groups can also participate in the Bookmark Challenge. They are posted on the Area website in English and Spanish.

Road Trip 2018! You and Your Board Connect. The \$30.00 registration fee must be received by September 28, 2018 and includes a sandwich and an afternoon snack. You can register at the door for \$30.00, but food is not included.

To register online: www.ai-anon.org/roadtrip

Date: October 20, 2018

Time 9:00 to 4:30

Place: Houston Marriott South, 9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX 77017, 713-943-7979

Fiftieth Anniversary Edition of *One Day at a Time in AI-Anon* (B6-50): The 50th Anniversary souvenir printing of the *ODAT* was a big hit at the International Convention earlier this month. It has a special anniversary cover and ribbon, but the text remains the same. There are a few books left *while supplies last*, and they can be ordered through your LDC or on the AI-Anon Online Store (ai-anon.org/online-store) by searching for B6-50. The price is \$15.00 US each.

Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships—A collection of AI-Anon personal stories (B-33): This new book is now available in English, with the French and Spanish translations due next February. We hope by now you have all received your complimentary copy, so you can start letting members in your Area know about it. Please help spread the word.

“CAL Corner”: Each month, the “CAL Corner” feature in *The Forum* includes members’ sharing on how a particular piece of our literature has enhanced their recovery. The July article is about *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships* (B-33). **August’s** articles feature *Discovering Choices* (B-30) and **Septembers’** will celebrate the 50th anniversary of *One Day at a Time in AI-Anon* (B-6).

Sharing needed for “CAL Corner”: We always need more shading about how CAL has helped members with their recovery. Please urge members to send sharing. We’d love to hear

members’ thoughts about *To Parents of Alcoholics* (P-16) and *Hope & Understanding for Parents & Grandparents* (P-94).

Sharing is still needed for our new daily reader! This book will be a collection of meditations to help us throughout our day. Focus on a single insight that you found helpful in your personal growth and recovery. Apply an AI-Anon principle—a slogan, a Step, Tradition, or Concept; the Serenity Prayer; or other AI-Anon tool—to a real-life problem or challenge.

If printed, your sharing will remain anonymous, but please include your name and postal or e-mail address with your sharing so that we can acknowledge receipt.

Please mail, fax, or e-mail your completed sharing to:

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1600 Corporate Landing Parkway

Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617

Attn: New Daily Reader

Fax: 757-563-1656 e-mail: wso@ai-anon.org (Please put “New Daily Reader” in the subject line)

The printed version of the *2018 World Service Conference Summary* is available! It can be read on-line for no charge.

The *Summary* is a full report of the Conference; it includes the World Service Office Annual Report for the previous year.

What is the World Service Conference you may ask?

It is AI-Anon’s annual business meeting, attended by all Delegates from the World Service Conference Structure; representatives from other countries; members of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee; and the WSO administrative staff and other office personnel. The Conference provides guidance to the WSO in service matters brought to its attention.

- *Grandparents (P-94)* contains over a dozen personal stories from parents and grandparents of problem drinkers sharing the challenges they have faced and how AI-Anon has helped. It is now available for 75 cents.
- 2019 CAL Catalog (S-15) and CAL Order Form (S-16): In order to include our newest Literature in them, these free service tools will be available beginning this summer.
- Facing alcoholism with the new *AFA 2019* magazine. Members and groups can provide help and hope to families and friends of alcoholics in their communities by using the *AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2019* magazines as a public outreach tool. The WSO is now accepting orders for *AFA 2019*.

Area Alateen Coordinator ~ Jayne G. ~

Wow!! The time sure flies when one is busy.

To cap the work being done for Alateens and our AI-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS), lots!!

I had been charged to put together a new Trainer’s Manual. But I can’t get there without current approved Certification Application for AMIAS. So, I have back tracked with the help of my friend and service buddy to work on the Certification Application.

If you remember in the last *Beacon* I mentioned the application package we are currently using was sent to the World Service Office (WSO) to verify if they had seen and approved it. And as luck would have it, they did not. But they were kind enough to send a copy back with recommended changes. Most of the changes were editorial. Some things were changed as our Area has made changes to the way we store applications year to year. These were put in place and reviewed by an attorney. Now after putting in the corrections the attorney suggested, the Application will be making a trip back to WSO and hopefully be back for the November Assembly for Assembly approval.

Meanwhile, there has been work on the trainer manual as some things that need to be transmitted to AMIAS and new AMIAS are not negotiable. The Motion from the Board of Trustees are requirements. We can add but we cannot subtract.

At the September Area World Service Committee meeting in Corpus, there was discussion that our Area is in need of a policy handbook. One area that this is very important is in the area regarding Alateen and AMIAS processes. Any changes to the Certification Application has to follow a process. Hopefully we will have a section in the new upcoming Policy Handbook that will spell out specifically what those steps are.

On happier note, an Initial Certification Workshop was given in Corpus in August. This group were ladies stepping up for the first time to become AMIASs. Alateen groups in the district took a hit last year due to Harvey and there have been questions about restarting Alateen and these ladies are willing to help.

A workshop was held in Austin which will provide for a limited access Alateen group.

Another district is having a Family event and there plans to have Alateen meetings of which one will be open so adults can see how Alateen is truly Al-Anon with a teen focus.

And the work goes on. By the next re-certification cycle starting in January, we will be on our way to a more clear pathway for AMIAS to certify and re-certify. For now, I will hope that all current AMIAS will be willing to attend a Re-certify only Workshop to share their Experience, Strength and Hope with new AMIAS as well as with some of us long timers. Always nice to get new ideas.

Area Alateen Process Person ~ Brenda H. ~

Al-Anon Members in Alateen Service are a unique subset of people who provide service in the Worldwide Fellowship of Al-Anon and Alateen. I want to recognize their efforts for service. Becoming an AMIAS involves a number of steps. If **there's a breakdown in any of the steps, then progress is halted** to building a thriving growing Alateen Fellowship. Our Alateens rely on Al-Anon members to sponsor their groups.

I appreciate the dedication, diligence, patience and understanding that the 76 people who qualified for certification to **date have demonstrated in following our Area's and BOT's** policies. Another 42 individuals were sent a notification which included acknowledgement of their previous service. A few of those who received the letter stating they missed the WSO deadline were prompted to take an initial certification training again. Thank you for your renewed commitment. Per-

sonal circumstances may have prevented some people from meeting the deadline or continue on in service in this way, but Al-Anon teaches us to keep coming back, and I am grateful to the people who did. If you realize that someone in your group is an AMIAS, please thank them for their service.

As a final note, human error does occur. As this was a new role for me, I had a learning curve which was made easier by the support of our previous AAPP and current Area Chair and Alateen coordinator. I have a much better understanding of the links of service and the role of each link. As the expression **goes, "you're only as strong as your weakest link."** From my perspective, I experienced strong links all along the way.

Public Outreach Coordinator ~ Lynn B. ~

September is Recovery Day Month! District POCs are about to receive quite a bit of support materials that will assist with the planning and execution of events for the month of September!

The 2018 Membership Survey Results are in. It is worth mentioning that 28% of members reported that they initially heard about Al-Anon from a professional. 84% began attending **Al-Anon meetings because of the professional's referral.** More than 1 in 4 members first heard about Al-Anon from professionals such as counselors, therapists and social workers. 50% of members indicated that the family member or friend who had led them to initially attend Al-Anon meetings had a history of drug use. 35% of members specifically joined because of this drug use.

There has been a lively exchange among POCs on the AFG Connects Public Outreach Board regarding outreach to professionals. One thread was specifically about 5 minute presentations using PowerPoint.

I shared with the Area's District POCs via email, a PowerPoint presentation developed by a POC in another state. Claire R, the WSO Associate Director-Professionals, shared the following **"A PowerPoint accompanied by members giving a meeting on wheels presentation (see Guideline G-22) or an Al-Anon member sharing his or her story also supports the presentation and handouts.** This is because it adds human interest to the **information being shared."** **At the moment WSO does not have the capacity to develop PowerPoint Presentations.**

Claire also, shared WSO has identified six primary audiences based upon inquires they receive (the majority of inquiries received at the WSO are from mental health care and addiction professionals), and members' responses to the Membership Survey:

- 1) Mental health care, e.g., counselors, therapists, and social workers;
- 2) Addictions professionals;
- 3) Middle school and high school educators, e.g., guidance counselors, nurses, and teachers;
- 4) Medical/Healthcare;
- 5) Spiritual Leaders/Clergy (including religious counseling services and congregational committees; and
- 6) Human Resources/Employee Assistance Professionals (HR/EAPs).

When using materials for public outreach, please be aware of copy written materials. WSO has service tools that are classified as public domain by the WSO.

Public Domain information about Al-Anon and Alateen was purposely made available in a convenient manner, so that is available to members, the public, professionals and the media without first having to receive copyright authorization from the WSO to reproduce in print or online publications, websites, and social media.

There are four leaflets and 3 DVDs of Al-Anon service materials that are Public Domain Materials:

Al-Anon or Alateen's Role in Family Recovery DVD (AV-31DVD)

Al-Anon and Alateen's Role in Family Recovery with Spanish subtitles DVD (SAV-31);

Al-Anon and Alateen's Role in Family Recovery with French subtitles (FAV-31).

Are You Troubled by Someone's Drinking? Al-Anon is for You! (S-17); - some of the 20 questions can be reproduced without changes to the wording

Has Your Life Been Affected by Someone's Drinking? Alateen is for You! (S-20); some of the 20 questions can be reproduced without changes to the wording

Did You Grow Up with a Problem Drinker? Al-Anon is for You! (S-25); some of the 20 questions can be reproduced without changes to the wording

Detachment (S-19); can be reproduced without changes to the wording

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To increase awareness of Al-Anon Family Groups, the World Service Office would like to reach out to Al-Anon-friendly professionals who would be willing to write articles and/or participate in on-camera interviews. Please download and share (via email or print) the attached PDF with anyone who may be interested in this Public Outreach opportunity. I have included forms for distribution.

Finally, I have been sending out emails on a monthly or bi-monthly basis to all POC and DRs (in districts without a POC) and have little to no response to the emails. I have had no bounced emails. Please have your POC let me know if they are receiving the communication. My email is poc_etx53@yahoo.com.

Spanish Coordinator-Myrthala C. ~

Hola compañeras, saludos desde Laredo. Primeramente, deseo darle las gracias a todos los Representantes de Distrito por haber proporcionado la información de todos los Representantes Hispánicos en su Distrito.

Mi primordial servicio como Coordinadora Hispánica de Área es informar a todos los grupos Hispánicos del Área 53 todos los asuntos que se discutan en nuestras Reuniones de Área y Asambleas y hacerles llegar información de eventos programados. Actualmente están en planes la 5ª. Convención Estatal Hispánica de Texas ya les hare llegar más información al respecto. Como ustedes saben la próxima Asamblea de Área se efectuará en Longview, Texas Noviembre, 2-4, 2018. Espero que se tenga una alta asistencia de miembros Hispánicos a esta Asamblea. Los veo en Longview.

Website Coordinator ~Dorie J. ~

I am continuing to update the meeting information section of our website. Some members are emailing GR-1 forms directly to me. However, these forms must first be routed through our Group Records Coordinator. The changes to the meeting list will be made as soon as I get the information from our Group Record Coordinator.

Also, I am working on updating the "printable meeting list" - but it's taking me a little longer to get the hang of it. I appreciate your patience with this process. I also appreciate getting emails from members that see something on the website that may need changing or removing. As I am a work in progress, so is our website. Thanks for your input!

Group Records Coordinator ~ Al M. ~

I'm surprised how many GR-1s are still coming in. Many are new meeting, changed location. Groups going inactive and contact information.

I still get incomplete GR-1s and have to send back for more information. When that happens it slows down the changes to WSO, AIS, Texas Website, The *Beacon* and the DRs.

There's been a lot of posts on AFG Connects in regards to WSO using a different form instead of our GR-1 and also WSO sometimes makes the changes and other times they just send me the form and I make the changes.

The four AIS cities and I are now running smoothly with updating new information and the DRs and I am communicating on a regular basis when necessary.

The *Beacon* spreadsheet report will go out soon.

Work is still ongoing to get the Texas Website up to date for the meeting schedule.

I still urge everyone to carefully fill out the GR-1s including all information. If I cannot complete them I have to send them back and this delays the updates.

I thank everyone for all their efforts.

Newsletter Editor~Rene D. ~

Well here we are the last quarter and the final *Beacon* for 2018.

My update for this upcoming newsletter, the due date for all reports to go into the newsletter is Saturday, September 15th by 10:00 pm.

My challenges is still learning to format Publisher to a Word PDF format. Also, I have been getting **Beacon's** returned or forwarded to a different address than what is on the Group Records List from WSO.

I am challenging the DRs to educate your groups on filling out the GR-1 form when addresses have changed and also to educate them on how to fill out *The Beacon* subscription form on the back page. Please share with the members in the Groups that they can get their own subscription for \$6.00 for 4 issues. Each Group gets a complimentary copy. We can also email members a copy for \$6.00 for 4 issues.

My successes have been learning how to use Publisher and being able to get through the steps from putting the newsletter together to mailing them. I am grateful to Lynn Starkey for helping me with the putting together of the newsletter and formatting it to PDF for me. I am going to be learning to type the Labels for the newsletter with the barcode so that the Area will not have to pay the yearly fee.

Archives Coordinator ~Dolores Wilson~

Success: Positive remarks from the spring assembly display and gratitude for the interest shown and for those who are donating to the Area Archives.

Challenge:

From Al-Anon Guidelines G-30 the **“PURPOSE: The purpose of an Area Archives is to preserve the experience, history, and memorabilia of the Al-Anon fellowship from the beginning of the family movement in that locale. This history should be preserved so as to be available to the membership and the serious researcher, within the framework of our Traditions, for the good of Al-Anon as a whole.” As Area Archivist I also serve as the link between the World Service Office and the local trusted servants. G-30 lists 17 different areas of what to keep and what to build on possible categories. Also from the G-30 “The extent of archival holdings depends largely on space. Common sense is a key factor in determining what history is, what will be history in the future, and what can be discarded.” With this in mind I will complete an inventory of the Area Archives before the next Area Assembly and post a listing of current contents for transparency to the Area and to attract interest.**

From WSO: 50th Anniversary of the One Day At a Time first daily reader commemorative issue are still available from the WSO online store in English (B6-50), Spanish (SB6-50), and French (FB6-50) while supplies last. Your; local Literature Distribution Centers (LDC) may also have it in stock.

District Reports

District 1 ~Mandy Tourigny ~

Our District has received calls from several groups for assistance with sponsorship, leadership, literature, etc. which we are addressing, now.

In our efforts to unite the groups in the District, we are trying to visit all the groups and also to have the district meetings hosted by different groups.

District 1 held the second meeting to plan the Spring Assembly 2019. The meeting was well attended and the committees have started the work on their respective assignments. Thank you to Lynn and Ginny for their attendance. We hope to see you all at the Spring Assembly!

District 2 ~Ginny McCluskey~

It's been a productive year so far. At our last District meeting April 14, 2018, we were blessed to have Ruben Z. agree to be the website coordinator for our district. He has successfully created a website for Corpus Christi and the surrounding areas

in District 2. We are working on fine-tuning it and linking it to texas-al-anon.org. Our Alateen group had not been meeting, but we now have a new District Alateen Coordinator, Kelly H. We also had two AMIAS recertifications and are planning on two more first time AMIAS certifications before too long, all in hopes of rejuvenating the Alateen community here in Corpus Christi. We had a successful Day in Al-Anon on April 21, 2018.

Our next district meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2018 and hosted by Padre Island AFG, 14253 South Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi. We will be planning and forward to hosting the AWSC meeting, September 8, 2018 at Asbury United Methodist Church, Corpus Christi.

District 3 ~ Susan Juckett~

District Three has had some successes this year! We have moved the day, time, and location of the Alateen group that meets in Victoria so that it is the same location, day, and time as an AA and Al-Anon meeting. All three groups meet in the same location on the same day and at the same time. In addition, there is a core group of members that have started to meet to plan the 2019 Fall Assembly. Two of the three goals set at the beginning of the year have been accomplished. The third and most difficult one is still out there. We have two (of five) groups without a Group Representative.

The District Officers have meet for our first semi-annual District Meeting in 2018 with a second one to be held in November, after the Fall Assembly takes place. Additional meetings addressing Assembly planning are also scheduled.

Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism booklets have been ordered in Spanish and English for distribution throughout the District. Members that have to travel from another town to get to a meeting in our District have expressed interest in establishing a meeting in their towns, so that opportunity is under consideration.

District 4~Carol Burchfield~

I hope everyone had a great summer.

I appreciate the Pearland Al-Anon Family Group for hosting our last District meeting in Pearland and providing food. We were happy to have members of Bay Area Club join us and see what District 4 is all about. We had a productive meeting and agreed to participate in a new Outreach opportunity, working with the Spanish Intergroup to donate English Al-Anon books to local libraries. The Spanish Intergroup initiated this Outreach opportunity to put Spanish books in the libraries and realized the need to also include English books.

Our Day in Al-Anon on July 28 was a huge success. I can't thank everyone enough, including our chair for the event, Delia B., and everyone who helped and participated in the event. It was a great day of recovery and fellowship. Thanks to each of you for your service and participation.

The Bay Area Club groups have made their official request to move from District 5 to District 4. Since they are part of League City, our tradition suggests all current & future Al-Anon and Alateen groups in League City will be part of **this move. I'm still working with the Area are to finalize the**

East Texas Area 53 Al-Anon Alateen Assembly (ETAAA)
Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Minutes
September 8, 2018
Corpus Christi, TX

Chairman: Lynn S. opened the meeting at 12:29 pm with the Serenity Prayer, thanked Ginny M. and District 2 for hosting, and read the primary function of the AWSC on p. 155 of the *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*. The Twelve Concepts of Service and General Warranties of the Conference were read.

Secretary: Paula H. called the roll. Twenty-four of the 28 voting members were present. The following AWSC officer was not present: Alternate Delegate. The following AWSC coordinators were not present: Public Outreach and Website. The following Districts had no representatives in attendance: District Nine and District Ten. The following Al-Anon Information Services/Literature Distribution Center (AIS/LDC) had no liaison in attendance: Houston. The minutes from the May 4, 2018 AWSC meeting in Beaumont, TX were approved as printed in *The Beacon* (Vol. 50, Issue 3). Paula also asked that all Area communication to her be sent to this email: txe53sec@aol.com.

Treasurer: Jennifer S. reported that there was \$39,348.04 in the checking account, and \$20,514.06 was in ample reserve. \$2000 was paid in equalized expenses for the Delegate to travel to the 2019 World Service Conference (WSC). Lynn S. **asked that the Treasurer's report be filed for audit.**

The Area has almost \$60,000 in checking and ample reserve. A question was raised about what to do with funds in the checking and ample reserve when the Certificate of Deposit (CD) from the ample reserve matures in June, 2019. A budget committee was appointed by Lynn S. The committee will include Jennifer S., Allyn D., and Carol B. Lynn S. proposed that an Area Ample Reserve Fund workshop be presented at the January 12, 2019 AWSC meeting. A consensus vote was taken regarding the workshop, and the majority approved. Jennifer S. will present the workshop, and Kay C. and Lynn S. will assist. Kay C. will send the guidelines for the Area Ample Reserve Fund to the AWSC prior to the January AWSC meeting.

Delegate Report: Kay C. thanked the AWSC for allowing her to serve as Delegate. The World Service Office (WSO) acknowledged the death of Suzie Smith, Past Delegate, Panel 22, via a letter, which will be placed in the archives. The deadline application for At-Large members, *The Forum* Editorial Advisory Committee, Literature Committee, Public Outreach committee, and Audit Committee is January 1, 2019. Criteria for serving on these committees are available; if interested, please contact Kay C. at kacdocetxdel58@gmail.com or WSO at wso@al-anon.org, with the position in the subject line of the email.

The Chairman of the Board (COB) letter is posted at <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees>. It includes a financial update, policy committee update, and the Board of Trustee (BOT) Policy Motions. Of note, the BOT has passed a motion to pay for translation at the WSC for those who need Spanish and French translation. This will be a three year trial period being funded by the Reserve Fund (\$100,000). The BOT also passed a motion that instructs WSO to send a communication to every registered group to consider developing safety guidelines. This will be sent through *In the Loop* or emails from WSO and then they will get something by post. The third

motion related to "Do Not Refer" and "Re-Refer" policies developed by Areas. WSO will review an Area's "Do Not Refer" and "Re-Refer" policy, and if found to have established a fair and balanced policy, WSO will not list or refer the designated group on their meeting lists.

All the Districts that have District Representatives (DR's) have been contacted for times that are convenient for Kay C. to visit their Districts. The AIS and Literature Distribution Centers (LDC's) in our Area have been contacted and encouraged to fill out and send in their annual update.

Regarding *Road Trip 2018-You and Your Board Connect*, Kay asked the AWSC to consider donating love gifts. One group in Cypress Cove is preparing love gifts. After discussion it was decided and approved that Kay would purchase some pens with a stylus as love gifts for the event.

Kay's complete Delegate's Report will be published in *The Beacon*.

Alternate Delegate Report: Mattie T. has been receiving literature updates from WSO and has been distributing news **of what's happening regarding how our members are recovering throughout our fellowship using the Al-Anon tools.** Mattie regularly communicates with Lynn S. to get updates of what is happening in the Area.

Chair's Report: Lynn S. thanked Judy W. for leading the DR interchange at the May 2018 Assembly and thanked those who participated. From that exchange came the suggestion that we try to have the Support District and Host District of the Assembly to be geographically closer to each other. Agreement was reached, and the AWSC/Assembly rotation schedule was amended. Paula H. sent an email to the AWSC members with the revised schedule.

Another suggestion from that DR exchange was that perhaps **the "stand alone" AWSC meetings could be held in a centrally located city to help with travel time and expenses.** Lynn S. will consider appointing a thought force for this suggestion.

Currently, our Area does not have procedural and policy guidelines. After much discussion a unanimous consensus was reached for a Work Group to be appointed using the ETAAA and AWSC Motions to develop a Policies and Procedures Handbook for the Area. Mattie T. will chair the group and Susan J. and Jennifer S. will assist. Joyce Y. suggested that someone be appointed or elected by the Group Representatives (GRs) to maintain the handbook once it has been developed.

In order to include and encourage participation by Spanish speaking members at Assemblies, it was decided that a Work Group be formed to investigate translation equipment and interpreters for the Area. Lynn S. appointed Myrthala C. to chair the group with assistance from Esperanza L. from Houston Hispanic AIS and Minga from District 2.

Assembly Reports

Final report for Spring 2018 Assembly, May 4-6, Beaumont, TX – Final registration counts for Assembly were 155 Al-Anon's, 3 AA's, and one Alateen. Five meals were provided to the Assembly. Seed money was returned to the Area and an additional \$2014.76 was given to the Area.

Fall 2018 Assembly, November 2-4, 2018, Longview, TX – The Assembly will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn; an updated flyer will be in *The Beacon* and on the Texas AI-Anon website. Opening ceremonies are at **6:30 pm on November 2 with a “Boot Scootin” theme**, and there will be a dessert bar on Friday evening. There will be an Italian buffet banquet Saturday evening at 5:30, followed by AI-Anon and AA speakers. Sunday morning there will be workshops conducted by Area Coordinators on Public Outreach, Literature, and Website.

AWSC Stand Alone – January 12, 2019. The meeting will be hosted by District 4. The venue will be announced later.

Spring 2019 Assembly, May 3-5, McAllen, TX. It will be held at the Renaissance Las Palmas for a rate of \$89 plus tax per night, and breakfast is included. For those interested in going to Nuevo Progreso, Mexico on Friday morning, an excursion is planned. Please let Mandy T., DR for District 1 know in advance if you would like to attend. A passport or passport card will be needed to cross into Mexico.

AMIAS (AI-Anon Members in Alateen Service) Trainer’s Manual Work Group – Jayne G. has been busy updating AMIAS certification requirements so that we are in compliance legally with state laws and WSO requirements. **Therefore, the AMIAS trainer’s manual is an ongoing project.**

Area Coordinators/DRs/AIS/LDC Reports

The following Area Coordinators gave reports: Area Alateen Process Person, Beacon, Spanish, Area Alateen, Area Group Records, and Area Archives. The following DRs gave reports: Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 13. **The following AIS’s gave reports: Austin, San Antonio, Houston Hispanic, Beaumont, and South Texas.** All reports will be published in *The Beacon*.

Unfinished Business:

ETAAA Host Committee Guidelines – Judy W., Anna R., Kay C., and Joyce Y. have been part of a Work Group that has updated the guidelines, and the guidelines have been sent to the AWSC. Terminology has been clarified, as well as an updated number of hotel rooms to be reserved. Clarified wording has been added to make the guidelines **more consistent. A model Host Committee Treasurer’s Report** has been added. A checklist was added. Action committees were removed. A new rotation schedule was added. Titles were taken from Alateen documents so that they would know which documents are needed for the Assembly. Documents have been added in an appendix. Kay C. will prepare the final version.

Motion: **“I, Alison B., move to approve the ETAAA guidelines for Area Host District Committee and Support District Committee as written with the addition of referenced documents being added as appendices.** Passed.

After the motion passed, the Work Group was dissolved by Lynn S.

New Business:

Groups move from District 5 to District 4 – Carol B. presented a request from the AI-Anon and Alateen groups at Bay Area Club, in League City, TX, to move from District 5 to District 4. Both DRs from Districts 4 and 5 are in agreement with the request. A consensus by the AWSC was reached that the proposed moves be put in *The Beacon* for **a vote by Group Representatives (GR’s) at the November 2018 Assembly in Longview.**

Groups move from District 5 to District 7 – Allyn D. reported that 5 out of 7 groups on the Woodlands want to move from District 5 to District 7. Both DRs agreed, and the AWSC approved a request to take this to the November 2018 Assembly for a **vote by the GR’s.**

Assembly Mentor – After much discussion, five people volunteered for the Assembly Mentor position and will work together. Assembly Chairs can choose who to call for help, as mentors would be able to help with multiple Assemblies from different Districts. The five who volunteered were Nancy M., Rich M., Diane B., Margaret F., and Joyce Y. The AWSC approved these five people by a consensus.

“Do Not Refer” policy- The BOT passed a “Do Not Refer” and “Re-Refer” policy motion as a result of the policy discussions held at the WSC. “Do Not Refer” policies concern groups that are not abiding by the spiritual principles of the AI-Anon program. Criteria was presented at the 2012 WSC to ensure that an Area has a fair and balanced “Do Not Refer” and “Re-Refer” policy. These criteria allow the WSO to support Area “Do Not Refer” group conscience decisions and remove group meetings from the WSO meeting list. Groups not being referred by the WSO remain active and registered. Our Area does not have such a policy. After discussion it was the consensus of the AWSC for Lynn S. to appoint a Thought Force regarding a “Do Not Refer” and “Re-Refer” policy for our Area.

Contribution in honor of deceased Past Delegate Suzie S. – Pat E. recommended a contribution of \$1000 from our Area to WSO in honor of Suzie S. The consensus of the AWSC was to recommend that \$1000 be sent to WSO. It will be voted on by the **GR’s at the November 2018 Assembly.**

Announcements

Road Trip 2018- You and Your Board Connect! October 20, 2018 at Houston Hobby Marriott. Our Area is hosting.

ETAAA Fall Assembly – November 2-4, 2018 at Hilton Garden Inn, Longview, TX

AWSC Stand Alone – January 12, 2019, hosted by District 4. Location to be announced.

All Texas AI-Anon/Alateen Conference (ATAAC) – February 8-10, 2019, Houston Marriott Westchase, Houston, TX

Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything (POSSE)- March 22-24, 2019, Gonzales, TX

Deadline: *The Beacon* deadline is September 15, 2018. Send reports to: beaconnewsletter@yahoo.com.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm with the AI-Anon Declaration.

request and present to the Area Assembly in November.

I'm excited to share that Kay C., our Area Delegate, will join us at our December 8th District Meeting to share with us her 1st year experiences in her new role and update us on topics discussed at this year's World Service Conference. This meeting will be held in Surfside, followed by an ornament exchange.

Everyone is welcome to join our 3rd District meeting of 2018 on September 15, at 1pm, at Lamplighter Club in Missouri City.

We continue to reap the benefits of our District's newsletter, The Light, and use this method of communication to capture our District's activities, meeting notes and inform our members of happenings at the Area and World Service levels of Al-Anon. The newsletter is posted on Area 53 - Texas East's website for all to view.

District 5 ~Allison B. ~

No Report

District 6 ~Judy W. ~

There is not a lot to report on since the July District meeting. There are two projects active in the district and folks wanting to get involved in service (carrying the message) are needed; especially to assist with the poster project. Our two active projects are:

1) *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA)* Pamphlets: Groups attending the April district meeting collaborated to request and take pamphlets into their group's area for individual public outreach action. A total of 800 English and 100 Spanish pamphlets were ordered, divided and are now being sent to group representatives. I am looking forward to hearing how the groups are planning to use these for their public outreach efforts.

2) Alateen Posters in District Schools: At the July district meeting, \$1500 was approved to complete Round 1 of distributing posters/pamphlets into the ISD's high schools within District 6. This motion allowed us to order enough packages for 400 more schools. We have distributed about 50% of the ISDs identified in round 1. I do not know how many schools are in each ISD that has not been distributed? I need help to identify the ISD information (SHAC and school name/counts), before we can do the next step; distribution. Currently, the 800 posters and 40,000 pamphlets order was placed and received. Public Outreach North Coordinator, the Information Center, and our Alternate DR is helping divide the pamphlets into 100 pamphlet grouping, but more help is still needed. Spanish Coordinator is working to identify schools with over 10% ESL students so that Spanish poster may supplement those school packages.

The AWSC meeting is scheduled for September 8 in Corpus Christi. Agenda items include discussing officer and coordinator job responsibilities, updating the assembly guidelines (to assist hosting districts), and preparing the Fall Assembly agenda.

District 7~ Allyn D. ~

Highlights of District 7 activities:

- The quarterly D7 meeting in Bryan on July 21 had members from the Woodlands in attendance.
- More than half the 12 Woodlands AFGs have responded in writing regarding the potential change to District 7 from District 5 and all of those were positive. We will continue to reach out to all Woodlands groups. Following discussion at the Sept. AWSC meeting, the move of these meetings has been placed on the agenda for the Fall Assembly in Nov.
- The District 7 treasurer, Kurt N., has created a draft budget to be discussed at the next D7 meeting on Nov 10.
- The District 7 outreach coordinator, Jane M. will work with Allyn to investigate ways to reach out into counties in our district that have no meetings.
- Although the Hearne meeting has gone inactive, there is a newly registered meeting in Brookshire at the Manna House Chapel, Monday nights 7pm.
- Four D7 members are certified AMIAS. More are being encouraged to attend the next training.

District 8 ~Jennifer S. ~

We are rocking along here enjoying the last of the summer. We had great participation at the District 90 AA Convention with Al-Anon Participation. Some wonderful local speakers were heard.

Our last district meeting was July 21st. We had good attendance. Sadly our meeting in Dayton has closed since then. Our next district meeting will be October 27th tentatively scheduled in Orange. Meeting starts with AIS at 9 am. Bring a dish to share for lunch following our district meeting please.

District 9 ~John B. ~

No Report

District 10 ~Susan L. ~

District 10 continues to plan for Fall Assembly that will be held in Longview, Texas at the Hilton Garden Inn on November, 2-4, 2018. Every committee has a chairperson, and we continue with monthly planning meetings. The weekend seems to be coming together nicely, with entertainment, workshops, business meeting and speakers. Updated flyer will be available on website and in next Beacon, and hopefully for distribution at AWSC Meeting.

Registration will begin at 4:00 PM on Friday, November 2. Supper will be on your own at Hotel or restaurants in the area. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 6:30 PM with a **"Boot Scootin" theme for all those who aspire to dress in character.** There will be a Dessert Bar on Friday Evening.

Saturday, November 3, doors will open at 7:30 am. Banquet, Italian Buffet with cheesecake starting at 5:30 PM. 7:00 PM, we will hear experience, strength and hope from our Al-Anon speaker, Margaret L. from Marshall, Texas. Followed by our AA speaker, Gary B. from Houston, Tex-

as.

Sunday, November 4, doors will open at 7:30 am. At 8:00 am, workshops will be held on Website, Public Outreach and Literature. These workshops will be conducted by our area coordinators with the assistance of our support district for the assembly, District 9.

We are looking forward to hosting ETAA Fall Assembly and hope to see you all, November 2-4 in Longview, Texas.

District 12 ~ Candy N.~

We had our quarterly meeting in July. Several positions had re-opened since the election last October, but we were able to fill almost all of our positions and have high hopes that we will even have a Spanish Coordinator by the Fall Assembly.

District 12 has purchased 400 copies of *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* for our various groups to request and use for Public Outreach.

We had planned to host a Workshop this year but voted to postpone until next spring. We will encourage everyone in the Area to attend.

We have an active virtual SAAIS. We have been working together and having our meetings back-to-back on the same day to encourage participation at both groups. We encourage the groups in District 12 to support the local Literature Distribution Center at the Al-Anon Bookstore at Club 12 (Group 12 AFG). The Group 12 Bookstore has been very cooperative with our District and AIS whenever we have needed literature available at assemblies or conferences.

District 13 ~ Sarah W.~

District 13 is plugging along consistently with several groups reporting faithful followers and even some newcomers here and there. However, I, Sarah W., District Representative, am still struggling to reach out to a couple of groups that haven't responded. I will continue pursuing those meetings so that all are feeling welcome in our District. We had a great District Meeting August 4th, 2018 at a new location with a Texas shaped swimming pool! Maybe we'll have a pool party with a District meeting next year, but we don't have a concrete plan for that yet. We are also hunting for a new Newsletter Coordinator, but a former coordinator is stepping in to help us with our next issue until we can discuss it again at the next District Meeting which will be October 18, 2018 in Ingram, TX. We will also revisit our budget at that meeting. All are welcome!

South Texas AIS ~Bennie P.~

Hello All Area 53 members, especially District 1 for those members that helped with the literature inventory. We still have some pamphlets to do but should be able to get this done soon.

We ordered the 400 Public Outreach Magazine of each English and Spanish and received them last week. We already have several Health Fairs lined up for October. Also want to encourage our members to check for health fairs in their community, especially in schools, behavior centers, and hos-

pitals. Let me know if you do find some, so we can be ready with packets to pass out..

Also, placing an order for more literature for both English and Spanish. We will be having our next Intergroup meeting on October 6, 2018. We also, have our District Meeting at the same time. (Mandy has already sent out the Flyer) Harlingen Traditions Group will be hosting Saturday 10:00-am – 12:00pm. We welcome everyone to come. Our District, as some of you already know that we will be hosting the Spring 2018 Assembly. We need your help, please come and join us!

Austin AIS ~Cathy K.~

Web site hosting is coming up for renewal. It will cost \$208 for one year.

AAIC Board elections will be held for all positions at the November 12, 2018 meeting.

The Center is open M-Tu-Th-F from 10-2. High volume days for calls and walk-ins are T-W-Th.

The long day is now Wednesday from 10AM-7 PM. Please remind you groups of the change, since the number of calls and walk-ins have been low between the hours of 3-7 PM.

If a group has changes, send a Al-Anon Registration/Group Records Change Form (GR-1) to the AAIC (see austinalanon.org for the form). No changes will be accepted by phone.

Next AAIC Board Meeting: November 12, 2018, 6:30PM, at the AAIC office.

Beaumont AIS ~Suzanne R.~

Maybe it was our long, hot Texas summer, but it's been a very quiet and event-less time at our LDC here in Beaumont. Of course, anything would seem that way after the highlight for us of hosting the Spring Assembly. What a reward service work is when the people you get to meet are dedicated Al-Anons from all over our East Texas area!

It's been business as usual, though, at our office at 4224 College Street in Beaumont. We were excited to receive the two new publications: *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships* and *Hope and Understanding for Parents and Grandparents*. **They've sold quite well so far. And we'll have a good supply of them when we provide the literature table in Longview at the ETAAA Fall Assembly in November.** Thank you, Susan and District 10, for inviting us to make our wonderful Al-Anon literature available to attendees! Please come by the table to say hi, even if **you're not buying anything.**

Our LDC hours are Monday - Thursday, 10:00 to 3:00. There are **four volunteers plus our salaried Office Manager**. We're so thankful to these people for their service and to the many others who volunteer to take Call Forwarding of our 24-hour **Hotline**. **They're carrying the message, for sure.**

The continuing challenge which we face is that of finding still more office volunteers; we could be open more days if we had people to work, and we might even be able to have after-work hours - a long-time dream of our DR, Jennifer S. A more recent challenge is dwindling sales volume and numbers of walk-in traffic. At our next Quarterly AIS Board Meeting on October 27 (hosted at the North Orange Baptist Church by **"Starting Over AFC"**), **a report will be given by a committee** formed in July to explore ideas for a fund-raiser. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am, followed at 10:30 by the District 8 **Quarterly Meeting**. **We'll end, as always, with a potluck lunch and Al-Anon fellowship.**

San Antonio AIS ~Rene D.~

The current update I have as a Liaison is getting to know about how the SAAIS works. The telephone service is contracted out of El Paso, the answering machine sends messages to one of three monitors who then refer people to our SAAIS website or to a meeting within District 12 and 13. The website is maintained by Pat E. at The Club Twelve location.

We have a new Speaker Meeting Coordinator Renee S. who is with the Seguin Serenity Group. She creates a flyer for each month Speaker meeting. We have a group host the meeting and provide an AA and Al-Anon Speaker. It happens the first Saturday of each month.

On October 13 SAAIS will host its 15th annual Serenity Celebration at Independence Hill, in San Antonio. There will be a dinner, AA and Al-Anon Speaker and a Dessert Auction. Its \$20.00 for a ticket and it has been a successful fundraiser.

Intergrupal Hispana De Houston ~Espernza L.~

Estimados compañeros, el Intergrupo Hispano de Houston les quiere invitar a todos los grupos para que manden a sus RI's al Intergrupo para apoyarlo a difundir nuestro programa de Al-Anon a la comunidad de Houston siendo que este es el proposito de los Intergrupos. Nuestras reuniones son el segundo Domingo de cada mes de 11-1pm en la misma direccion. Agradecemos a todos los grupos y miembros que apoyaron para que se isiera una Kermes. Tambien agradecemos a todos los que apoyan monetariamente al Intergrupo, con su apoyo se mando a la coordinadora a la Asamblea en mayo, y la reunion AWSC y asistira a la Asamblea en Noviembre en Longview Tx. y los gastos necesarios del Intergrupo. Los invitamos hacer parte de una invitacion que se iso al Intergrupo por parte de los Intergrupos de AA al Foro que sera en San Antonio Tx en Febrero 8-10 ,2019. Se invitaran a los Intergrupos de Al-Anon de Texas.

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ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING DISCUSSION

The AWSC meeting of September 8, 2018 gave consensual approval for District 4 DR, Carol B., District 7 DR, Allyn D. and District 5 DR, Alison B. to present to the GRs at the Nov. 3, 2018 assembly the transfer of the following groups from District 5.

From District 4:

The Bay Area Club groups have made their official request to move from District 5 to District 4. Since they are part of League City, our tradition suggests all current & future Al-Anon and Alateen groups in League City will be part of this move.

From District 7:

More than half the 12 Woodlands AFGs have responded in writing regarding the potential change to District 7 from District 5 and all of those were positive. We will continue to reach out to all Woodlands groups.



ETAAA Financial Report 2018							Over/(Under)
Income	1 st Qtr 3/31/18	2 nd Qtr 6/30/18	3 rd Qtr 9/30/18	4 th Qtr 12/31/18	Total YTD	2018 Budget	Budget
Assembly Surplus	712.00	0.00	2,014.76	0.00	2,726.76		
Fall 2017	712.00						
Spring 2018			2,014.76				
Beacon Income	78.00	30.00			108.00	200.00	(92.00)
Contributions Income	4,139.85	3,393.82	3,764.14		11,297.81	26,012.00	(14,714.19)
Fall Gratitude Basket					0.00		
Miscellaneous Income					0.00		
Total Income	4,929.85	3,423.82	5,778.90	0.00	14,132.57	26,212.00	(12,079.43)
Expenses							
Travel / Expenses	1,040.15	3,325.31	151.28	0.00	4,516.74	12,000.00	(7,483.26)
Alateen Coordinator	218.89	260.18			479.07	1,000.00	(520.93)
Alateen Liaison	41.25				41.25	400.00	(358.75)
Alateen Process Person		407.05			407.05	1,000.00	(592.95)
Alternate Delegate	41.25	320.05			361.30	600.00	(238.70)
Archives	169.37		151.28		320.65	500.00	(179.35)
Beacon Editor	112.81	135.76			248.57	500.00	(251.43)
Chair	158.73	395.54			554.27	800.00	(245.73)
Delegate	37.13	305.26			342.39	1,500.00	(1,157.61)
Group Records	24.52	242.05			266.57	500.00	(233.43)
Public Outreach					0.00	600.00	(600.00)
Past Delegates		552.38			552.38	1,500.00	(947.62)
Past Area Chairperson					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Secretary		224.52			224.52	800.00	(575.48)
Spanish Coordinator					0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Treasurer	236.20	245.00			481.20	800.00	(318.80)
Website Coordinator		237.52			237.52	500.00	(262.48)
Other Expenses	4,988.48	96.97	951.25	0.00	6,036.70	7,612.00	(1,575.30)
Beacon Publishing	1,759.98		700.00		2,459.98	3,300.00	(840.02)
Storage Unit for Archives	100.19		246.25		346.44	1,080.00	(733.56)
Transitional AWSC Meeting	3,076.71				3,076.71	3,000.00	76.71
Web Hosting Fee			69.97		69.97	132.00	(62.03)
Audit Committee Expense					0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expense	51.60	27.00	5.00		83.60	100.00	(16.40)
World Service Conference	700.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,700.00	3,200.00	(500.00)
Area's Gifts to WSC	300.00				300.00	300.00	0.00
Delegate's Equalized Expense to WSC			2,000.00		2,000.00	2,500.00	(500.00)
Delegate's Incidental Expenses to WSC	400.00				400.00	400.00	0.00

SC Regional Delegate Meeting	1,141.31	164.10	0.00	0.00	1,305.41	3,400.00	(2,094.59)
Delegate Chair	210.50				210.50	600.00	(389.50)
Immediate Past Delegate		164.10			164.10	600.00	(435.90)
Active Past Delegates	203.55				203.55	600.00	(396.45)
Alternate Delegate	442.25				442.25	1,000.00	(557.75)
	285.01				285.01	600.00	(314.99)
Total Expenses	7,869.94	3,586.38	3,102.53	0.00	14,558.85		14,558.85
Net Income Less Expenses	(2,940.09)	(162.56)	2,676.37	0.00	(426.28)		(26,638.28)
Allocated Expenses							
Delegate's Expenses to 2018 International	699.00		\$509.63		1,208.63	1,500.00	(291.37)
Total Allocated Expense							0.00
Extraordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
Returned Seed Money		3,500.00				3,500.00	
Received Alateen Background Checks	53.12	371.70	46.65		471.47		
Spring Birthday Basket		927.50			927.50		
Total Extraordinary Income	53.12	4,799.20	46.65	0.00	4,898.97		
Expenses							
Seed Money		3,500.00				3,500.00	
Fees paid Alateen Background Checks	59.76	338.64	73.04		471.44		
Spring Birthday Basket to WSO		927.50			927.50		
Total Extraordinary Expenses	59.76	4,766.14	73.04	0.00	4,898.94		
Net Extraordinary Income Less Expenses	(6.64)	33.06	(26.39)	0.00	0.03		
Profit/(Loss)	(2,946.73)	(129.50)	2,649.98	0.00	(426.25)		
Checking Account Balance	3/31/2018	6/30/2018	9/30/2018	12/31/2018			
Beginning Balance	39,774.29	36,827.56	36,698.06	39,348.04	39,774.29		
Increase/(Decrease)	(2,946.73)	(129.50)	2,649.98	0.00	(426.25)		
Transfer to CD							
Ample Reserve Fund (CD)	36,827.56	36,698.06	39,348.04	39,348.04	39,348.04		
Beginning Balance	20,311.43	20,391.91	20,391.91	20,473.37	20,311.43		
Increase/(Decrease)	59.83	61.34	81.46		202.63		
Ending Balance	20,391.91	20,391.91	20,473.37	20,473.37	20,514.06		

ROAD TRIP!

YOU AND YOUR BOARD CONNECT

The WSO Board of Trustees and Executive Committee are coming to Houston, Texas!

Bring your Sponsor, your sponsee, and members from your group!

The "Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect" event is an opportunity for local Al-Anon members to meet and interact with the 19 Trustees and three Executive Committee members to discuss WSO Volunteers' service to the fellowship and their relationship to the WSO and to the organization of Al-Anon Family Groups.

When: Saturday, October 20, 2018

Where: Houston Marriott South, 9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX 77017, 713-943-7979

Registration: Pre-Registration must be received by September 28, 2018.

\$30 (includes registration, lunch, and afternoon snack)

Lunch will consist of gourmet sandwiches/wraps, salad and dessert.

Please use check boxes and space below to indicate any dietary restrictions.

On-site: Pick up your name badge at the pre-registration table between 8:00am - 9:00am.

On-site Registration will be available 8:00am – 9:00am depending on space

\$30 (includes registration only, no meals)

Programming will start at 9:00am and conclude at 4:30pm.

Pre-Registration Form (Please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Ten digit phone number: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to: AFG, Inc.

Credit card number: _____

Expiration date: _____

CVC number: _____

Billing zip code: _____

Dietary Restrictions Vegetarian Gluten Free
 Other (please list): _____

Registration Questions to:
 Chris B., 757-563-1600

Other Questions to:
 Joyce Y., 281-728-7633 or Kay C., 512-663-9355
 Roadtrip2018afg@gmail.com

To register online: www.al-anon.org/roadtrip
 OR

To register via postal mail: mail completed form
with payment to:

Road Trip! c/o Chris B.
 1600 Corporate Landing Pkwy
 Virginia Beach, VA 23454

* Registration must be received by September 28, 2018

1. Lead a meeting on one of these wonderful pamphlets, booklets or book titles.

2. Circle the item you used and cut out the book mark and return it to your Alt. Delegate by October 27, 2018.
**4118 Midstream Dr.
Missouri City, TX 77459**

3. All entries will be entered into a drawing for an amazing prize!

Enter as many or few times as you like.

The winning groups will be chosen at the November assemblies.

Happy Reading! :)

Circle one

Forum

Issue Date: _____

When I Got Busy I Got Better (P-78)

Al-Anon Sharings, from Adult Children (P-47)

District # _____

Group Name _____

Due Nov. Assembly

Bookmark CAL Challenge!

Date: _____

Circle one

Alcoholism, a Merry-Go-Round Named Denial (P-3)

Discovering Choices (B-30)

Opening Our Hearts, Transforming our Losses (B-29)

District # _____

Group Name _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Circle one

In All Our Affairs (B-15)

Lois Remembers (B-7)

Al-Anon is for Men (P-1)

District # _____

Group Name _____

East Texas AI-Anon/Alateen Fall Assembly (ETAAA)
Longview, TX – Nov 2-4, 2018
PROPOSED Business Meeting Agenda Subject to Change

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. GR Interchange –Alternate Delegate - Mattie T.
8:00-9:00 a.m. DR Interchange – DR Discussion – Ginny McC.
- 9:15 a.m. ETAAA Business Meeting Opens - Lynn S. Chair
9:30 a.m. **Delegate's Report** – Kay C. – Panel 58
10:30 a.m. Conversation Items - Details are printed in *The Beacon* 1- time at the microphone - 2 min limit
In order to keep the meeting on track the following format will be used following the presentations:
Each person may speak one time for 2 minutes. In order for everyone who wishes to be heard please do not speak if what you wanted to say has already been said. One may speak a second time to clarify a previous statement. If a vote is called for it will be by ballot under New Business.
1. ETAAA 2019 Budget – Jennifer S.
 2. District 7 The Woodlands Groups request to move from District 5 to District 7 – Allyn D.
 3. District 4 League City Groups request to move from District 5 to District 4 - Carol B.
 4. ETAAA Safety and Behavioral Requirements Revision – Jayne G.
 5. Memorial Contribution to WSO for Past Delegate Suzie Smith, Panel 22 – Pat E.
- 11:30 a.m. Coordinators – Hot Topics (5 minutes each please)
Literature Coordinator –Mattie T.
Area Alateen Coordinator – Jayne G.
Area Alateen Process Person – Brenda H.
Area Archivist – Dolores W.
Area Group Records Coordinator – Al M.
Newsletter Editor – Rene D.
Public Outreach Coordinator – Lynn B.
Spanish Coordinator – Myrthala C.
Website Coordinator – Dorie J.
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH BREAK
- 1:00 p.m. ETAAA BUSINESS MEETING RESUMES
1:15 p.m. Roll call: Group Rep (GRs) MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE – Paula H. and DRs
- VOTING PROCEDURE: Will this assembly use Majority or 2/3? Ballot voting will be provided.
1. Minutes of the May 5, 2018 business meeting published in *The Beacon Vol. 50 Issue 3*
 2. Financial Report – Jennifer S.
 3. Unfinished business None
 4. New Business
 1. 2019 Budget
 2. Business from the floor
 3. Memorial contribution to WSO for Suzie Smith
 5. Assembly Reports (2 minutes each please)
 - District 8 final report on Spring 2018 assembly
 - District 10 update on current assembly
 - District 1 report on Spring assembly
 - Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything (P.O.S.S.E.) – Bennie P.
 6. Gratitude Basket Total – Jennifer S.
 7. Links of Service Reports - District Representatives (DRs), AI-Anon Information Service Liaisons (AISLs): 1 challenge / 1 success (3 minutes each please)
- 4:00 pm Close ETAAA Business Meeting with AI-Anon/Alateen Declaration

Let it Begin with Me

When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help,
let the hand of AI-Anon and Alateen
always be there, and – **Let it Begin with Me.**

Que Empiece por Mí

Cuando alguien, dondequiera que sea, pida
ayuda, que nunca falte allí la mano de AI-Anon y
Alateen, y **Que Empiece por Mí**

"GRATEFUL HEARTS"

East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly (ETAAA) November 2-4, 2018

Al-Anon Speaker: TBD

AA Speaker: Gary B., Houston, Texas

**"Boot Scootin" Friday pm
Opening "Ceremony"**

**Hilton Garden Inn
905 E. Hawkins Parkway**

**Workshops, Sunday am
*Public Outreach**

Longview, Texas 75605

*Literature

Hotel ph# 903-212-3000

*Website

Ask for ETAAA rates (Double=\$109.00)

ETAAA rates include breakfast coupon, \$5.95 for each registered guest

HOTEL RESERVATION CUTOFF DATE: 10/12/2018

To make your reservations you may call or book on line

Booking Link: <http://group.hiltongardeninn.com/ETAAA2018>

GR__DR__AMIAS__FIRST ASSEMBLY (Y/N)__#of Yrs. In the Program__	
Name_____	Name on Badge_____
Address_____	City/State/Zip_____
Group Name_____	District # _____
Phone #_____	Email_____

Doors and registration open at 4:00pm on Friday

Make checks payable to ETAAA-District 10

Mail to District 10—ETAAA Registration

P.O. Box 3065

Longview, Texas 75601

___\$30 Al-Anon Registration ___\$30 AA Registration ___\$5 Alateen Registration

___\$30 Buffet (cutoff date Oct. 20)

NEED INFO? Email: 2018etaaafallasassembly@gmail.com or call Susan at 903-238-7943

Alateen Notice: 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 or Alateen Coordinator.

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